

Mid-April is upon us already and there is a lot of activity starting to take place and although we still have some snow on the ground, you can see people's spirits starting to lift as the sun and warmer temps make their presence. We have finalized our program guide for this year's Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North, special thank you to Jody Graff, Josh Bailey, Jill Thomas and the rest of the Cadillac News & Missaukee Sentinel Huckle teams, their help and guidance as we navigated design of the program has been a real asset to our Chamber. It's so exciting watching it all come together, I am eager to see the finished product and share it with all of you! Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our sponsors and festival donators. It really does take a village or in this case, a city! The best little city!

I love getting to announce our newest members and fortunately, as of late, I have been able to do it almost every week. Our newest member is Rustic Hog Barbeque! Frontier BBQ has been purchased by Sam & Kathy Warner and the grand opening will be held on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 11a. They describe their BBQ as "kind of like Georgia meets Texas sweet with a little heat! You can also enjoy some of Rustic's cuisine during our Spring Business After 5 that will be happening on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Club from 5p-7p. It's only \$3 for Chamber members and \$5 for non-members (see, it pays to be a member of our Chamber in so many ways, discounts to events is just one of the perks). Next up, I am very happy to announce that Don & Diane Quehl have also joined as Chamber individual members. I have to say, these folks are about as nice as nice gets, Don always lending a hand at the Legion or helping any folks in need, same can be said about his lovely wife Diane, she generously makes and donates our Prince & Princess of the Pines sashes during Festival of the Pines. They are both a testament to not only being an awesome human being, but a good community member too, thank you both for your continued support.

Lots of weekend happenings in the area to share. First off, our beloved Eagles Club. Tonight is Steak Fry Night starting at 530p. Karaoke tomorrow night starting at 7p. Remember that 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! Fish Fry on next Friday (19<sup>th</sup>) from 530p-730p. Next Steak O is on the 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 2p. All events are open to the public & proceeds raised help keep their doors open and they can sure use the support.

Sons of American Legion Breakfast is tomorrow morning from 8-11a in downtown Lake City. You can enjoy all of your breakfast favorites including eggs made to order! Cost is \$7 for Adults; kids 6-12 years is \$4 and kids 4 & under eat for free! The Sons are raffling off a Hunting Blind mounted on a trailer to be given away on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>! 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.

The Missaukee Conservation Club Annual Gun Show is next Saturday (04/13) from 9a-3p with a \$3 admission, kiddos 12 & under are free.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt is tomorrow at Maple Grove Park from 11a-2p hosted by EXIT Realty Land & Lakes, I know Sara and her team have been working hard filling eggs and collecting some pretty awesome prizes to give away, it's going to be an awesome time for all! There is also an Easter Egg Hunt at Northland Community Church this tomorrow at 1030a. You can enjoy a family brunch & an egg hunt for kids' Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The benefit luncheon for Mark & Polly Essington at the Jennings Community Church (696 S. LaChance Road) is tomorrow starting at noon. Funds are being raised to help the family as they navigate through some serious health issues for the both of them, support is appreciated for this long-standing Missaukee County family.

There will also be an Easter Eggstravanganza on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Township Hall hosted by our Lake City Firefighters, last I heard, there will be 12,000 eggs there for the kiddos to find!

Soup Suppers continue 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.

Our Spring Business After 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at our Missaukee Golf Club. Thank you to our co-sponsors of this event: City2Shore Northern Michigan Real Estate, Chemical Bank, Third Coast Merchant Services, RE/MAX Central, Forest Area Federal Credit Union, Searchlight Title Services, Rustic Hog BBQ, & of course 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. This event is open to the public! Members pay \$3 admission & non-members pay \$5.

There will be a workshop for folks that are caring for a relative or friend, starting on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1030a-1230p at the MSU Extension in Cadillac (401 N. Lake Street). This class is intended to help you find tools & resources to best care for your loved one. It is a free workshop, but you do need to register, you can do so by contacting Robin Eisenga at (231) 832-6139. The Footprints in Time Annual Sale will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> this year, I will share more details as they become available. The United Methodist Church Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Summer is upon us! Don't you just love those baskets of hanging flowers along Main Street? Did you know that they are funded solely by donation? Donations can be mailed to Drawer H, Lake City or dropped off at the Chamber office.

Recycle Missaukee! The Center is located on Sanborn Road and open Wednesdays & Saturdays. Want to have your event mentioned in the corner? Shoot me an email at [Heather@lakecitymich.com](mailto:Heather@lakecitymich.com) & include your event information, deadline is Tuesday at Noon to make Friday's print. Have a great week everyone & support local!