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TOWN TOPICS

The Lakeview Festivals Committee held its annual Fallfest this past weekend, and it was a great success. New this year was a craft show. See pictures on pages 9 and 12.

There will be an art exhibit this weekend in a barn just a mile north of Remus on M-66. It's called "2 Artists in a Barn." See the article in this week's paper.

The LACF Community Dinner that was scheduled for Tuesday, October 26 is cancelled for the in-person gathering. Instead, the LACF Advisory Committee will be posting a video with Quality of Life Award winners and Grant Recipients as well as other important information about our community. More information on the video to come.

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Thurs., rain, high 71, low 61; Fri., rain, high 69, low 58; Sat., mostly cloudy, high 74, low 63; Sun., scattered thunderstorms, high 73, low 57; Mon., partly cloudy, high 69, low 55; Tues., few showers, high 67, low 54.



Holocaust Survivor Program at Tamarack District Library



By Steve Charnley

On Saturday afternoon, October 2nd, Dr. Irene Hasenberg Butter, a well-known peace activist, Holocaust survivor, and Professor Emerita of Public Health at the University of Michigan, came to speak to a group of interested community members in the Tamarack Room of our local library. It was standing room only with around 100 in attendance. Irene is a frequent and favored inspirational speaker, talking about her experience during World War II and stressing the importance of "never a bystander" and that "one person can make a differ-

ence." Irene is co-founder of Zeitouna, an organization of Jewish and Arab women working for peace, and a founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Project at the University of Michigan, which honors the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jews with fellowships and an annual award for peace workers such as the Dalai Lama, Elie Wiesel, Desmond Tutu. She received a PhD in Economics from Duke University.

I was asked by our library staff to share an article with you about her presentation and so I hope that what I write will give you a seat right with us if you weren't able to be in

attendance. I arrived a few minutes into her program as I was coming from the Celebration of Life for Sandy Wales, one of our community's great advocates for our library. When I entered the room, Irene, whose diminutive stature belies her underlying grit and strength, was talking about her family's relocation to Amsterdam, not unlike the family of Anne Frank, in order to escape the escalating violence toward Jews in Germany. She remarked how she was welcomed in the Dutch school she attended and that her father, a banker in Germany, had found work with a bank in Amsterdam.

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Come and See 2 Artists in a Barn



The Artists: Dan Lee and Karen Coville

By Cindy Havens

When you're out color touring around this weekend, be sure to check out "2 Artists in a Barn" just a mile north of Remus on M-66. This once-a-year gallery exhibit fea-

tures the unique creations of local artisans Karen Coville and Dan Lee. Some of their displays this weekend will include paintings, wildlife signed prints, wood sculptures, walking sticks, pottery, kaleidoscopes, appliques,

beautiful lady sculptures, paper doll pictures, river tables, stained glass and more. New this year are saw blades and Coville's Michigan Picture #8.

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500 Hours and Counting!



Samantha Smith with her Blessing Bags for the Homeless

By Linda Huckins

Pure Michigan International Cover Model Samantha Smith has a passion for serving the communities she represents. In the past year from September 2020 to September 2021 the 18-year old pageant queen has clocked 500 hours of community service.

Samantha has been in pageants since she was nine years old, but she wanted to do something bigger. She found what she was looking for in the Pure Michigan International Pageant. What appealed to her the most was that the Pure Michigan pageant is a service-based pageant where participants are encouraged to give back to their communities through community service.

"I want to be a role model for younger girls," Samantha said.

The types of community service projects and the number of hours is up to the individuals. Samantha and a fellow queen worked on one project together this past year. They put up two coat sheds outside the fire departments in Lakeview and in Trufant. The coat sheds contained coats and jackets that people had donated. Anyone needing a winter coat or jacket could take one and if anyone wishing to donate could leave a coat or jacket in

the shed. It was a win-win situation.

Samantha won an award for her Coat Shed project - \$125 to keep the project going. It was sponsored by "Beauty Is Everywhere."

Another thing Samantha did was to install a Blessing Box in Lakeside Park in Lakeview. She stocked the box with bottled water and a variety of snacks to bless people who visit the park. It is painted a pretty yellow. You can't miss it. Check it out.

This next project might seem unusual to some, but as a woman who was once a teenage girl in high school, I understand the importance of it. Samantha has donated 300 emergency period kits to Greenville High School, Central Montcalm High School and Lakeview High School. They are in the school offices and girls can come in and request a kit as needed. What I wouldn't have given to have had those kits available when I was in high school. On behalf of young women everywhere, thank you, Samantha.

From teenagers to children, Samantha has made up and distributed fun bags to DeVos Children's Hospital to help cheer up young patients.

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