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Chamber Corner

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I had to laugh when I read the first sentence of last week's corner. Short? Who was I kidding? Anyone who knows me, knows when I am talking it's really never short! There are lots of great things to report about this year's GFITN celebration. The question on most minds is "who won the car"? As of now, most of you are aware it was a very nice gentleman by the name of Tony Whitcomb. Tony & his lovely wife have a place on Lake Sapphire and have been coming up to Lake City for around the last 12 years or so. Tony is a retired GM employee; and his wife is a nurse who actually works at the plant in Lansing where the winning car was manufactured! He was beyond excited to take that 2018 Chevy Camaro home last week & we were all smiles watching their excitement as we handed over the keys. Thank you to Terry & Michelle Corrigan, Todd Pedlar, Dale Eising and the amazing Classic Chevy staff for your partnership, continued support & commitment to the best little city ever, we appreciate all you do! Well, after that first place winner back story, I was even more surprised to learn about our 2nd place winner, Marv Myers of Merritt & a graduate of Lake City Schools. Marv called me back on the 5th with some great excitement, although I couldn't share with him that the 1st prize was all his; he was happy to learn he had won an overnight getaway to Little River Casino! This prize is put together and donated to the event by Sara Crawford & her local real estate business RE/MAX Land & Lakes, thank you to Sara for her continued generous contributions to our community. Well, just a few short hours later, Marv's lovely wife, Rosalie arrived & was ready to pick up that awesome little getaway for 2. What I found out is that 46 years ago on July 4th, they had their very first date, where did Marv take her? Why to Lake City's Greatest 4th in the North, that's where! They spent the day enjoying the festivities, including the Ox Roast & then the carnival. Rosalie talked about their time on the Rock O Planes and it sounds like Marv was having some fun whilst turning them around and around on the ride, long story short, it made her sick. She even had to lay down at the Sheriff's Department on a cot as they had traveled on this first date via motorcycle. She soon recovered and the rest is history, but, they still come to Lake City every year to celebrate that 1st date anniversary with us. It was my sincere pleasure getting to know these folks & hearing their stories, I hope they all enjoy those prizes! I can't talk about the raffle without mentioning that 3rd prize either. As you may be aware, Gene Schooley, local artist makes handcrafted dolls that are sold all over the world, Gene has graciously donated that 3rd prize for about as long as I can remember, she is retiring, which, makes these dolls even more special. Imagine my surprise as our Citizen of the Year Terry Trolz pulled that last stub and it read Tony Harris. Yep, it's that Tony Harris, my brother. Our Boat Parade had right around 9 entries with the winning Boat going to the Fedewa family & their dancing cake! The cake eating contest was an absolute blast too! We had a lot of kids participate, but, our winner for ages 0-9 years, was Alden Winkle, 9, of McBain. We held a second contest for kids 10 & older (with bigger pieces of cake) and Olivia Williams, 12, of Lake City was our big winner! Many thanks to Missaukee County 4H for collaborating on this fun packed event.

Congratulations to this year's raffle winners & thank you to our ticket purchasers. Even though the weather was a bit crazy at times (and HOT!) all & all, things went very well. Countless folks to thank for their help, to our community: we learned a lot & welcome any feedback & positive constructive criticisms, for the GFITN to continue to be successful, we need to come together. It takes a lot of people to organize & facilitate this, & honestly, a lot more than we had this year. Those who jumped in, I am forever grateful, those who stood on the side lines and complained, I invite you to get involved, learn about why certain decisions are made, true success will mean we are all playing a role in bettering ourselves, our town, & our people. Super special thank you to Colleen Blumberg & Taylor Nederhoed; Colleen, thank you for coming to work "part time" at the Chamber, handling everything thrown at you with pose & grace. You are an amazing friend and co-worker. Taylor, oh Taylor, this kid is impressive folks, he jumped in on June 25th, worked his tail off, & did it all with confidence & patience. I can't think of any other 2 people that can do the job any better, my love & pride for you both, thank you, thank you.

We gained 3 new members over the last 2 weeks or so, but, I wanted wait until we got through the GFITN to announce them properly. First, our new individual members Mr. Patrick Zileski & also Mr. Steve Rau! We couldn't be happier to have you on board! Thank you both for your support, we appreciate it very much! We also have a new business member, you have all been raving about this one, its Tiffany Ziegler, and she owns Main Street Spectacles! Tiffany has been saving people significant amount of money on prescription eyewear & contact lenses, and she's a pretty great human being too! She wants you to know that if you purchase a pair of everyday glasses, you're sun glasses will be discounted 25% if you order prescription sun glasses. Bring in your current prescription and see how much she can save you! Main Street Spectacles is located on the corner of Main/John Street, downtown Lake City! Welcome to the Chamber Tiffany, Patrick, & Steve!

The Lake Missaukee Community Swim Program first session began on Monday! There will be another session July 23rd to August 3rd. 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.

Steak Fry is tonight at The Eagles! From 530p to 730p you can enjoy a delicious steak with the sides! Free Pool on Sundays & Wednesdays, Burger Night on Monday's, Steak O on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. I hope that you all enjoyed their Bike & Car Show that was held last Sunday & the Eagle Rider's Ride on Wednesday. Like & follow them on Facebook for future events.

The Sons of the American Legion monthly breakfast is tomorrow morning, enjoy all your breakfast favorites, proceeds raised help serve our area Veteran's & their families. A noble cause to support indeed, make sure to get down there in the morning.

The City of Lake City's Music in the Park runs Thursday evenings through August 9th. Next Thursday, One Quartet will be performing; they are a gospel & patriotic group, sure to be a crowd favorite. Remember to bring your lawn chair or blanket, music from 7p to 9p.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is hosting free outdoor concerts throughout the summer on Sunday's @ 6pm. This week one of our favorites is performing, The Patriots Choir! A free will offering is appreciated. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Just a reminder that on Sunday (the 15th), El Potrero will be undergoing a name change to Poncho Villa; they have been closed this week making the necessary changes. But, they are not going anywhere & the food will remain awesome!

The Lake City Women's Club is hosting their annual Golf Outing on July 28th at Missaukee Golf Club. The outing includes 18 holes in a four person scramble, hotdogs on the turn, lunch, & some pretty great raffle prizes! Classic Chevrolet will be sponsoring a hole-in-one prize (note: PGA Golfers are not eligible for this prize) for a 2 year lease on a GM vehicle. Proceeds raised are used to assist area families and individuals in crisis. They need golfers to participate! You have until July 20th to register; so, grab 3 friends or family members & sign up today! Cost is only \$60 per person. You never know when either you or someone you care about may need these crisis based resources, I have witnessed this club help people in dire situations, they have helped keep electric or heat from being shut off and food in their bellies, so, it's a great cause to support. Sign up today, you get to spend the day on a beautiful course, surrounded by like thinkers, & you are helping out your neighbors. Sounds like an all around win to me! Registration forms are available here at the Chamber office, 107 S. Main, right across from the City Park.

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.missaukeeecd.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!

Would you like to have your event mentioned in the Chamber Corner? Just send me an email at: Heather@lakecitymich.com, or call, just need to have it by Monday in order to make Friday's edition. As always - get out & support all our area businesses & organizations! They depend on us!
