

Thank you to all who attended last weekend's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of the Pines. Special thanks to all of our generous sponsors and volunteers, we couldn't do anything without you. Admittedly, our attendance numbers were down in the tent this year, however, we did see a profit again this year. Thank you who came out and attended, your support to the event is everything and its success really is dependent on that. A big congratulations to Eva Gallop Harris on winning the 2018 John Deere Gator this year purchased from Bader & Sons! Eva was born and raised in Lake City and we hope she enjoys years of fun and memories on that new ATV! Thanks to Sara Crawford, owner of Exit Realty Land & Lakes for sponsoring our raffle tickets. We have crowned a new Prince & Princess of the Pines! Congratulations to our 2018 Prince Mason Berry & Princess Annabelle Smith! Special thank you to our emcee Jody Wade, our kid coraller, Alyssa Wade, the Fire Department for giving the kids a tour of the garage and trucks, our pageant parents for working with us on a short schedule after school starting, the children who participated, and of course, our judges: Nicole Colecchio, Mistie Martin, & Korinda Winkelmann. I wanted to express a sincere apology on behalf of the event itself regarding the cancellation of the Lumberjack Breakfast last weekend. I spoke with the Worshipful Master & a few other Masons throughout the day last Saturday and the reason the breakfast was cancelled was due to a lack of their volunteers to cook it. We did try to work through some other alternatives, but, unfortunately, there just wasn't time to come up with a new plan and obtain a temp food license, etc. Obviously, this was upsetting to all of us and not an ideal situation for anyone involved, we can plan months in advance for an event and sometimes it just doesn't go as planned when the day arrives, so, we try to stay positive and move forward.

Now on a better note, we had around 90 people sample chilies during our Chili Cook-Off last weekend with 1<sup>st</sup> Place going to Lisa Tooker, LC Taphouse employee and chili maker extraordinaire! 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Jason & Zach. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to our very own Shawn Redman. Did you get a chance to check out the Lumberjack Competition? We sure had quite the crowd down there, and a thank you to the Helsel family for continuing this tradition at the festival. I hope you all were able to get out, take advantage of the nice weather and visit all of our events that were going on last Saturday, thank you to our organizations and businesses for coordinating and hosting events during the celebration including the reunions. I just talked to Susan Nees with the Women's Club and St. John Church, she said the Bean Soup and Basket Raffles they held were both successful. I hope our other groups fared well too.

We have mailed out our annual Member Dues as we get ready to start our new fiscal year October 1<sup>st</sup>, thank you to our members who have supported our efforts over the last year, I hope you will continue down the road with us and we try to help you grow and maintain your business, it's so vital to our local economy. Our Annual Member Banquet will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion again this year. We do have some open board positions and are looking for energetic, motivated people to take us into the future of the Chamber and our town. The elections will be held during the Banquet that night. If you are interested in sitting on our board, please write and submit a quick bio as to why you think you would be a great addition to the Chamber. Contact me at the Chamber and I would be happy to explain more details to you directly, just please know, the commitment is more than attending a meeting each month. If we want change in our events and our community, we have to be willing to put in the work. All of us.

The Eagles are hosting Steak Night tonight from 530p-730p. Tomorrow is Steak O from 2p-4p, you play Bingo, but, you win steaks! Yes, steaks! Steak O happens the 1<sup>st</sup> & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Pool is free on every Sunday & Wednesday, Sundays they have a Coney Dog special, Wednesday, Wing Special, there will also be an Eagle Rider's meeting at 7p that same night (19<sup>th</sup>). And don't forget about their famous Burger Nights happen *every Monday* for only \$2!

Gabe Couch will be performing live tonight at the Legion from 6p-9p, there will be snacks, drink specials & more! If you wear Red, there's a free prize and \$1 off your first drink!

Tuesday Soup Suppers are in full swing 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.

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