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CHAMBER CORNER

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And there she goes.....summer of 2018. My youngest started back to school on Wednesday, and it literally seems like we were just gearing up for summer and Greatest 4th in the North, now we have the Car Cruise & Show behind us and the 40th annual Festival of the Pines is 2 weeks away!

Festival planning is coming along nicely, programs are out at area businesses and you can also see a complete schedule of events on our website www.lakecitymich.com. We are excited to announce that North44 will be our live music in the tent this year with DJ Jeff Fuhrman spinning tunes throughout the night! Business After 5 will take place on Friday (09/07) in the tent, admission is \$5, join us to socialize and network with area business owners & chamber members. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Our sponsors for BA5 are: Sara Crawford with Land & Lakes Realty, Dianne Hoffman for Probate Judge, Casey Boyer with Edward Jones, Third Coast Merchant Services, & Shoreline Café. There are still available spaces for our Arts & Craft Show during Festival. It's a one-day show from 9a-5p on Saturday (09/08) and will be held in the downtown City Park. This is also open to non-profits and other organization. Please help spread the word to any LC kindergarten parents about the Prince & Princess Pageant that will be held Thursday during Festival (09/06) as of this writing I have 2 boys and a girl so far, we want more! The Teen Dance will also be Thursday (09/06) in the tent from 630p to 8p, your DJ for this event is Robbie G, admission is \$2 and there will be refreshments available for purchase. Better get yer Gator Ticket, the tickets are selling quite well, I mean, \$20 for a chance to win a brand-new ATV? With only 1,250 tickets being sold, your chances are good! #R49111 will be held on Saturday (09/08) at 10p in the festival tent. You do not need to be present to win! Other fun happenings during Festival of The Pines include: Horseshoe Tournament at the Eagles, sponsored by Missaukee Title Co. A Chili Cook Off in the Tent hosted by LC Taphouse, Youth Archery Tournament with Blazing Arrows Club at Maple Grove Park, a lumberjack competition downtown hosted by the Helsel Family, Lumberjack Breakfast both Saturday & Sunday by Masonic Center #308, Garage, Bake, & Themed Basket Raffle with the GFWC Women's Club at the Old Griller's building, Swiss Steak Dinner at the Eagles, Used Book Sale at the Library, Gun Show at the Conservation Club, Bean Soup Dinner & Garage Sale at St. John Lutheran Church, a chili dinner at the Senior Center, daily specials at Missaukee Golf Club, & more! Scout Troop #40 will have a table in the park doing some fundraising and also a dunk tank! They have told me that they have some local celebrities that are willing to take a sit for a chance to get dunked. Festival of the Pines is not only a way we pay tribute to our hard-working tree farmers & lumbering industry in our area, but, it's also a time for many reunions. Old friends & families come together to make & share memories, so, it is quite fitting to me that reunions be held this particular weekend.

Did you attend Lake City Schools? Maybe your spouse did? If so, you won't want to miss The Lake City Area Schools Alumni Reunion that will be held on Friday, September 7th at Timberwolf Lake Camp located just north of town on M66. Social hour starts at 10a with a banquet meal at Noon. For more info contact Peggy at (231) 884-3759 or Larry (231) 429-4906. The Class of 1968 will host their very own 50th celebration reunion on Saturday, September 8th at Countryside Grill, you do need to reserve your dinner if you plan on eating while attending, your \$20 payment can be sent to Beth Theesfield Quist at 5380 W. Stoney Corners Road, McBain, 49657.

We are still in need of volunteers for FOP. You can sign up online to volunteer at:

www.volunteersignup.org/FCK8H or give us a call at the office and we will be happy to assist you!

Sponsor donations are graciously accepted too! Because of your help, we can make the 40th Annual Festival of the Pines one for the history books!

Speaking of history books? The Historical Society Sesquicentennial books are available at our office for \$10. Proceeds raised are all put back into preservation of Missaukee County History.

Free Pool on Sunday & Wednesday at The Eagles! Their famous Burger Nights happen every Monday, &

the next Fish Fry (they do a good one!) will be on next Friday, the 31st. There will be a joint meeting out there at 630p on Thursday, August 30th.

The Taphouse will be discontinuing their Tuesday Burger special. You can still get a delicious burger there, along with some other really great menu items, but, the burgers will just no longer be every Tuesday at a special rate.

Labor Day weekend makes me think of Chicken BBQ, I can almost smell it now! The St. Stephen Church Annual Chicken BBQ will take place Labor Day weekend on September 2nd. There will be a silent auction and the Cash Raffle. 1st Prize is \$1,000, 2nd is \$500, & 3rd \$250! Wow! So, get your ticket today! You can contact Pat Barber at (231) 942-9558 to arrange getting your paws on some or if you have questions. Please visit and patronize our local establishments this week, they all work so hard and depend on our support. If you would like me to mention your event or happening in the Corner, please submit to me by a Monday to make Friday's print. Enjoy your week!