

It's an awesome time to be a Trojan or a Trojan fan! Our lady's varsity basketball team had a history making season and went so far this year, you all have a lot to be proud of! There was a great turnout last week at the official grand opening of Forest Area Federal Credit Union, it was a packed house! Congratulations to Shirley Billet on winning those Dirks Bentley tickets and thanks to all who attended. Good things are happening all around this amazing little piece of heaven, and I personally am loving the positive growth and spirit around the community these days. Want to be a part of it all? Interested parties can always call us at the Chamber office, we can direct you to the appropriate meetings to attend and so forth, it really takes all of us having a vested interest in the future of our area for us to be truly successful.

I have been on quite a roll lately being able to welcome new members and this week is no exception. We welcome our very our Missaukee County Sheriff Wil Yancer as a new member. Wil's commitment to our safety and betterment makes him the perfect partner! Thank you Sheriff Yancer for your support and belief in our Chamber. We are always accepting and looking to build our partners, if you would like to become a member, signing up is quite easy! Applications are available on our website, request by email to info@lakecitymich.com or stop down and pick one up! I am proud to say that our dues are quite reasonable in comparison to our surrounding neighbors, check it out for yourself, it's true! Business member dues are a mere \$165 annually (equals \$13.75 per month), individual members are \$45 per year, senior members (60 & older) are \$25 per year, & non-profits or organizations are \$80 annually. As a business or organization, we can promote your events through our website & social media sites, which have grown substantially over the last 2 years I am proud to add, we have had posts reach folks in the thousands! You are able to use our conference room to hold your meetings, seminars, and so forth. You are contributing and supporting your community giving it the ability to grow. Also, all Chamber members can receive a 10% discount at Main Street Spectacles towards the purchase of new glasses, contacts, or sunglasses.

Soup Suppers continue 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.

Fish Basket tonight at the Eagles from 5:30p-7:30p. Remember they have free pool every Sunday that includes a Coney special, and free pool again on Wednesdays with a wing special. Monday Night Burger Night - only \$2! Next Steak O will be Saturday, April 6th from 2p-4p. All events are open to the public and proceeds raised help keep their doors open, please support this local club that does a lot to give back & support our whole community.

The Sons of American Legion are raffling off a Hunting Blind mounted on Saturday, September 28th! Tickets are \$10 each and you do not need to be present to win! R#52060, you can buy your tickets at the Post, from SAL members, or here at the Chamber office!

George Gruenberg plays piano on Thursdays (2p) at the Library. Story times are held on Fridays at 10a. On Friday, April 12th in celebration of National Poetry month you can enjoy music and poetry by Troy Graham & friends at 4p. There will an Earth Day celebration on Monday, April 22nd from starting at 3:30p. You can find a full April calendar of events on their website or Facebook page.

Mr. Lake City will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the High School. Monies raised from this event go towards supporting the after-prom activities planned, mark your calendars and please plan to attend, it will be a fun evening full of entertainment! I extend a heart-felt thank you from that committee for those who have committed either financially or via donation to make this possible.

The Missaukee Conservation Club Gun Show will be April 13th! Also, happening on April 13th, there will be a benefit luncheon for Mark & Polly Essington at the Jennings Community Church starting at noon. Polly is battling cancer and Mark has recently had some major health problems & complications. This deeply rooted Missaukee county family could really use our help during this very difficult time and I am sure any support is greatly appreciated.

The 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 13th to be held at Maple Grove Park from 11a-2p hosted by EXIT Realty Land & Lakes! There will also be an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 20th at Lake Township Hall by our Lake City Firefighters.

Have you heard about the Reps for Pets event that is hosted by Northern Strength Training and our Missaukee Humane Society? On Saturday, April 27th from 4p-7p, lifters will have 1 minute to Bench Press and Squat and their bodyweight or percentage of bodyweight. Lifters will be asked to gather either a pet item (such as food, litter, etc.) or monetary donations on their behalf. Cost is a \$10 entry fee and all donated money going towards our local Missaukee Humane Society. There also will be an award given out for most donations collected! If you are interested in signing up, you can either message Northern Strength Training's Facebook page or call (231) 429-8707 for more information.

Our Spring Business After 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at Missaukee Golf Club. From 5p-7p you can enjoy some hor d'oeuvres & win door prizes all while networking and socializing with area business owners and community members. Special thanks to Brian Davis and Missaukee Golf Club for providing us with such a beautiful venue, we hope to see you there!

Newly announced events: Footprints in Time Annual Sale will be held on May 24th this year, I will keep you updated as I receive more details. The United Methodist Church Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 10a-1230p. Located at 301 E. John Street, in the parking lot. There will be a road safety skills course, free helmets given away, free onsite bicycle tire & seat adjustments, a parent or guardian must accompany a child to attend. For more information, you can call 231-839-2123.

Our Missaukee County Historical Society is seeking new members! If you want to be a part of our Missaukee County preservation, the next meeting will be on April 8th at 530p at our Library, just show up! Historic Lake City calendars & books are still available for sale at various locations including our Chamber office.

We are accepting donations for Flowers on Main street this summer, the flowers placed along Main Street each summer are paid for solely by donation, if you can help, you may 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 Wednesdays & Saturdays. Please patronize and support our local businesses and organizations! Have a great week everyone!