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Thu Night Partly cloudy, low 38.
Fri Mostly sunny, high 61.
Fri Night Mostly cloudy, low 46.
Sat Partly sunny, high 66.
Sat Night Partly cloudy, low 51.
Sun A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, high 66.
Sun Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low 48.
Mon A chance of showers. Partly sunny, high 60.



"2 Artists in a Barn" Opening Weekend



By Cindy Havens

It's that time of year again! As you are out and about enjoying the beauty of fall in mid-Michigan — 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 features 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. "I always do at least one new thing every year and this year it's the bowl sculptures," Coville noted. Also on display will be Coville's always popular Michigan Picture series — this year's addition will be #9. Each year, Coville does only one "Michigan" painting for the exhibit. "Last year it was sold before I even did it," she said with a laugh. She went on to explain that a person had called her before the show to say that they had three of her Michigan paintings and wanted to be sure they got a fourth. She does them depicting the different seasons and the buyer wanted one from each season. This year's #9 features a scene from the upper peninsula.

"We get a lot of repeat people, and some telling us that we've become a destination stop for them too, so that's always nice to hear." The show runs for two consecutive weekends each fall and this year will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 30 – October 1 and Friday and Saturday, October 7 – 8. Hours both weekends are 10:00 am

until 6:00 pm.

When asked how Coville and Lee came to be doing "2 Artists in a Barn" together, they mentioned how they met in the mid-70's at the Marian Marcus Art Exhibit, which was held in the Remus Town Hall. Longtime Remusites may remember that art show, which ran for three or four years. "So one day Karen called me out of the blue about doing this show," Lee remembered. "We had also met at parent teacher conferences," Coville recalled. "My daughter Ebony had Dan for art class. He was one person I thought who might be interested in doing a show, and Dan's the one who thought of calling it "2 Artists in a Barn," Coville added. "We started doing this to pay for my art habit," Lee said with a laugh, "because eventually your house gets full of all your stuff."

Coville and Lee are well known throughout the local area and were commissioned this past summer by the Fate family to complete a mural to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fate's Food Market in Remus. The 17-foot-wide

by 8-foot-high painting is on display outside the new addition to the store. The mural depicts not only the history of Fate's Food Market, but also the history of Remus and the surrounding areas.

Visiting with Karen and Dan, it is easy to see their passion for their craft. Coville, who grew up in Barryton, doesn't remember a time when art wasn't a part of her life. "My mother's side of the family was musical and my father's side did the hands-on art, drawing and painting, so I just always thought doing art was the normal thing to do." Coville taught fifth grade for thirty years at Lakeview, where she also taught art enrichment classes. "Art is a lifestyle, really," she said. "I don't want to have to do it. I do it because I want to do it." Coville's community involvement also extends to the Mecosta County Quilt Block Trail project, where she has designed, drawn and painted many of the blocks.

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Local artist Karen Coville with one of her creations

Edmore Potato Festival



Edmore Potato Festival 2022 Queens Court, Left to Right Queen, Riley Badgero, Princess, Dallis Bartlett, Jr Queen, Patyn Recker

Kimberly Proctor named Associate Coach



Kimberly (Buskirk) Proctor formerly of Blanchard and a 2016 Graduate of Montabella High School was recently named as Associate Head Coach of Track and Field at Grace University in Grand Rapids.

Home Township Library Story Hour



September 15 at Home Township Library story hour we read the book *Becka And The Big Bubble: All Around Town* by Gretchen Schomer Wendel and painted bubbles using paper towel tube. Pictured from left to right: Kirra Delo, Kaleb Jensen, William Jordan, and Hannah Snyder. Not pictured: Bailey

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