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Chamber Corner

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It's here! It's here! The Greatest 4th in the North has officially arrived! Tonight we kick off with Business after 5 in the City Park Event Tent; the fun gets started at 5p and runs through 7. This is a great opportunity to network & socialize with area business owners & members. Entry is \$3 for Chamber Members & \$5 for Non-Chamber Members. We will have a Cash Bar serving Bud, Bud Light, & craft beer from Short's Brewing out of Bellaire. Delicious Hor d'Oeuvres served will come from the LC Taphouse & BC Pizza. We also have some pretty nice door prizes that you can enter to win provided by our generous sponsors, RE/MAX Land & Lakes, BC Pizza, Cardinal Creations, Dianne Hoffman, Attorney at Law, & LC Taphouse & also some beautiful donations from Glass Art Design. Diane the "50/50 Queen" herself will be selling 50/50 tickets, of course, car tickets will be available, as well as GFITN18 official T-Shirts. This year in addition to our standard white cotton, we have added a performance T in light blue, the response has been very positive and I think people like having the option. The Blue Leaf's will take the City Park Free Stage starting at 7p tonight and are playing until 9:30. We are really excited to be featuring all local homegrown artists this year for our free GFITN entertainment; my motivation behind this was to not only showcase the amazing talent we have to offer right here in our area, but, also give these acts the opportunity to hopefully gain some new gigs, as they are all available for you to hire!

The Craft Show has a new location for this year; the show will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday only (07/03 & 07/04) and will be located in the Courtyard (Kevin Reid's) & back lot. We have some great Crafters signed up this year with a variety of beautiful handmade items. During this time, we will also be hosting Jane Sheffer – Award winning Children's book author both days of the Craft show, she will be signing copies of her books & they will also be available for sale. Jane worked in conjunction with our own local artist Wooden Canvas Artwork "spirit painter", fun fact, this is the only hand illustrator in the country, just so happens he collaborated with Jane and did all the illustrating for her 3 published books. Also, we will be hosting a Children's Carnival on the 3rd & 4th, located in the parking lot just north of the Sheriff's Department. Now, yes, this is a very small carnival, as we are limited on locations; guys, there isn't anywhere to host a full midway at this time. But, my hope is if the carnival is received well, we can build & grow this in the upcoming years. You can find our full schedule on our website Greatest4thintheNorth.com; check out our digital flip book version too which is very mobile friendly! There will be daily schedules posted each morning on our Facebook & Twitter pages to keep you up to date on what we have to offer. There is still time to sign up to volunteer-you can email us, call the office, or you can sign up online at www.volunteersignup.org/HPRWT.

The Chamber would like to welcome our newest member, Murray's Farm Market! If you have noticed we have some new flowers & hanging baskets in front of the office, that's where they came from! This family owned business is located just east of town on M55 (towards Houghton Lake). They have an amazing variety of flowers, seasonal fruits & vegetables, Maple Syrup, propane, firewood, & they also buy standing timber in all species, 5 acres & up. I encourage you to check them out for yourself, you will not be disappointed! Our garden at home has flourished with everything we have put in from Murray's, so, I can speak from personal experience! Please like & follow them on Facebook for specials & deals they offer.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is hosting free outdoor concerts throughout the summer on Sunday's @ 6pm. There will be a special "Service Under the Tent" on Sunday, July 1st @ their 11am Service, then Sunday evening will feature 4 One Quartet. A free will offering is appreciated. Please bring your lawn chairs.

The City of Lake City's Music in the Park runs Thursday evenings through August 9th, although, there is not anything scheduled for July 5th, it will resume on July 12th featuring Pam Bowman & Four Friends playing dulcimer & other instruments. Don't forget your lawn chair or a blanket! Our beloved Eagles Club has been quite busy with community based activities lately. Remember, every Monday night is Burger night from 530p to 730p. Tuesday, July 3rd will be a Cod Fish Fry from 530p to 730p. The next Steak Bingo will be held on Saturday, July 7th from 2p-4p, this event happens the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. They will be hosting their 1st Annual Bike & Car Show on Sunday, July 8th from 11a-3p; you can call the club for more details at 839-7224. The club is located at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road. You can play free pool on Sundays & Wednesdays. Our Missaukee County Recycle Center hours are Saturday (9a-1p), Tuesdays (1p-5p) & on Wednesdays (9a-5p) & they are located just north of town on Sanborn Road. You can visit the Missaukee Conservation District's website at www.missaukee.cd.org to see a list of their accepted items. We have Plat Books available for Sale here at the office too.

Don't forget about the after work parties happening on Friday's at the Pump!

We hope you all enjoy this year's Greatest 4th in the North celebration! Please patronize our area businesses & organizations, they need us!
