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CHAMBER CORNER

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In like a lion and out like a lamb, right? Welcome March! This winter has certainly been one for the record books and I think we will be talking about it for a long time to come, Spring will be here in 19 days – we are close! Tasty Treat opened up last week and they were featured Tuesday morning on the news! So much deliciousness flowing from that building, not to mention to community support and love, get down there and get your favorite!

We are working hard on the preparations for this year's Greatest 4th in the North! We have sponsor opportunities available that help us cover the cost for the free entertainment, fireworks, and lots of advertising opportunities! 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. I do want to share that we are not able to secure a carnival for this year. As you may or may not be aware, the Carnival company we have worked with in the past cancelled Lake City in 2017. They cancelled because our attendance was low and they weren't making enough money to sustain coming. We tried a small version the last 2 years, but that also was not well attended. The next issue is that carnivals are booked typically at least a few years in advance, we have asked to be penciled for 2020 on a cancellation status. Now, I know that folks have complained about not having a carnival here, the question we then need to ask ourselves is why we didn't attend it when we had the opportunity? Just like most things, if we don't support it, it doesn't make it. That's just the reality of it all. We are working with the Fire Department again to coordinate the bouncers so that we have some kind of recreational fun for the kiddos to do, but that all still needs to be finalized with a location and such. As always, if you have positive ideas and suggestions to help with the event, our doors are always open. We will be releasing this year's volunteer opportunities via our Facebook and Twitter in the next coming weeks with an online sign up, if you can spare a few hours of your time to help out, we can use you! If you want to be involved, but are unsure how to go about it, call me or stop down!

Merritt Speedway's first race of the season will be May 11th! They have a lot of fun summer events on tap for you this year including a Monster Truck night July 3rd & \$5 admission with Fireworks on July 5th! Please like and follow their Facebook & other social media to keep up to date with all of their events!

Soup Suppers at the United Methodist Church every Tuesday through the end of April from 4:30-6p, cost is a free will donation and take outs are available. Perfect way to warm up your bones in this weather and you don't have to cook!

The Missaukee Conservation Club breakfast tomorrow morning! Enjoy all your breakfast favs including eggs made to order! Open to the public, the club is located just north of Lake City on M66 and the breakfast happens the 1st Saturday of every month. Adults \$5, kids 6-12 years is \$3 and kids 5 & under eat for free! Their Gun Show is scheduled for April 13th.

Steak O tomorrow at The Eagles! From 2-4p, you play Bingo, but you win delicious steaks! \$7 gets you in on the action and this event happens the 1st & 3rd weekend of the month. Monday nights you can get your world-famous Eagle's burger for only \$2 from 5:30-7:30p. Sundays have free pool (and Coney's) and free pool again on Wednesdays with a wing special. Steak Fry next Friday night (03/08) from 5:30-7:30p. Next Karaoke night is planned for Saturday, March 9th. All food events are open to the public! Located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

There is still time to order your Pasties from the Legion Auxiliary! They will take orders until March 7th and then they will be available for pick up on March 16th. 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. If you have any questions, please call (231) 229-9030.

St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting an Irish Stew Dinner on March 16th from 5-7p, a free will offering is appreciated and you can enjoy Irish Beef Stew with slaw, rolls, beverage, & a dessert!

George Gruenberg plays piano on Thursdays (2p) at the Library. Today, our 4-H is hosting Exploration Days at 5p. March 12th at 3:30p will be Recycling with Missaukee Conservation District. Like and follow the Ardis Missaukee District Library FB page to see all of their activities.

Reminder that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 21st at Forest Area Federal Credit Union. Our Spring Business After 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7th 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. Mr. Lake City will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the High School, I am honored to be asked back to judge this super fun event that raises money for after prom activities – hope to see you there!

Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on April 20th at Lake Township Hall by our Lake City Fire Departments.

Donations for the Flowers on Main street are starting to arrive, thanks to all who have generously donated so far! If you are able to donate and support those gorgeous hanging baskets that line our Main Street, you can drop off a check or cash right here at the Chamber office or mail a check to Drawer H, Lake City, 49651.

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

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