

Are you looking for a way to keep warm in these frigid temperatures? I have found the cure! Just close your eyes and think about summer! We are in full motion planning for this year's GFITN festivities and are excited how everything is falling into place. We have decided that this year's first prize will be a 2019 AWD Chevy Equinox complete with racks and 2 kayaks! The winner this year can enjoy that vehicle all year round in this great state and play on the water in those kayaks, perfect for that new kayak launch that will be placed at Miltner Beach this Spring/Summer. We will be releasing sponsorship, advertising opportunities, & vendor/craft show applications for our GFITN19 celebration in the next few weeks and will be available on our website [www.lakecitymich.com](http://www.lakecitymich.com) or [www.greatest4thinthnorth.com](http://www.greatest4thinthnorth.com). We are still trying to confirm some locations, but I am so encouraged at the early inquiries for sponsorship we have already received, as you may be aware, this event costs about \$100,000 when it's all said and done, we certainly could not do it without the support of your business owners and the community. If you have ideas or time to spare volunteering, we can use the help! 2 hours of your time can make a world of difference to ensure our guests enjoy their time while visiting the best little city ever.

We gained 2 new members last week! First, let me please welcome Caliber Home Loans to the Chamber! Caliber Home Loans offers a variety of home loan and refinance options that help ensure that your home is truly affordable. Kirby Slocum and his team have partnered with City2Shore Real Estate at both their Lake City and Manton locations making buying a home really easy, follow them on Facebook or visit [www.kirbyslocum.com](http://www.kirbyslocum.com). Welcome aboard Marine Solutions LLC! Marine Solutions is locally owned and operated by our own Kolby Helsel. They specialize in seasonal dock & boat hoist installation, seawall construction, sales and service of boat lifts, pontoon trailer rentals, equipment transportation and Barge services. Kolby has graciously stepped up to take over and manage our Fireworks barge during GFITN. Summer will be here before we know it, you can contact Kolby and his team to see what they can do for you at [www.marine-solutions-north.com](http://www.marine-solutions-north.com). Thank you both for your support and investment in Missaukee County, I look forward to our future collaborations.

Have you seen our new logo? I am in love! Keep an eye out for new logos also for GFITN, Car Cruise & Show, & FOP (aka Festival of the Pines). This was the last project Taylor worked on for us as our intern and I am excited to see our final designs.

Forest Area Federal Credit Union has opened their Lake City branch! Stop down and check it the renovated building on the corner of Main/John street in downtown Lake City. They are offering specials for new members and we will be doing an official ribbon cutting ceremony there on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fish Fry tonight at the Eagle's from 530 to 730p. On Mondays the club does burgers for only \$2 from 530p-730p. Free Pool on Sundays (with a Coney Special), free pool Wednesday (wing special). They have started Karaoke on Saturday nights too! Will happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month with your host JT's DJ Service. The club is located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

The Legion Post is hosting their Annual Super Bowl Party on February 3<sup>rd</sup>! This event raises money for programs to support our local veterans and families. If you can donate an item for the auction or help you can contact Commander John Brown at (734) 634-7733. Steak Fry tomorrow night that happens the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Remember that all food events are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

The Polar Plunge is only a few weeks away! February 8<sup>th</sup> there is a kick off party at the Pump (7p) leading up to the Plunge on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 1p, the parade across to Lake Missaukee will leave the Pump at 2p followed by an After-Plunge party back at the Town Pump. Plunge by yourself or form a team! Remember that 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.

George Gruenberg plays piano on Thursdays (2p) at the Library. Our Conservation District is also hosting (at the library) a Wildlife in my Backyard event! Starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> (10a) for a Preschool Story Time, then again February 20<sup>th</sup> (330p) an after-school activity called "Who's Track Is It?" and lastly, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (10a) another Preschool Story Time with "Footprints in the Snow".

Upcoming events to get on your calendars: Countryside Grill Breakfast Workshop on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Kids can make a Valentine Magnet (not intended for those under age 3), follow their FB page for updates. Gun Show at the Conservation Club on April 13<sup>th</sup>. An Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Township Hall by our Lake City Fire Departments.

Remember the Missaukee Historical Society has 2019 Calendar's for sale at \$5 and the Lake City Sesquicentennial book for sale at \$10. You can find calendars at A&L, Arletta's, The Sentinel, Chamber of Commerce and the Library. The Sesquicentennial books are at The Sentinel, Chamber and the Library. You can also mail a check or money order to Missaukee Historical Society, P.O. Box 93, Lake City, MI 49651 and request a copy.

Love seeing those gorgeous hanging flower baskets on Main Street in the summer? We do too! Help us keep this tradition afloat by donating, any amount helps! You can drop off a check or cash right here at the Chamber office or mail a check to Drawer H, Lake City, 49651.

Recycle Missaukee! The Center is located on Sanborn Road and open Wednesday & Saturday. Have an event you would like me to share? Email me at [Heather@lakecitymich.com](mailto:Heather@lakecitymich.com). Have a great week and get out there and patronize local business!