

I am finding it hard to believe that it is the last Friday in February already. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to get out and enjoy some winter time activities. Our Trailblazer club is reporting excellent trails for snowmobile riding and it has been nice to see Missaukee Mountain open on the weekends, the shanties are having success out on Lake Missaukee and pulling out some pretty good-looking fish!

It's such a great time to live in the best little city ever! The Tasty Treat opened yesterday! We look forward to another amazing season serving up the largest cones in the north among their other delicious menu items. The LC Taphouse has announced they will be expanding their kitchen! Have you seen Murray's Farm Market's fresh produce, pies, jams, & much more on social media! We know it has been a struggle with the loss of our grocery store, but it's nice to know we can still get great produce and fresh meat from Ebel's all while supporting local.

Business growth and their success benefits all of us, as .68 cents of every dollar spent in Missaukee County stays here, so get out there and patronize all of our local establishments, they are working hard for you!

Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North sponsor opportunities are now available and we want to partner with you! If your business is interested in collaborating efforts and being a part of the fun, please feel free to contact me at the office either via phone at 839-4969 or email Heather@lakecitymich.com. We are seeing about a 10% increase this year for our Fireworks show over Lake Missaukee on July 4<sup>th</sup> and are accepting donations, any amount is appreciated and you can feel good that you've contributed to someone's celebration and the success of our festival. Vendor & Craft Show applications will be available right around March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will post them on our website.

The Chamber welcomes our newest member Aflac Agent Jennie Stephan, Jennie is a local & graduate of LCHS. If you are not familiar with Aflac, they offer supplemental coverage to your insurance or coverage without insurance for policies that pay you when you cannot work such as policies for Cancer, Critical Care, Accident, even Vision & Dental plans that actually pay you when you have your scheduled yearly examinations! You do not need to be with an employer to be eligible and *for employers*, you do receive a group discount, but the plans are entirely funded by the employee. If you would like to schedule time to talk with Jennie direct, you can either call her at (231) 429-1276 or email her at jennie\_stephan@us.aflac.com. Welcome Jennie and thank you for your support & belief in Lake City!

Soup Suppers are in full swing at the United Methodist Church! Every Tuesday through the end of April from 430-6p, cost is a free will donation and take outs are available.

There is a Fish dinner tonight at the Eagles from 530 to 730p! Note, there will not be Karaoke this week, they hope to resume this on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Monday nights you can get your Eagle's burger for only \$2 from 530-730p. Sundays have free pool (and Coney's!) and free pool again on Wednesdays with a wing special. The next Steak O will be Saturday, March 2nd. Remember that all food events are open to the public! Located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

The Sons of American Legion Steak Fry tomorrow night from 5-8p, you can enjoy a New York Strip Steak purchased locally from Ebel's that includes a beverage, roll, baked potato and coleslaw. \$11 for Adults/\$6 for kids. The Auxiliary is hosting their famous Pasty Sale! Order forms are available at the Post or we have them at the Chamber office, cost is \$5 and you can pay when you pick up your order on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, you can call (231) 229-9030.

George Gruenberg plays piano on Thursdays (2p) at the Library. Our Conservation District is wrapping up their February series titled "Wildlife in my Backyard" and there is an after-school activity called "Who's Track Is It?" today and on Monday evening (02/25) you can learn how to make your own Worm Composter. Friday's offer story time at 10a. Next Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 4-H is hosting Exploration Days at 5p. March 12<sup>th</sup> at 330p will be Recycling with Missaukee Conservation District. Like and follow the Ardis Missaukee District Library FB page to see all of their activities.

Next Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the next Missaukee Conservation Club Breakfast from 7a-11a. Reminder about the Gun Show coming up on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Forest Area Federal Credit Union. Our Spring Business After 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Missaukee Golf Club, we still have one sponsor opportunity available, please contact us if you are interested. Cost is \$50 (goes toward appetizers we serve) and we ask you to please bring 2 door prizes.

An Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Township Hall by our Lake City Fire Departments. Love those summertime hanging flower baskets that line Main Street? The baskets are fully funded by donation and can always use your support. You can drop off a check or cash right here at the Chamber office or mail a check to Drawer H, Lake City, 49651. Help us keep this tradition going!

There are still Missaukee Historical calendars & 150<sup>th</sup> books available for purchase at area merchants.

Recycle Missaukee! The Center is located on Sanborn Road and open Wednesdays & Saturdays. Support local!