

The chamber is so happy to be a part of the 2nd Annual Lighting by the Lake that will be held tomorrow in downtown Lake City! The fun kicks off with a Christmas story starting promptly at 3p at the library! From there you can enjoy festivities all over town leading up to the tree lighting in the park right around dusk! Event locations include: Ardis Missaukee District Library, American Legion Post #300, City Office/FD building, Shoreline Café, City2Shore Real Estate, Lake City Senior Center, Main Street Spectacles, Arletta's, Suzanne's Natural Touch Massage, our Chamber office, GFWC Women's Club (Old Grillers) & of course our downtown City Park! Activities include face painting, holiday family photo, pics with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Craft Making, Cookie Decorating, Ornament making, hot cocoa, donkey's, & performances from our Lake City Band to name a few! All FREE for families. You will be able to pick up a location map that day available at the Library and the Chamber office. There will also be a chili dinner at the Taphouse following the event & local favorite Off Beat Band will be performing there too starting at 9p. Special thank you to Sara Crawford & Mistie Martin for their hard work organizing this event & our event partners for their time & donations. Please come down and help us build this up & coming fun family event!

Thank you to all who have commented or offered theme suggestions for GFITN19! We will be narrowing them down and once again ask you to decide amongst the final 5 or 6. I can announce that the 2019 celebration will kick off the afternoon of Wednesday, July 3rd and run through Sunday, July 7th. The Grand Parade & Fireworks will still take place on the actual 4th, but we will be doing the raffle on Saturday, July 6th. We are hoping this gives us a few more days to sell our tickets once our guests begin arriving.

Our events are about us, it's about Lake City, our memories, our friends & families, it's important to our organizers that your voice is heard! If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time this year to volunteer, it is so appreciated and really feels good to help your community!

Missaukee Conservation Club breakfast is tomorrow morning from 7a-11a. This event is open to the public (you are encouraged to attend). Enjoy all you can eat of your breakfast favorites for Adults \$5, kids ages 6-12 \$3 and kids 5 years and younger eat free! The club is located just north of town on M66, just past the Road Commission. The breakfast is held the 1st Saturday of every month.

Fish Fry tonight at The Eagles from 530p to 730p! Remember that all club dinners & events are open to the public. Tomorrow is Steak O! If you haven't attended this fun twist on Bingo, you are missing out! It happens from 2p-4p the 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month. They are continuing Sunday free pool with Coney specials, Wednesdays they offer free pool & a wing special. Monday is their famous Burger Night from 5:30 to 7:30p. Just \$2! Next Friday, December 7th there will be a chicken and dumpling dinner. The club is located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

The Chamber attended a ribbon cutting last night in our new gymnasium during our boys first home game! We will be performing another ribbon cutting on Monday night around 7p to help our girls also kick off their season in the new gym!

We are super excited for our Holiday Business After 5 on Monday at Countryside Grill from 5p-7p. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-member, the public is welcome to attend! Please join area business owners for some socializing, networking, & connecting! Special thanks to our event partners: AdvisaCare, Countryside Grill, EXIT Realty Land & Lakes, Forest Area Credit Union, & Main Street Spectacles.

The Missaukee Historical Society have 2019 Calendar's for sale. Perfect for the Lake City lover! The calendar highlights historical Missaukee moments and the cost is only \$5! Lake City Sesquicentennial books are also for sale at \$10 – both make a great Christmas gift! The Calendars are for sale at A&L Trading Post, Arletta's, The Missaukee Sentinel, Lake City Area Chamber, and the Ardis Missaukee District Library. The Sesquicentennial books are for sale at The Missaukee Sentinel, Lake City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ardis Missaukee District Library. You can also mail a check directly to the Missaukee Historical Society, P.O. Box 93, Lake City, MI 49651.

Maple Leaf Farm is hosting an Open House tomorrow from 10a-4p at 3060 S. 9 Mile Road, Falmouth. Samples of their amazing cheese will be available & you can check out the goats!

Ebel's is hosting a Taste of Christmas event on December 7th & 8th! Sample their delicious selection of tasty products! The 7th from 1p to 5p & the 8th from 11a-4p.

The Missaukee 4-H Advisory Council is meeting on December 11th at 630p. Open to the public, help grow Missaukee's 4-H programming. The meeting will be held at their office located at 6180 W. Sanborn Road. Remember to take advantage of our wonderful Recycle Center, they are open Wednesdays & Saturdays – do your part to keep Missaukee beautiful! Members – have an event I can help spread the word on? Contact the Chamber either by phone at (231) 839-4969 or email info@lakecitymich.com, I just need it by end of day Monday to ensure Friday's print. Do your part this week, get out and support our local businesses & organizations!