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Janowicz Family Funeral Home has expanded to include the Lakeview and Edmore funeral homes - formerly known Brigham Funeral Chapel.

The Peddler's Patch in downtown Lakeview will have an open house this Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15.

Fall Forecast

Thu Sunny, with a high near 47. West wind 6 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.

Thu Night Mostly clear, with a low around

Fri Sunny, with a high near 50.

Fri Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Sat A chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near

Sat Night Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Sun A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54.

Sun Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Mon A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a

high near 45.



A New Look on an Old Business



By Mindy Raglin

Northland Corporation is a refrigeration factory and was founded in 1892. The company, formerly known as Ranny Refrigerator, and renaming itself in 1978, is the longest standing refrigeration company in North America. The business has just been nominated for a \$1.28 million Michigan business developmental grant.

The \$1.2 million grant from the Michigan strategic fund is performance based and part of a larger expansion project. The company is expanding its facility by 98,000 square feet, which includes \$17 million in the property

The companies newly found expansion fund is going to create 200 new jobs right in the heart of Greenville and guaranteeing 116 already existing jobs. The local impact of this project has already been accessed as a huge local boost for the community filling employment gaps and increasing the city's growth potential.

Local officials are extremely happy with this new upcoming expansion in the local area and on the jobs it will create. A key note is keeping the business a big part of local community and not to mention the economic benefits Greenville City Manand \$4.4 million in equip- ager, George Bosanic has

stated, "We're very excited on many rich history successes right here in Greenville." He is looking forward to a "long and prosperous working relationship."

In addition to the state grant, the company also received support through a \$2.8 million property tax abatement from the city of Greenville and a state education tax abate. Local iobs offer a reduced commute from home which saves time and money. The close to home employment may offer less stress of less time in traffic. Local business jobs can offer a sense of pride in working close to home and enriching your community.

tion is looking forward to many more years of success in the way it treats its employees to the guarantee of their product to a long term vision and goals.. A business thrives long term due to adapting to the market changes throughout the years. Leadership is a big factor in keeping a business running long term not to mention a customer first approach and a dedicated team working together as a family.

Northland Corporation offers supportive and inclusive company culture with a great team atmosphere. The company offers good benefits including health coverage and paid time off for their workers Northland Corpora- The company is also

praised on their flexibility and opportunities to learn new skills.

It takes hard work and dedication in any business and I would like to take the time and say, congratulations to Northland corporation on a job well done from corporate to the employees. Robert Collier said, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." There is no I in team or any member more important than the next. The success is built by all in a company. Good luck, Northland Corporation and many more years of success.

Trunk or Treat

By Marian Stockwell

The event took place Friday (Halloween) at the Lumberjack Rivermen's Park, located at 9160 N Lumberjack Rd, (north of 46) Riverdale, just one step over the county line. I need to write a story about the almost 100-year-old non-profit park started by George Beck of Ithaca, who initiated the purchase of the threatened last stands of white pine in Gratiot County. Lumbering in Michigan was in its hay day, pines were plentiful in the 1800's and lumber camps were all over Michigan, but especially near the rivers which they would use to float the logs to the sawmills in the nearest towns. Riverdale had a sawmill at that time.

George called on local

lumberjacks and rivermen, who came through to purchase the forty-acre land; it is still a preserve for trees and wildlife. Park President Bob Leiter gave me a tour of the park, riding along in his side-by-side. The tour included the camp sites right along the nottoo-deep river and inside the many well preserved lumberjack cabins. I would love to write more about this park in a future article. But, back to the ghosts and goblins of Halloween.

Fun for community, that's what this event was about! Before even the arrival of the children, a lot was happening behind the

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