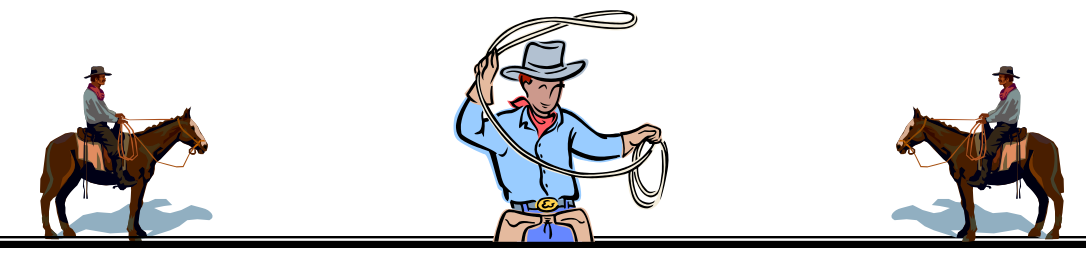


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### “Rope in New Business”

**Great advertising opportunities for your Business by becoming an Event Sponsor or by donating to the Silent Auction! Contact the Chamber for details before Jan 27!**

**Call or stop in at the Chamber for your Booth application.**

“Rope in New Business”. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Expo will be held Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. Approximately 60 booths featuring Mid Michigan businesses will be showcased. Entry to the Expo is free of charge and open to the public.

The Expo committee is planning another spectacular function geared toward helping promote area businesses. This year features a western theme and décor. Hours are from 1:00-7:00 pm, with the Expo After Hours from 5-7 pm. There will be a \$2.00 charge for refreshments at the Business Expo After Hours. Activities include door prizes, 50/50 drawings, Best Decorated Booth contest, and the always-popular Silent Auction. A portion of the proceeds from the auction is donated to local scholarship programs and future community events.

Booth space in the Expo is limited, so if you are interested in purchasing booth space, becoming a sponsor or donating to the Silent Auction, please call the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce office at 989-386-2442 for this excellent advertising opportunity.

### Business After Hours

February 15, 2012

- Business After Hours / Doherty Hotel 5 - 7 p.m. / Sponsored by MidMichigan Medical Center

### Pere Marquette District Library Classes

January 24, 2012

- How to use your iPod / 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

### Amish Auctions

May 18-19, 2012

- Yoder’s Amish Quilt Auction and Craft Show. Call 989-386-2872 for more information.

August 31-September 1, 2012

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### Bulletin Board

**The Stone Soup Project Soup Kitchen** / Starting January 25, 2012. Please join us every Wednesday and Friday 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME.

St. Athanasius Church 310 S. Broad St., Harrison. For more information, you may contact: Margie Clark 989-944-1278 or thestonesoupproject@hotmail.com

### Upcoming Events

January 21, 2012

- Hawaiian Night / Snow Snake / Call 539-6583 for details

January 22, 2012

- Free Lesson Sunday / Snow Snake / 1:00p.m. / Call 539-6583 for details

January 28, 2012

- Gateway Lanes & Lounge / “Blue Jean Ball”, Night Shift Band

January 28, 2012

- All American Night / Snow Snake / Call 539-6583 for details

January 29, 2012

- Free Lesson Sunday / Snow Snake / 1:00p.m. / Call 539-6583 for details

February 04, 2012

- Winter Carnival at Camp Rotary / Camp Rotary / 10a.m. - 4p.m.

February 10, 2012

- Gateway Lanes & Lounge / “Cupid’s Fun Night”

February 23, 2012

- Clare’s Annual Business Expo at the Doherty Hotel / 1-7 p.m. / Call the Clare Chamber for information, to donate to the silent auction, to become a sponsor or to register for a booth. The theme this year is western. Booths are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

February 24, 2012

- Gateway Lanes & Lounge / “Karaoke Star Search Contest” / Starts Feb 24, March 17 Irish Festival Finals

March 14 - 18, 2012

- Clare Irish Festival

March 17, 2012

- Clare Irish Festival Arts & Crafts Show / 9a.m. - 4p.m. / Clare Primary School

April 13, 2012

- Relay For Life of Clare County Kick-Off 50’s Party! / Doherty Hotel / 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

May 05, 2012

- Lake Huron Area Council / Camp Rotary / 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

June 08, 2012

- Clare Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing / Eagle Glen Golf Course / Noon.

June 28-30, 2012

- Clare’s City-Wide garage sales

June 29, 2012

- Clare’s Summerfest

June 29 - 30, 2012

- 19th Annual Horse Progress Days Event / Alvin Yoder Jr Farm, 7656 E. Colonville Rd, Clare / Bring your family and enjoy 2 full days of all kinds of Draft Horse and Mule activities down on the farm, including field demonstrations, breed presentations, good food, and lots of other interesting things. for more information: [www.horseprogressdays.com](http://www.horseprogressdays.com) or General Coordinator Norman Miller 989-848-5834

August 11-12, 2012

- Relay For Life of Clare County Event / Harrison High School Track 10:00a.m - 10:00a.m.

### Upcoming Meetings

- Chamber Retail and Main Street Promotion Committees meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2012 / 8:00 a.m. / Main Street Office.

- **Do you have any employees, family or friends that would like to receive the Chamber Newsletter? Forward their email addresses to us and we will gladly add them to our mailing list!**

- Public Notary services are available to Chamber members free of charge at the Chamber office. There is a fee of \$5.00 for non-members.

- Copies are available at the Chamber Office: Black 0.10 ea., color 0.35ea.

- **The e-Voice Newsletter is also available in a PDF version, please email the Chamber at [chamber2@claremichigan.com](mailto:chamber2@claremichigan.com) if you would like to receive this option**