

Our brand-new Community Center is now open at the school! What an incredibly wonderful asset to add to the best little city ever! Hours of operation do vary, but you are able to walk the track, use the fitness room, & weight room! There is no cost for Missaukee residents to use the facility, however, you do need to complete a member information to be able to use it and also sign in and out each visit. Note: if school is closed, the center will also be closed. Applications are available at the Lake City Middle & High School offices. In perfect timing with the new year, you are all encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity!

We are in full swing on preparations for this year's Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North (07/03-07/07) and are really excited about this year's theme "Thru the Decades". We are encouraging not only businesses to enter a float in the Grand Parade this year, but also our families. The committee is working on reviewing and booking our entertainment for the festivities as we plan to fill every day with family friendly fun. But we need people and a lot of people to make this a true success, really just a few hours of your time would help tremendously over the 3 days. If you are interested in getting involved, there are a few ways to contact us, you can go retro and call us at 839-4969, email [info@lakecitymich.com](mailto:info@lakecitymich.com), message our Facebook page, snail mail or send a carrier pigeon, whatever method of communication you prefer, I can work with it. From there, I can make sure you are aware of the next meeting. Same for Volunteers although we will be posting an online sign up for that once we have each day mapped out to identify where we need folks. Please like and follow our Facebook pages for updates and announcements, GFITN, Car Show, & Festival of the Pines each have their own dedicated page.

Don't cook tonight! Steak Fry at The Eagle's from 530p-730p! Happens the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Karaoke tomorrow night from 7p-10p. Burger Nights are back from holiday break and going strong! On Mondays the club does burgers for only \$2 from 530p-730p. Still offering Free Pool on Sundays (Coney Special) however, the kitchen is closed on Wednesday, the 16th. Next Steak O is the 19<sup>th</sup> from 2p-4p. The club is located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

The Sons of American Legion monthly breakfast is tomorrow morning (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month). You can enjoy all your breakfast favorites including eggs made to order. Cost is \$7 for adults & \$3.50 for kids 10 & under. This event happens the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8a-11a. Steak Fry will be Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday). Proceeds raised at these events support the Post, our local veteran's, & their families. All food events are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

Cardinal Creations is hosting a Barn Quilt Painting Class tomorrow from 9a-1p. You can visit their website for tickets at [www.cardinalcreationsinc.com](http://www.cardinalcreationsinc.com).

There will be a Wooden Sign Paint Sip Smile at the Taphouse on this Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, it is recommended that you do register for the class and can do so online at [www.paintsipsmile.com](http://www.paintsipsmile.com), cost is \$35 and includes your supplies, directions and first "sip". If you haven't participated in one of these, gather up your friends and do it. It's a lot of fun and you get your own custom-made Wooden Sign. Like and follow the Taphouse on social media to keep informed of their food & drink specials, Karaoke, Open Mics, & live entertainment all offered in some form every week there.

Have you tried the Chorizo omelet yet at Countryside Grill? I got a sample at my last visit (thanks Randy) and it was amazing – this is not going to make my menu decision making easier there, lol! Breakfast buffet served every weekend and daily specials. Like & follow their FB page. The Grill will be hosting a Crafter & Vendor Show on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! Interested parties can contact them directly at (231) 839-2222.

The Polar Plunge is less than one month away already! This year's Plunge will take place on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> with a kick off starting 1p at the Town Pump. Plunge by yourself or form a team and fund

raise \$75 per person to earn a 2019 Polar Plunge long sleeve T-shirt: the ultimate badge of courage, proudly worn by Plungers everywhere. Go above and beyond the \$75 threshold to earn even more cool prizes! All money raised helps provide free sports training, competition, health screenings and inclusive programs for more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Michigan. It's a great cause and now a Lake City tradition – show your support by either taking the Plunge or come out to watch the festivities! Stop by the Town Pump this weekend for a Coney!

Forest Area Federal Credit Union will be doing a “soft opening” in the next week or 2. There will be an official ribbon cutting for the new building on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 530p-730p.

Recycle Missaukee! The Center is open Wednesdays & Saturdays – north on Sanborn Road. Do your part in keeping Missaukee beautiful!

Chamber Members – something we can share to help promote your event or business? Please call me or email me and I would be happy to get the word out.