

A Good Friday and Happy Easter to you all! Our office will be closed today and tomorrow in observance of the holiday. Well, I have to admit, this last bout of snow early in the week was not something I was happy to see; however, this is Michigan and you just never know what Mother Nature has up her sleeve. I just hope we don't have to plow the streets for this year's Grand Parade.

The Chamber welcomes our newest member, Neal Soenksen with Edward Jones. Neal is new to the area and currently working out of the Cadillac Edward Jones office, however, their ultimate goal is to have a location right here in Lake City! That will become a reality once the client base in our area is established, that being said, Neal wants me to remind you that there is no charge to have him review your current investments, retirement, and so forth. Edward Jones is a very successful company that has been around for quite a few years, so it's a reputation you can trust. Contact Neal to schedule a free review either by phone at (231) 876-2353 or you can email him at: Neal.Soenkson@edwardjones.com. We also welcome as a new member, The Cooperative Ministry. Cooperative Ministry is an organization who provides emergency assistance to those struggling to make ends meet. They can help with food pantry items, infant needs, utility shut-off notices, housing/rental assistance & other means of support. They are located at 6180 W. Sanborn Road (same building as the Health Department). They do have limited hours of Monday, Wednesday, & Thursdays from 9a-12p. For more information, you can email cooperative.min@gmail.com or call (231) 839-4485. This is a great resource for our area residents and we are happy to partner with such a caring & generous local organization.

Here are the upcoming local events I have been made aware of. Remember, if you would like your upcoming member event mentioned, shoot me an email at Heather@lakecitymich.com along with your event details.

Deadline for submission is Mondays to make Fridays print in the Missaukee Sentinel.

There will be an All-You-Can-Eat Fish Dinner tonight at the Eagle's for \$8 from 530-730p. There will be another Fish Dinner next Friday (26<sup>th</sup>)! Tomorrow is Steak O! Now everybody's loves playing Steak O and it has really gained in popularity around here, you should check it out for yourself as it happens from 2p-4p the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Note the Club will be closed this Sunday in observance for Easter. They are still offering free pool on Sundays (Coney Special) & Wednesdays (Wing Special). Monday Night is their Famous Burger Night for only \$2! Nobody should have to cook dinner on Monday nights, and at \$2, you can really afford to feed everyone in your crew! Karaoke next Saturday night starting at 7p. All events are open to the public & you are all invited to attend! The Sons of the American Legion 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.

BIG Easter Eggstravaganza happening tomorrow at Lake Township Hall hosted by our area Lake City Firefighters, there will be 12,000 eggs there for the kiddos to find along with lots of prizes & giveaways, starts at 11a! The hall is located at 8105 W. Kelly Road (corner of Kelly & Dickerson).

Only 2 more Tuesdays of Soup Suppers are left at the United Methodist Church with April 30<sup>th</sup> being the last one until fall. From 430-6p, the cost is a free will donation and take outs are available.

Rustic Hog Barbeque will have their Grand Opening on May 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 11a. They will be open Fridays 11a-6p, Saturdays from 11-6 & Sundays 11-3. They may add additional hours depending on the need, but important to remember that the owner Sam also works a full-time job outside of the BBQ biz. We will plan an official ribbon cutting ceremony once they have settled in a few weeks. Please join the Chamber in welcoming them to the community & support them by eating some delicious barbeque!

Reps for Pets is a strength training event to benefit the Missaukee Humane Society, for details and to sign up, please visit the event created on Facebook & message them, cost is a \$10 entry fee.

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.

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.

Footprints in Time Annual Sale will be May 24<sup>th</sup> – more details to come.

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.

The Lake City Evangelical Presbyterian Church has released its Summer Music Concert Series, proudly marking their 27<sup>th</sup> year! Dates as follows: June 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Walkers, June 30<sup>th</sup> – John & Kate Denner, July 7<sup>th</sup> – One Quartet, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Justified Quartet, July 21<sup>st</sup> – The Beulah Land Quartet, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Wyatt & Amber Howey, with the final concert on August 4<sup>th</sup> with Pictures of Grace. All concerts start at 6p at their Outdoor Concert Pavilion right behind the church. No admission, but a free-will offering is greatly appreciated. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be held inside the sanctuary. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Donations can be mailed to support the Flowers on Main Street to Drawer H, Lake City or dropped off at the Chamber office. Our hanging baskets are all funded by donation & we can use your help!

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

Have a great week everyone & please support local! #unityincommunity