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Fall Fest in Lakeview is coming October 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Park. See <https://www.lakeviewfestivals.org/fallfest> for more information.

The LACF community dinner is coming October 21. Be sure to register by October 10 See page 2 for more information.

From Montcalm County to the White House - See Bev Berens' article on page 7 for the Christmas tree story.

Fall Forecast

Thu Partly sunny, with a high near 75. South southeast wind 5 to 7 mph.
Thu Night Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Fri Sunny, with a high near 82.
Fri Night Mostly clear, with a low around 58.
Sat Sunny, with a high near 83.
Sat Night Mostly clear, with a low around 58.
Sun Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.
Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Mon Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.



2 Artists in a Barn in Remus



By Cindy Havens

Local artists Karen Coville and Dan Lee are back at it again. The 12th annual "2 Artists in a Barn" art show just north of Remus is right around the corner. I caught up with the pair last weekend to see if they would give me an early peek at some of their latest artistic creations. And they were happy to comply. Long-time veterans of this well-known local art show come back year after year to see what's new in the barn and snag a few Christmas gifts. While I wandered around, Karen's son Sidney was up and down ladders hanging pictures and arranging the different displays. Her hus-

band Duane is a big help as well. "He makes all my frames, but he doesn't get up on the ladders anymore," she said with a smile. "We could never have done these yearly shows without Duane," Lee noted. "For so many of our shows in the barn, he really coordinated everything for us." When asked what was new this year, both artists were happy to show me their wares. "I've done a mirror, with etching along the bottom of the mirror," Karen explained. "I try to have at least one new piece every year and this year it's the mirror." She also showed me her "Michigan Picture #12," which is one of her special traditions and is always a

big draw for people. Each one usually depicts a different season in Michigan. For Dan Lee's part, he talked about his new offerings. "I'll be demonstrating fly tying and I've done some shadow boxes. It's taken me about ten years to get my fly tying back after my accident and broken back. Some of them turned out very pretty," he added. Other than the first-time items, there will also be several various art media by Karen including paintings, walking sticks, pottery, kaleidoscopes, appliques, lady sculptures, paper doll pictures, stained glass, tables and more. From Lee, we will see his usual fine wildlife drawings along with wood carv-

ings of all different sizes. "I enjoy showing the process of nature," he said, "the generations of wildlife and the richness of the whitetail deer." Lee will also have on display his wood carvings that show the process of the art emerging from the bare hunk of wood. I can personally attest that after 12 years, the show just keeps getting better. Their backgrounds are a bit different, but they both like their work to tell a story. Each artist brings their own personality and creative flair to the show. Lee hails from the Upper Peninsula where his summers spent in the Hiawatha National Forest became his inspiration. He taught art at Chippewa Hills for thirty

years. Remus resident Kaye Wilson came to the barn a couple years ago looking for a Dan Lee print that she didn't have yet. "We come to get a new one every year," she said. "We decorate our cabin with them." Coville is a local from Barryton who taught fifth grade in Lakeview and grew up in an artistic family. "Art was the normal thing to do," she has said. My mother's family was musical and my father's side did the hands-on art, the painting and drawing. I have always loved doing it." Karen and Dan met in the mid-70's when they were both displaying their art at an exhibit in the Remus Town Hall. "My daughter also had Dan as her art teacher," Karen remembered. When Coville got the idea for the two of them to team up for their own show, it was Dan who came up with "2 Artists in a Barn." And the rest, as they say, is history. Many locals, and not so local, make this show a regular stop when they are out on a fall color tour. "We do get a lot of repeat customers," Coville mentioned. So plan to check it out this weekend. "2 Artists in a Barn" is located just a mile north of Remus on M-66. (10261 30th Avenue) This once a year barn gallery exhibit is always held the first two weekends in October. This year it is Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 10, 11 from 10:00 am. until 6:00 pm. both weekends. Get there early!

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Scarecrows Take Over Downtown

By Mindy Raglin

Boujee on Main and Movies in the Square would like to present their village scarecrow contest. This is the very first scarecrow contest and both Boujee on Maine and Movies in the Square are so excited to host this fun free event. The contest will be from September second through October fourth. Families or business owners will work together on a scarecrow to be entered. Anyone can join in the fun.

Please come in to fill out your entry form at Boujee on Main for this contest. Business, children and family entries are encouraged to be as creative and hands on as possible. You do not have to live in this area to participate in the contest. All the entries are free of cost for everyone.

Theme suggestions

are classical harvest or a fun movie character such as Pirates of the Caribbean Jack Sparrow. Scarecrows can also be scary, like Jack the Ripper or Frankenstein. A scarecrow can even be a local hero such as a fireman or a police chief. Book characters are also welcome from Little Bear to Captain Nemo. The sky is the limit and choose your favorite character of all time.

Please get your entire business or family involved, be as unique as you can be. You can use thrift store clothing, free stuffing such as plastic bags, leaves or old newspapers. A frame built from wooden stakes can be used and even PVC pipes to form the body of the scarecrow. Old pillowcases can be used for the head and a permanent marker works to draw a funny face. Add in buttons for eyes and your scarecrow is



brought to life. These are just a few ideas on many different options.

Contest categories shall be funniest scarecrow,

the scariest scarecrow and the most creative use of materials. Each contestant will be judged on creativity and originality. They will

also be judging on the use of up cycled and recycled materials.

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