

**Lake City Area Chamber of Commerce
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CHAMBER CORNER

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It's amazing how fast the summer really does go. Here we are at half way through August already! I hope you all enjoyed yourselves last weekend at the 23rd Annual Car Cruise & Show! There were 173 cars that joined us at the Cruise Friday including Mark & Dawn with their awesome custom Ebel's pick up that appeared on the History Channel's Counting Cars, I finally got a chance to get an up-close look and I am here to tell you folks – it's quite impressive! Special thanks you to Kelly Bekken and his team at the Road Commission for the use of the property for the Cruise, the Fire Department for coming out and keeping our bellies full, our parking & directing volunteers, & those who worked during the Cruise in general.

The Car Show last Saturday was a great success, we entered 105 into the Show, but, had some folks join us later on as well, so I believe that number is closer to 110 or 115. Steven D & the Keys did an amazing job entertaining us and keeping us up to date on what was happening during the show, he's so good & such a perfect fit for this event. The DDA & Historical Society hosted a tent where they gave out community cake, cupcakes, & ice cream to community members. The Sesquicentennial books that the Historical Society had printed really turned out nicely, they handed them out one free to each family that attended, if you would like to purchase your own Lake City 150th booklet, you can contact the Historical Society or visit the Museum located at Missaukee County Park. Books are now \$10. Proceeds raised are all put back into preservation of Missaukee County History. A new tree was dedicated in the City Park donated by Dutchman Tree Farms, our Mayor Brad Seger gave a nice speech whilst wearing the same hat his father wore at the 1968 celebration. The only trouble we had during the whole show was trying to decide our who the Chamber would choose for the Best in Show trophies, it was a really hard decision to make! After a few trips up and down the street, looking, talking, evaluating, biting nails, contemplating, we decided. The 2018 Best in Show Original Car winner was Doug Platt from Kalkaska with his 1960 Impala, this car has 48,000 original miles, matter of fact, he just recently changed the original spark plugs and tires! Our Best in Show Modified winner was a 1956 Continental Mark II owned by Douglas Knorr of Traverse City. That black beauty was just stunning to look at, I loved checking out the modern updates that he had made to her, as I said, it was a hard decision to make. Thank you to everyone that came the Cruise & Show and supported us, thank you to Ray Vasser & the City employees for the detour & street closure help, Missaukee County Sheriff's Department, Gary & Bobbie Kline, the Crank Benders car club & our generous sponsors of trophies, door prizes, & more!

We welcomed a new member this week! Beem Recreational & owners Mark & Heather Beem. Mark & Heather now have 2 rental properties available. The first is located right here in Lake City on Rosted Road, this outdoor getaway dream stay offers all the comforts of home along with some fun amenities! Great place to plan a family get together too! Their 2nd location is located on Berry Lake in Cadillac; Heather tells me that this place makes a great spot to do some crafting & scrapbooking. Nice getaway for families or a girl's week or weekend! If you are interested, you can contact them direct at (231) 884-3384, like and follow them on Facebook! Thank you to Mark & Heather for joining and always supporting our community events, you are treasured volunteers and we wish you a ton of success on your new endeavor!

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Gator Tickets are available at the Chamber office & area businesses. We will be drawing the winning ticket on Saturday, September 8th at 10p during Festival of the Pines in our Food & Beverage Tent. You do not need to be present to win! The tickets are \$20 each – but, we only sell 1,250 tickets! #R49111.

We are still in need of workers during Festival of The Pines this year, if you are available to donate some of your time during Festival of The Pines you can sign up online at: www.volunteersignup.org/FCK8H.

Tomorrow is a busy day at The Eagles! There will be an Eagle Ride starting at 1030a; Steak O from 2-4, a raising of the flag at 430p, a picnic at 530p, and starting at 6p Frog & The Beeftones! Don't forget about Monday Burger Nights and free pool on Sundays & Wednesdays!

Also happening tomorrow - Maple Leaf Farm & Creamery will be hosting a Summer Festival from 10a-3p! If you would like more details or information, you can call the farm at (231) 826-4628.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church hosts Teen Challenge this Sunday taking the stage at 6p. A donation is greatly appreciated; the church is located next to the old Foster's building on M55.

Calvary Baptist Ninja Obstacle Course will take place starting Monday & go through Wednesday. Open to ages 6-12 years, but, you do need to register for the event and can do it online at: www.eventbrite.com and enter the password Ninja2018.

The Smith family Spaghetti Benefit Dinner this Sunday from 1p-4p at Northland Church in McBain. 5855 S. Morey Road, McBain. Harper Smith is the 4-year-old daughter of our High School Football Coach Kyle Smith, she is battling a severe intestinal infection and has been in DeVos for the last few weeks. All proceeds raised at the event will go to the family to help them during this difficult time & hopefully offset their medical & living expenses as they haven't left her side since she was admitted. There will also be a silent auction.

The St. Stephen Church Annual Chicken BBQ will take place Labor Day weekend on September 2nd. There is a silent auction and the Cash Raffle. 1st Prize is \$1,000, 2nd is \$500, & 3rd \$250! Inquiries can contact Pat Barber at (231) 942-9558.

The Lake City Area Schools Alumni Reunion will be held on Friday, September 7th at Timberwolf Lake Camp located just north of town on M66. Social hour starts at 10a with a banquet meal at Noon. For more info contact Peggy at (231) 884-3759 or Larry (231) 429-4906. The Class of 1968 will host their own 50th celebration reunion on Saturday, September 8th at Countryside Grill, to reserve dinner and a space you can send payment to Beth Theesfield Quist at 5380 W. Stoney Corners Road, McBain, 49657.

Gun Show! The Missaukee Conservation Club will be hosting another Gun Show this year on September 8th. Admission is \$3 with kids 12 & under for free.

Please visit and patronize our local establishments this week, they all work so hard and depend on our support. If you would like me to mention your event or happening in the Corner, please submit to me by a Monday to make Friday's print. Enjoy your week!