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**Chamber Corner**

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What a difference the weather makes, eh? The sunshine has just been just a wonderful treat, I cannot help think about summer and the Greatest 4<sup>th</sup>! We are just over 2 months from the celebration, and plans are finalizing, we will be posting the schedule of events soon! Car Raffle Buckets have gone out this week to our area businesses and amongst our staff and are available for sale! This year's Camaro is really sharp looking, if this weather keeps up you will see it out front of the Chamber office in the next week or so. Just think how great you would look driving it! But, you can't win if you don't buy a ticket! They are 3 for a \$10 donation and the drawing is held on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15p, you do not need to be present to win. R#46474. But, if you don't win the car, you still have a chance at 2 more pretty awesome prizes! 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is an overnight getaway at Little River Casino along with food vouchers and some fun money! I would love to win this one, sounds like a great time! Thanks to Sara Crawford's RE/MAX Land & Lakes for donating this wonderful prize! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> prize has been a long standing tradition in Lake City and I am sad to announce this will be the last year for it. The hand crafted custom dolls that are made from our very own artist Gene Schooley; folks these dolls are quite unique and sold all over the world! Gene has informed me that this will be her last year of her donation as she wants to retire! We thank you so much for your continued generosity Gene, your support & love for Lake City is awesome. Enjoy yourself, you sure deserve it! Thank you to City2Shore Real Estate for their sponsorship of this year's raffle tickets. We have chosen our GFITN18 Student Art winner for this year's design and she's making history folks, it's Lake City Junior Madeline (aka Maddie) Jimenez! This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time we have had a student win twice in a row. The names of the artwork are not revealed to the panel of judges until after they are selected, and it was a hard decision to make as they were all quite good, but, it was felt that Maddie's design really encompassed this year's theme. Congratulations Maddie! Thank you to all the Art Students in Melissa Spence's class that participated. I just love this part of our 4<sup>th</sup> tradition; it's one of my favorites!

We have a new member to welcome this week! Mechanic Allen Paul has purchased Dan DeBree's former garage on First Street and is open for business! Paul's Auto Service & Repair performs oil changes, car repairs, brakes, & vehicle maintenance. Hours are 8a to 5p Monday through Friday; give them a call today at (231) 839-0355. I know Dan-O would be happy to know a mechanic is carrying on services there, lots of great memories had there and I am sure a lot more to come for Allen & his venture. Best of luck to you, wishing you years of success!

We are looking forward to our Spring Business after 5 that will be held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Missaukee Golf Club starting at 5p. Cost for this event is \$3.00 for Chamber Members & \$5.00 for Non-Members. Please join us for some hors d'oeuvres, socializing, & networking. Win Door Prizes & More! Our sponsors for this event are: Missaukee Golf Club, El Potrero, Chemical Bank, 1<sup>st</sup> Chance Garage, Dean Root Drywall, & Melissa Ransom. You really can't beat the setting at the Club, oh that view in itself is gorgeous, this is a fun one folks, and you won't want to miss it!

As of this writing (Tuesday) I only have 14 Sales signed up for our annual Garage Sale on May 19<sup>th</sup>. That being said, I am going to extend the deadline to next Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I think with the recent weather, maybe people weren't thinking too much about outdoor sales, but, you still have time to pull something together and make some money! This will give the guide about 2 weeks in circulation to get your sale advertised too. It only costs \$5 to be listed in the guide & \$25 for a business or organization to run an ad in the guide. Email us at [info@lakecitymich](mailto:info@lakecitymich) with your name, address, & phone or better yet, stop down in person to sign up!

Remember to use our Recycle Center that is open every Saturday (9a-1p) & on Wednesdays (9a-5p) on Sanborn Road. You can visit the Missaukee Conservation District's website at [www.missaukee.cd.org](http://www.missaukee.cd.org) to see a list of their accepted items. If you still want to get seedlings, they will take walk-in orders on sale day tomorrow Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the quantity is limited that day as some items do sell out during their Pre-Sale. Sale day hours are 9a to 4p tomorrow at the MSU AgBio Research Station on Jennings Road.

Don't forget about all the happenings at The Eagles! Free Pool on Sundays & Wednesdays, Burger Nights on Mondays, & Steak Bingo the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. They will be doing their Adopt A Highway Clean Up on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the Club at Noon, if you can lend a hand they can use your help! Next Steak Fry is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday in Lake City, what comes to mind first? For me, it's the Town Pump's world famous Coney Dogs! They serve em' up every Saturday starting around 11a at The Town Pump!

Correction from last week as there has been a date change. The Missaukee Trailblazers will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ORV Fun Run on June 16<sup>th</sup>, not the 9<sup>th</sup> as I stated last week. They now have a Facebook page, please like & follow them! Registration opens at 8a the day of the ride, it costs \$20 to participate in the clue hunt & to be eligible for prizes, etc. But, you do not have to pay if you just simply want to be part of the ride. However, you will need to sign a waiver form to be officially part of the ride. This is a family friendly event, and as long as it can go down a trail, it's welcome! Those of you that have taken up riding our awesome local trails should really consider becoming a member of the Trailblazers, your membership dues and rides like this help keep the trails in riding condition which is all maintained by volunteers. Your support is really appreciated. Also, the club will be doing their Adopt a Highway Clean up on May 5<sup>th</sup>, meet at the LaFond Residence (7707 W. Walker Road) at 9a.

Members, would you like your event mentioned in the Corner? Contact me at (231) 839-4969 or email [info@lakecitymich.com](mailto:info@lakecitymich.com). I would be happy to share your message.

Please patronize our local businesses this week & support our local organizations, they can't do it without us folks!