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TOWN TOPICS

Remus held its festival this past weekend and it was a success. Thank you to everyone who worked to make it happen. See the article and pictures in this issue.

Lakeview High School's Band Camp is August 2-6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. More information to come.

Branding Iron Cafe will hold its annual Pig Roast on Saturday, August 14 starting at 12 noon. It will be in conjunction with Coral Days. Parade starts at 11 a.m.

Thank you to Lisa Jensen who will be filling in for Linda while she is on vacation next week.

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Summer Forecast

Thurs., scattered thunderstorms, high 78, low 61; Fri., am showers, high 80, low 64; Sat., mostly cloudy, high 81, low 64; Sun., partly cloudy, high 82, low 58; Mon., mostly sunny, high 80, low 58; Tues., partly cloudy, high 80, low 61.



Meet New Life UMC's New Pastor



Pastor Mark Mitchell

By Linda Huckins

On July 1, 2021, Rev. Mike Mitchell became the new pastor for New Life United Methodist Church (UMC), 6584 W. Howard City-Edmore Road, Six Lakes. He was born and raised in Indiana, but moving to our area is like coming home. "Our first appointment was in Howard City, Amble and

Coral," he said. "That was 1995 to 2000. After I left, the churches merged and formed the Heritage church."

He and his wife Joyce love it here. "It is a wonderful area," he said, "It is a community that combines agriculture and recreation. I call it a transition area between [more populated areas] and up north (the UP)."

He laughed at how when he and his wife thought about "up north" those many years ago, they thought of Kalamazoo! "When we started out for Howard City [and their first assignment], we kept expecting to see the Canadian border any time," he said. "We went through Grand Rapids and said well the border must be close. Then when we arrived in Howard City, we were sure we were close, but people kept talking about this bridge!" One day, they packed up the kids and went in search of the bridge. They loved it and kept driving back and forth over it! Since then, they have vacationed in the UP.

Another draw for the Mitchells is that the Lakeview / Six Lakes area is a farming community. They never owned a farm but have worked with farms. The pastor's undergraduate degree is in agriculture and he worked for a John Deere dealership as well as for other places related to farming.

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Remus Heritage Days Back with a Bang



The car show is always a big draw

By Cindy Havens

After the dormant summer most people endured in 2020, it was a breath of fresh air to see the main street in downtown Remus lined with people last Friday night. Remus Heritage Days weekend was officially kicked off with a classic car show that spanned several blocks. Whether it was the '79 Pontiac Trans Am, that sparked memories of Burt Reynolds tooling around in Smokey and the Bandit - or the Cadillac-like creation by the

Zimmer Corporation - there were lots of vehicles being oohed and aaahed over up and down the street. Other Friday night activities included the first round of the "Legends of Softball" tournament and the band "Black Out," that performed all evening at the Hospitality Tent.

Saturday morning got underway with the "Wild Wild West" themed parade enjoyed by people of all ages including Jeanette Doerr, a 60+ year resident of Remus. "I've never missed a parade," she said with a smile.

Doerr's nephew, Matt, a veteran of the Marine Corps and a participant in the parade, carried the American flag. Sitting in his driveway, also planning to watch the parade was Don Royce, 65-year resident of Remus and his friend Dwayne Parks. Royce, who for years was the treasurer of the Heritage Days planning committee, always watches the parade from his driveway because it always goes right by his house.

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Bike Rally Draws Thousands



Matt Huckins of Coral was one of the bikers who attended the rally in Muskegon

By Linda Huckins

This past weekend bikers from all over the state and country rode their motorcycles to Muskegon to attend the Rebel Road / Bike Time Motorcycle Rally that has been labeled the largest motorcycle rally, drawing thousands of bikers. This year was especially sweet because the event had to be cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

It is actually two events - Muskegon Bike Time and Rebel Road. Attendees rode their bikes of all years, makes, and models, including a few custom-built ones. The weekend included scenic rides, camping, live music, stunt shows, contests, and more. It was also an opportunity for bikers to connect with others bikers from all over the country and to admire all the different types of

motorcycles.

Bike Time Muskegon took place downtown on Western Avenue that was transformed into bikers alley with vendors and thousand of motorcyclists lining the street.

Rebel Road was held at Hackley Park on W. Webster Avenue. There were a beer garden, a live music stage, and vendors.

All event proceeds went to support The Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County to stop child abuse.

There were also 25 musical performers at Rebel Road, including Saving Abel, Lines of Loyalty, Sponge, and the Buster Blues Band.

After what the country has gone through over the last year, it was great that an event like Bike Time / Rebel Road was able to be held once again.



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