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Chamber Corner

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2018 is moving fast & it's already February, spring will be here before we know it! We are in full swing on this year's GFITN (Greatest 4th in The North) celebration and are gearing up to celebrate Lake City turning 150 years this summer. I am happy to share that we will be raffling off another Chevrolet Camaro LT Turbo (our 8th one) at our annual raffle purchased from Classic Chevrolet North. This 2018 beauty is silver in color and features Chevy's Redline Package; it's a very sharp looking vehicle indeed! Now, I did a little research and with a very special thanks to Sis Kitchen & Laura Marion through the library archives, best we can tell, the first car giveaway took place around 1947. So, for around 70 + years, Lake City has raffled a vehicle on the 4th of July, that's really something we can be proud of & sets us apart in Northern Michigan. Letters were mailed to our area organizations last week asking if you plan to host an event June 29th through July 4th so that we may promote it in our Greatest 4th Program. Past Sponsor, fear not, you are next on our radar! We will be sending out Sponsor Opportunities in the next few weeks. We still need volunteers for GFITN18, if you can spare your talents, please come see me, by phone at (231) 839-4969, email: info@lakecitymich.com, Facebook, I encourage you all to follow our page for announcements & updates. The Chamber has purchased the domains www.greatest4thinthnorth.com & www.greatestfourthinthnorth.com so that this event has its own dedicated site for visitors. We will also be releasing a dedicated GFITN Facebook page as well; both areas will offer information regarding this year's celebration as well as the schedules of each day's events. Reminder that we are on our Winter Hour Schedule now and are Closed Mondays, open 9a-5p Tuesday to Friday, & Saturdays from 9a-12p.

What's going on in the big ole' LC over the next week? Remember the Conservation Club is hosting their monthly breakfast tomorrow morning. If you haven't attended one of their breakfasts yet, you're missing out on some really good food! It runs from 7a to 11a and is \$5 for adults, \$3 kids ages 6-12, & under age 6 eat for free! It's hard to beat that price folks and the proceeds help keep the Club running. You can grab breakfast there just north of town and then take your Recyclables to The Center, which is just around the corner and is open every Saturday (9a-1p) & Wednesdays (9a-5p) on Sanborn Road. It is very easy to do! You can visit their website at www.missaukeecd.org for a list of accepted items. Coney's at The Town Pump every Saturday starting around 11a. Tomorrow is also Steak Bingo at The Eagles from 2p to 4p. This twist on traditional Bingo is held the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month, but, you win steaks! They would also like to share that they are offering Free Pool all day on Sunday, February 4th & Wednesday, February 7th, remember that they host a Burger Night on Mondays from 530p to 730p. The next Steak Fry is Friday, February 9th. The Eagles is located just a short drive on M55 East at 4154 E. Houghton Lake Road. You have some Super Bowl party options this weekend too! The LC Taphouse will be hosting a party with DJ Boo Larsen & The American Legion is hosting a Party as well along with a Cash Raffle with 1st prize of \$200! St. John's Lutheran Church is starting back up with their delicious Soup Suppers on Tuesdays with the first on February 6th. A free will donation is kindly requested, the Soup Suppers will continue through April. The Church is located at 301 E. John Street. Next Saturday (February 10th) is The Polar Plunge hosted by Wertz Warriors & the Town Pump! The plunge benefits our Michigan Special Olympians You can visit: www.firstgiving.com/polarplunge/lakecity18 to register. Tonight at Calvary Baptist Church is Friday movie night! Movies start at 6p and admission is FREE with popcorn included. They have movies planned through February 9th. The 36th Annual Shrine Circus Turkey Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 22nd starting at 430p to 7p in the Lake City School Cafeteria. The meal comes with all the fixins and is really quite a delicious dinner; all the proceeds go towards the 4th Graders trip to the Shrine Circus in March. A free will offering is suggested and they are in need of some desserts, if you are able to help out, you can bring your dessert the night of the dinner. The Ardis Missaukee District Library is hosting a giveaway all through the month of February on Facebook, like their page & be entered to win some great prizes. Remember to check out their February calendar of events too. The Missaukee Conservation District's 68th Annual Dinner will be held on February 22nd at Northland Church, 5855 S. Morey Road. Adults \$20, kids 12 & under is \$10. There will be a social hour starting at 5p with dinner at 6p. Awards will be presented, a performance by the LCHS Forensics Team, election of 2 new board members, & volunteer appreciation. We also have Plant Sale Catalogs here at The Chamber office if you would like to place an order during their annual tree sale. If you have an event you would like me to mention in The Corner, I would be happy to share it!

Be active this week! Like & Follow social media pages of our local restaurants, businesses, & organizations, they are working hard! Volunteer your time where & when you can, together we can do anything Lake City!