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Chamber Corner

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This week's corner is going to be a short one, since I pen this article on Monday and don't have a crystal ball, next week's corner will be all about GFITN18 & how we ended up with everything. I can tell you our Business After 5 we held last Friday in the event tent was a huge success, thank you to our wonderful & generous sponsors – LC Taphouse (food was amazing Sylvia), BC Pizza, Dianne Hoffman Attorney at Law, RE/MAX Land & Lakes, & Cardinal Creations. There were some fabulous door prizes, thank you to all who attended!

Our new intern, Taylor Nederhoed joined our ranks on June 25th. Taylor is a student at Central Michigan University studying event & recreation management; he will be with us for 30 weeks. He has been such a great addition to our team & Colleen and I are so happy to have him!

Remember the Conservation Club breakfast is tomorrow morning our at the Club just north of Lake City, this breakfast consists of pretty much everything breakfast including eggs made to order. Event starts at 7am & the cost is \$5 for Adults & Kids 12 & under are \$3. The club is located at 1431 N. Morey Road.

The Lake Missaukee Community Swim Program is about to come alive in 2018! Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbor children – all are welcome. All will learn how to be safe and swim in a fresh water lake.

Sign up - pick up your registration form at our office or the library and only deliver with payment to the Ardis Missaukee District Library located in Lake City. The library & the Chamber are open Monday – Saturday.

Swim lessons help children learn to be safe in a fresh water lake and also provide swim techniques at their skill level to build their confidence in a fresh water lake. Instructors are certified. Lessons are held at the Missaukee County Park – a beach made for “lessons in a lake”.

The beach area is easily accessible, with free entry for swimmer families and caregivers, a pavilion for shade, and a full-service playground to enjoy.

Two sessions are being offered this year. Each two-week session is on Monday through Friday during the dates and times indicated below. If you need to miss a couple of days it is fine to work it out with the Director, Sarah.

Lessons are held in the afternoon each day.

Session #1 – July 9-20 Time: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00

Session #2 – July 23 – Aug 3 Time: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00

Each child is assigned to a swim level based on parent recommendation and information from previous lessons:

Level 1 – Beginner – non swimmer – introduction to water skills.

Level 2 – Advanced Beginner – fundamental water skill development.

Level 3 – Intermediate – stroke development.

Level 4 – Advanced Swimmer – stroke improvement, diving, boat safety.

Level 5 – Advanced Swimmer – stroke refinement, diving, boat safety.

For Levels 1-3, each lesson is 30 minutes; for levels 4-5 the lessons are longer. Maximum 10 children per class with two instructors and a life guard per lesson.

Unpredictable weather such as (lightening and water temps below 65 degrees) the lessons may be canceled with no make-up days. Instructors will make every effort to call if class is canceled.

Cost for the first child is \$25. and for each additional child in a family it is \$20. Please call the Director, Sarah Yonkman, if your family needs scholarships. Director, Sarah Yonkman, 517-282-6281, for information and assistance.

Each year, we work to prevent swimmer's itch. The best way to do this is to follow these steps: dry off by rubbing arms, legs, and torso completely when getting out of the water and then take a quick bath or shower by scrubbing down arms, legs, and torso when get home. If a child should get swimmer's itch in spite of the above important steps, go to the Lake City pharmacy and ask for the swimmer's itch cream to put on the areas that are infected.

The City of Lake City's Music in the Park runs Thursday evenings through August 9th. On July 12th they will be featuring Pam Bowman & Four Friends playing dulcimer & other instruments. Don't forget your lawn chair or a blanket!

Steak Bingo tomorrow at The Eagles from 2p-4p, this event happens the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. Monday night is Burger night from 530p to 730p. Exciting News! They will be hosting their 1st Annual Bike & Car Show on Sunday 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 too!

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.

El Potrero will be undergoing a name change sometime around July 15th, according to owner Jamie Martinus. They have had a slight change in the partnership, but, he assures me that they are not going anywhere! The new name will be Poncho Villa.

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.missaukeecd.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!

Thanks to all who supported and/or attended this year's Greatest 4th in the North! This event really takes a lot of work & preparation to put on, to those *who did* contribute their time & efforts; I commend you & thank you!

Have a great weekend, please visit our local businesses, organizations, and establishments – they depend on us to keep their doors open!
