

Welcome to the 40th Annual Festival of The Pines! I can't help but think of Grandma Glennice & the rest of my Harris family this time of year, the memories our family made in the tent every year at Festival are priceless to me. That being said, I encourage you all to come down and spend some time with us in the tent, make your own treasured memories, reconnect with people you haven't seen in a while and just have a great time! You can start that off by attending the Lake City Alumni Reunion starting at 10a this morning at Timber Wolf Lake Camp. This reunion is open to all who attended Lake City Schools and the camp is just north of town on M66. The library will have a book & bake sale today & tomorrow. The GFWC Women's Club is hosting their annual theme basket raffle, bake & garage sale. They will be in the Old Griller's building on today & tomorrow. Our Missaukee Golf Club is hosting daily event specials all weekend including free hot dogs & a logo ball with play; today is Seniors Day - seniors only pay \$25 for 18 with a cart. St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual Bean Soup Dinner & indoor yard sale today & tomorrow (started yesterday).

Then, from 5p to 7p in the tent, the Chamber, along with generous sponsors, will present our Festival Business After 5 (BA5). A BA5 is an opportunity for area business folk and community members to network and mingle. Cost is \$5 and that does cover your entry into the tent for the rest of the evening. We will have appetizers, door prizes, & this is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and business owners. I am happy to announce we will be offering *both* Miller Lite & Bud products this year! To celebrate that new relationship, we will host a Happy Hour tonight in the tent from 5p to 9p, you can also get Michigan made Vernors all weekend too! DJ Jeff Fuhrman & local favorite North44 will be entertaining us tonight & tomorrow until 1230a.

Also, starting at 530p tonight, there will be a Swiss Steak Dinner at the Eagles, cost is \$10, you get a ton of food! The Eagles is located just east of Lake City on M55.

Tomorrow is a day packed with events! You can kick off your mornings (Sunday too) with breakfast in the tent prepared by our Mason Lodge #408. It's all you can eat & includes all your favorites! Cost is \$6 for adults, ages 10 & under eat FREE. Sassafras is hosting their 4th Annual Vintage Flea Market tomorrow, located just south of Lake City on M66, this little treasure, has something for literally everyone, be sure to stop out and get something unique for yourself or someone you love. The Conservation Club is hosting a Gun Show tomorrow as well, the club is just north of Lake City on M66, there is a \$3 admission and runs from 9a-3p. Want to learn more about native trees & plants? The Conservation District is hosting an educational native plant sale & workshop tomorrow in the Fire Dept. Garage (next to City Building).

Our Senior Center is planning a chili dinner on next Saturday (09/08) too from 11a-3p, with a \$4 suggested donation.

Youth Archery Tournament with Blazing Arrows at Maple Grove Park tomorrow starts at 11a. The American Legion Post #300 will be selling Pasties tomorrow starting at Noon – cost is \$5. Don't forget about the Horseshoe Tournament at the Eagles tomorrow, Chili Cook Off in the festival event tent starts at Noon –win a cash prize & an awesome ribbon! The Lumberjack Competition starts at 1p and features an axe throw, chainsaw competition, 2-man crosscut, a water boil & more! Arts & Craft Show tomorrow in the downtown City Park.

The Lake City High School Class of 1968 will host their 50th reunion tomorrow at Countryside Grill. Social hour starts at 5p with dinner at 6p.

We will give away a 2018 John Deere Gator 590e tomorrow night in the tent!

With only 1,250 tickets being sold, at \$20 each, someone will be taking home this brand-new ATV! #R49111. You do not need to be present to win!

Sunday EPC is hosting a Hymn Sing starting at 6p, the church is located next to Foster's, bring a chair or blanket and join in singing your favorite traditional hymns!

Pool for free on every Sunday & Wednesday at The Eagles! And their famous Burger Nights happen every Monday!

Soup Suppers started back on Tuesday at the United Methodist Church (306 E. John Street), a free will offering is appreciated, from 430p-6p, these dinners will run every Tuesday through the end of October. Thank you to our many generous sponsors of this year's 40th Annual Festival of the Pines, we hope you all enjoy yourselves and have a safe & happy weekend! Please remember to visit and patronize our area establishments, shop & support local!

If you would like your event mentioned in the Corner, please email me at Heather@lakecitymich.com. Submissions need to be received by noon on Mondays to make Fridays print.