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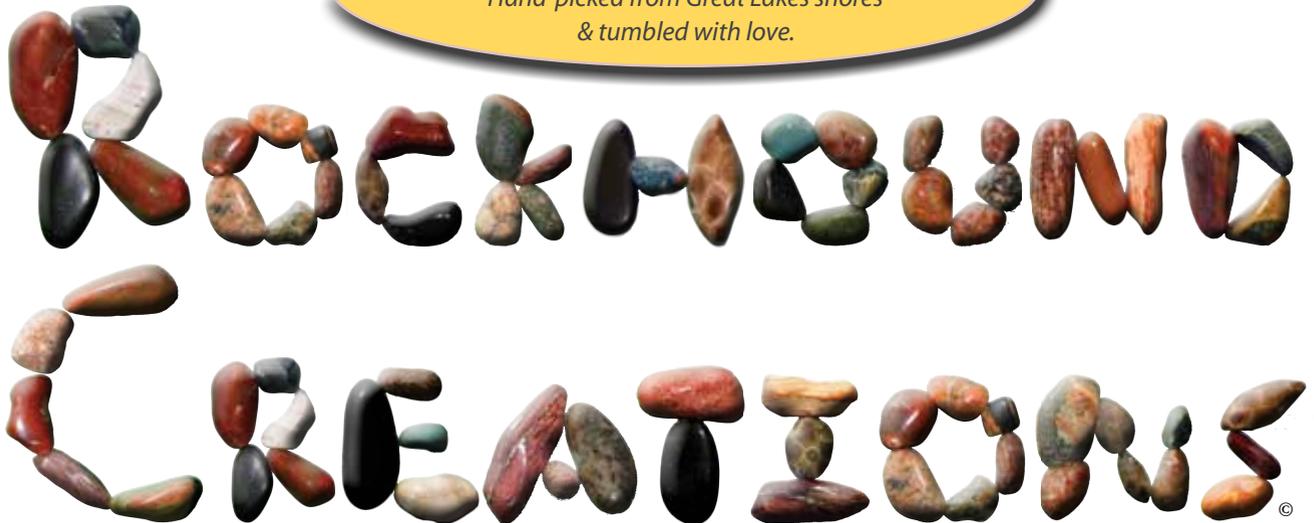
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Cover ~ Hot dog! Lynde Chase from Waters, MI (Altamonte Springs in the winter) catches a little more summer at Weinerlicious in Mackinac City. Photo taken by her lovely daughter and one of our newest writers, Aimee Hughes.

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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Senior” Northern Camper Picnic ~

# Seniors & Nice People Shine!

*Just because people get old* (and hopefully we all do) doesn't mean they don't want to get outside. Two year's ago, this is what led to the idea of a senior camper picnic. Being that we live up north—where nice people and nature abound—all we needed to do was make a plan to get those seniors out! So some nice people got together, talked about the idea, and planned a picnic.

Finding a place for the picnic required a certain area for “campability,” a phrase coined by one of the volunteers, which means “a camp-like environment that's accessible to those with less maneuverability.” The Missaukee Conservation District had the perfect trail, big enough for wheelchairs, walkers, and volunteers to boot.

We also wanted our local talent part of the picnic and share their passions along the trail. So we gathered quilt, rock, loon, and hummingbird enthusiasts who set up tables in the woods to display and discuss their craft. Thanks to all the nice volunteers, the seniors who did need assistance along the trail were pushed and steadied with care.

Of course there was food. And you know how it goes: the older we get, the more often we're sayin', “What's for lunch?” during breakfast, or, “What's for dinner?” while eating lunch! So the nice people from Autumnwood did the grillin' while Belle Oakes, Leelin Home Health Care and Hospice of Michigan helped with drinks, chips, and of course, dessert.

What was most behind the scenes, but maybe the most important, was getting the seniors to the picnic. That's where



the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority came in. Besides helping with coolers, tents and more nice people, they transported over 50 seniors, many in wheelchairs.

One of the senior smiles that warmed my heart was from a woman who was waiting to get off the bus. She was so excited as she watched through the window and pointed out all the goings-on to her caregiver. When she was carefully led to the ground, K-9 companion Cocoa was

there with a tail waggin' greeting. Local band “Play Date” was playing, “You are my sunshine . . .” The senior held Cocoa's paws, and started singin' along!

I'm not crazy about the whole “getting old” thing, but I don't want to be afraid of it, either. I find that seeing the joy in a senior's smile makes it all seem a little less scary. So for all those smiles, volunteers and seniors who made the day happen, thank you! Let's get outside as often as we can with our seniors and make it shine! ✦



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## Seniors & Nice People (continued)



## Melva Lives

Lyrics by Bill Jones

Melva lives on a farm in Arleen,  
has five boys and two girls;  
I could picture the scene.

She milks cows and picks berries,  
never driven a car,  
never cared much for cities,  
she loves life on the farm.

I touch her on her shoulder  
and ask, "May I sit?"  
Melva turns her head to me  
and smiles prettily.

Her eyes are soft brown  
she's no longer a youth—  
Melva tells me she was born  
in 1922.

Time isn't lost  
if you don't know that it's gone.  
If you're living in yesterday,  
you still must live on.  
Though it's hard on the people  
who you love the most,  
it must feel good  
to imagine you're young.

Melva rises slowly  
because she can't stay.  
A nurse in a flowered blouse  
comes to lead her away.  
She'd like to go back  
to her room for a rest.  
And my heart aches for her,  
but she's happy I guess.

Time isn't lost  
if you don't know that it's gone.  
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who you love the most,  
it must feel good  
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## Camping with Challenges

by Dawn Paulin

I met **Debbie Six** during the Northern District Fair. Her husband, Richard, is in charge of Bingo for the American Legion. They camp at the fairgrounds during the Fair and I spotted her in her motorized wheelchair picking up trash on the grounds one morning before things got going (which as a Fair Board member I want to especially thank her for!). She was delightful to talk to.

Debbie has had serious back issues since 1989 and has been paralyzed for the past 13 years. She and Richard have always camped and were not going to let her disability—or his as he is a disabled veteran who also has heart issues—stop them from continuing to enjoy one of their favorite pastimes, although admittedly, “It was a lot easier back then.”

They remodeled their camper by widening the bathroom and bedroom doors. Getting into the trailer is a challenge as she has to sit on the steps and Richard helps her “scooch” up into or out of the camper. She has a smaller wheelchair in the camper that she uses inside. They have plans to add a lift to the camper which would simplify things. They also have plans for a portable porch that would include a ramp, and hope to be able to add that on next year.

She cannot cook over a traditional campfire and they have a barbecue grill which slides on to the side of the camper and hooks to their propane. This makes it possible for her to cook their meals. The shower in the camper works when needed, but Debbie prefers campgrounds that have a shower house with handicap accessibility so that she can drive the wheelchair right in.

Their favorite campgrounds are Maple Grove in Lake City and Lake Billings in Manton which she says are both “quite wonderful.” Make sure to say hi to Debbie and chat with her a while if you see her. I am sure you will enjoy it! ✦



### Note from Debbie Six

Kathy, it was nice to hear from you and I am glad the pictures came through. The elderly gentleman in this picture is my father. His name is Maurice Cole and he turns 90 in September. He also loves to camp and fish. He now uses a walker due to poor circulation and suffers from arthritis, but it does not seem to stop him from doing what he likes to do. I thought I should also let you know that my father is a WWII veteran and started up the Traverse City chapter of the Battle of the Bulge for WWII veterans.



## Taking Mom to Camp

by JoAnn Treiber

*This year the family reunion* will take on a whole new meaning for me. Over the last year I have moved my mom in to my home and now, going camping for three days takes on new challenges. Thankfully my brother has a camping trailer for her to use, so we don't have to worry about the weather so much.

The campground is rustic so a port-a-potty is being packed to save the night time trips to the outhouse. We'll also throw in the wheel chair for trips to the beach—which is all down hill. This will be great for the grand kids for the trip back up the hill!

I'll pack a lot of warm clothing because she gets cold easy. As the list of things grows, I may need a second trip to get it all there. And then, cross your fingers that she stays and doesn't want to turn around and go home at the end of the first day or in the middle of the night.

It truly should be a great family reunion. Pray for sunshine and warm! ✦

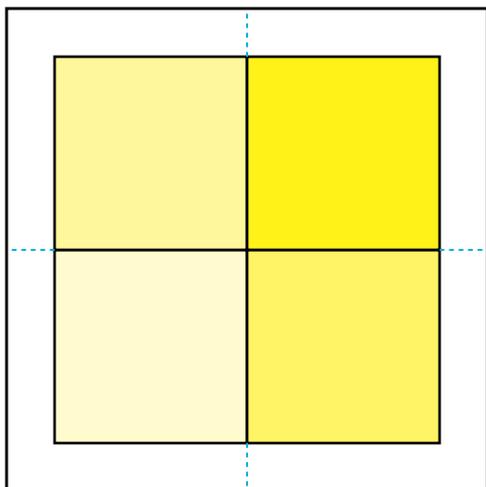
**Editor's note:** The wonderful song, “Melva Lives” was written by Bill Jones and performed by Play Date. Bill met a senior from last year's lunch who inspired the song, and it found a special place in everyone's heart. Melva is now in heaven, but we know she was there in spirit and singin' along with her friends!

# QUILTING CAMPERS

**So, here we are,** on the second to last instructions for the 2014 Mystery Quilt. Next issue will be the final construction, so we are going to have to get all of the other little things out of the way! Remember that if you have any questions, you can always contact me at [dawn@northerncamper.com](mailto:dawn@northerncamper.com). If you are just finding out about us, let us know if you need the previous instructions. You can get a subscription to *The Northern Camper* magazine and insure that you will not miss any instructions, along with enjoying all the other great articles. The price is only \$15 and you can order snail mail (*see next page*) or online with PayPal.

First, if you did not get the 2½" strips done for the sashing, you will need to do them now. You will need about 28 strips for the twin and about 41 for the queen depending on the usable width of your fabric. If the usable width is at least 42½", you will need fewer strips. Cut the strips into 8½" pieces. You will need a total of 110 pieces for the twin size and 161 for the queen size. Remember to be accurate!

Now, gather all those pieces of yellow (at least if you are copying my colors—or make sure to adjust for your choices). We are going to make four patches that will measure 2" square finished (2½" unfinished). I use some strip-piecing (1½" strips) to sew two colors together—depending on the size of the pieces I have left—cut those into 1½" widths and mix them some more before sewing them to-



gether. You should have pieces that look similar to the drawing here and these do not need to match up to anything else. You will need 111 for the twin size and 162 for the queen size.

You can put some of the sashing strips and four patches together at this point. Starting and ending with a four patch, use 7 four-patches and 6 sashing strips for the twin; use 10 four-patches and 9 sashing strips for the queen. Alternating the four-patches and sashing pieces, make 9 for either size.

The quilt show is this month, so I hope to see you all on September 20 (*see ad below*). Make sure to look for me and let me know that you are working on the mystery quilt. I might even be persuaded to give you an extra hint! And as always, if you find yourself in the Cadillac area on the first or third Thursday of the month, please come join us at our meetings. More information is available on our website, [www.northstarquiltguild.org](http://www.northstarquiltguild.org).

Happy Quilting! ✦



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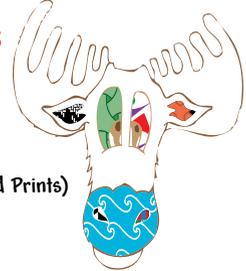
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# COOKIN' CAMPER'S

## DUTCH OVEN MT. BREAKFAST

- 1 pound mild pork sausage
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1. 2 lb. pkg. frozen shredded hash browns
- 12 eggs, beaten
- 1, 16 oz. pkg. shredded Cheddar cheese

Burn campfire until bed of warm coals. Cook sausage, onion, & garlic in Dutch oven with until sausage is no longer pink and onion is tender. Stir in red and green bell pepper, and hash browns. Cook until hash browns are hot and peppers are tender, about 15 minutes. Pour eggs evenly over top of potatoes. Cover Dutch oven: place 6-9 coals underneath, 12-18 on top. Allow to bake until eggs are firm, about 40 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese, cover. Cook until cheese has melted, about 5 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

~ Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake

## EGGS IN BACON CUPS

- Eggs
- Bacon
- Non-Stick Spray & muffin pan
- Onion, cheese, or anything you like!

Coat each muffin tin with spray, grill bacon and line each muffin tin with bacon. Crack 1 egg for each tin and pour in bacon "cup." Place muffin pan over medium high heat for about two minutes or until eggs are done to your liking. You could also scramble eggs and add ingredients you like. This is an easy do-ahead recipe to make at home and transport in an air tight container. Just pour the scramble mix in muffin pan when ready to grill.

~Lisa Peruski, Clarkston

## EASY CARAMEL-PECAN BARS

- 1 roll sugar cookie dough
- 1 C pecan pieces
- 3/4 C caramel ice cream topping
- 2 T flour
- 1 C flaked coconut
- 1 C semisweet choc. chips

Heat oven 350. Spray 13 x 9 pan. Cut dough into 1/2" thick slices. Press to form crust. Bake 10-15 min. Blend caramel & flour. Sprinkle hot crust with pecans, coconut & choc. chips. Drizzle with caramel. Bake 15-20 minutes. Cut into bars when cooled.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

## MESQUITE CHICKEN & PINEAPPLE SALSA

Marinate 1 pound chicken breasts in McCormick Mesquite Marinade. Grill.

Prepare pineapple salsa:

- 1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 sliced green onion
- 1 T fresh lime juice
- 1 T soy sauce
- 1/2 t McCormick Hot Shot (Red & Black Pepper Blend)

Combine and serve with chicken.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

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- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- 1 (10 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- black pepper to taste
- garlic salt to taste
- 1/2 cup crumbled crispy bacon (optional)
- 1/2 cup sautéed mushrooms (optional)
- 1/2 cup butter

Preheat grill on medium heat. Prepare 8 pieces of foil with cooking spray. Combine potatoes, green onion, soup, cheese, bacon and mushrooms. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide potato mixture among the squares of foil. Dot with butter. Fold into foil packets, sealing well. Cook 12-20 minutes, until potatoes have cooked.

~ Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake

## COWBOY HOT DOGS

- 1 T olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, cut into half moons
- 4 hot dogs
- 4 hot dog buns
- About 6 T mayonnaise
- About 2 T spicy brown mustard
- About 4 T barbecue sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded white cheddar cheese
- 6 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

With several toppings, including caramelized onions, bacon, and barbecue sauce, these can be customized for a range of diners.

Heat oil in large frying pan over medium heat on a camp stove, over a charcoal or wood-fired grill heated to medium (Note: for 350°, you can hold your hand 5 in. above cooking grate only 7 seconds). Add onion and cook until deep golden and tender, stirring frequently, about 20 minutes. Grill hot dogs until slightly charred, about 6 minutes. Add buns and grill until warmed and lightly charred, about 3 minutes. Spread buns with mayonnaise and drizzle with mustard and barbecue sauce. Set hot dogs in buns. Sprinkle cheese on top, followed by caramelized onions and bacon.

~ Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake

## FRUIT REFRIGERATOR JAM

- 1-1/3 cup strawberries, raw
- 2/3 cup rhubarb, raw
- 2 T raw honey (or to taste)
- 2 T chia seeds

Process ingredients in blender, transfer to jars and refrigerate overnight. Chia seeds will gel, thickening fruit puree. No need to cook fruit. Add additional fruit if you like it chunky. Try other fruits.

~ Lizelle Bazuin, McBain

## CELEBRATION CAKE

- 1 Yellow Cake Mix
  - 3 egg whites
  - 1/3 C applesauce, unsweetened
  - 1 small can mandarin oranges in juice
- Mix ingredients. Spray 9 x 13 pan. Bake 25-30 min.

- 1 Lite Cool Whip
  - 1 pkg. vanilla sugar free instant pudding dry
  - 1 small can crushed pineapple in juice.
- Mix and frost. Store in fridge.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

## APRICOT CREAM CHEESE DIP

- 8 oz. Bar Cream Cheese
- Small Jar of Apricot Marmalade
- Crushed Pecans
- Crackers

Pour Marmalade over cream cheese. Sprinkle pecans on top. Spread on crackers.

~ Tray Renae Shell, Clarkston



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Slice onion down into eighths but not cutting all the way down, ending up into a blossom. Slice butter and insert into each onion slice. Add bouillon, wrap and seal in foil and put on grill over medium heat until onion is tender, 20-45 minutes.

~ Lori Sarya, Jacobson Marina Resort

## ORANGE CHILI SALMON

- Orange juice
- 2 t grated orange rind
- 3 T brown sugar
- 1/2 t salt
- 1 T chili powder

Marinate salmon in orange juice for at least 30 minutes. Combine other ingredients. Pat onto marinated salmon. Grill until salmon flakes with a fork.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

## TANGY PORK TENDERLOIN

- 2 each 1 lb. pork tenderloins
- 1/2 C dijon mustard
- 2/3 C honey
- 1/4-1/2 t chili powder
- 1/4 t salt

Mix marinade; reserve 2/3 cup. Pour remaining into plastic bag with pork. Seal & refrigerate 4 hours. Grill. Serve with warmed remaining marinade.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

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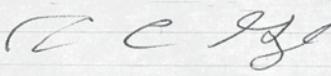
- 5 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 T oil

Combine ingredients. Rub over whole tenderloin and refrigerate 2-24 hours. Grill over med-hot coals 15-20 minutes, turning occasionally.

~ Lynde Chase, Waters

## Thoughts to Ponder While You Wander

A patch of blue  
In northern sky  
I ponder how blessed  
How helped get out of mess  
Time after time  
A getaway to  
Renew my soul  
To keep health whole  
In great outdoor  
Or just to corner store  
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26. Terminates
30. Indian bread
31. French for "Summer"
32. Part of a plant
33. Cain's brother
35. Hunger for
39. In general
41. Disgraced
43. Indian antelope
44. Every single one
46. Bell sound
47. Tavern
49. Prefix meaning "Modern"
50. Counter current
51. Sleeping sickness carrier
54. Stepped
56. Anger
57. Excessively dramatic
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# WORD SEARCH

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# A Passion for Walking Sticks

by Amanda Marr



**Looking at Luke Burke**, you see a young man of only 20. He's tall and springy with a mane of long bright orange curls. But to hear him talk about his hobby turned cottage business, you might think you were talking to an ancient troubadour or a wandering minstrel of old.

"I think it's interesting to think about the tools of the hobo, the pilgrim, beggars; any sort of nomadic people. They always have two things: a hat and a walking stick," the Baker College student said.

"I think it's interesting because these are people that are tough; they get by with the bare basics. They have to travel light and what they have has to be effective."

Luke makes and sells handcrafted custom walking sticks: also known by some as trekking poles, pilgrim's staffs, hiking poles or hiking sticks.

Although he also crafts premade sticks, he prefers to work on a more personal level with his customers, addressing every aspect from the size of their hand, where their fingers are going to rest, what designs, textures, and finishes they desire, primary usage, and any special considerations.

Growing up in the woods of Harrietta, Luke has always had a great love for the wilderness, and for sticks and plastic swords. Since before he could speak, he was picking up anything he could swing. Even now, Luke can be found jumping barefoot in his backyard, twirling, jabbing, poking, jumping, and flipping through the woods. "I was a stick twirler for a while until I realized that wasn't very practical."

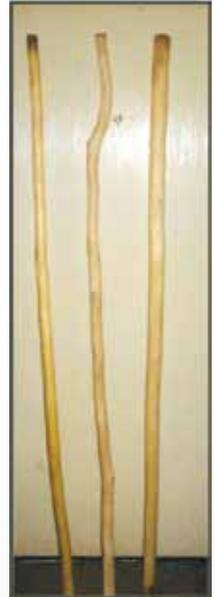
Luke has been making sticks with the help of his grandpa from about the age of 10. At about 13 he began to think more about function over form. "The first walking stick I had

was made for me by my grandpa, and the next 3 or 4 that I had. After that, I bought a couple of professional standard rattan sticks. At first I was excited because they were really perfect, new, and bendy. But over time I became disappointed with the quality and what I could actually do with it. Eventually, I started making my own, so that I could make them the way that I wanted to make them and I could do what I wanted to do with them."

Luke worked out the process of making his own sticks through trial and error. Too young to use an ax, the determined young stick maker used a hoe and shovel to cut tree roots, which he says would take "forever." He would take them home, peel the bark off with a knife, and then his grandpa would sand and saw them down. "My grandpa has a garage full of woodworking equipment. He built his own house; he's kind of like a master carpenter. He let me use his tools and identified some types of wood for me." In addition to

his grandfather's assistance, Luke began searching the internet for more information. Luke tests all of his sticks rigorously for durability, flexibility and strength.

When talking to Luke, you can see his passion for the outdoors, for making and using one of the hiker or campers most versatile tools, and for obtaining greater skill and knowledge at his chosen craft. His personal love for this simple yet versatile tool has never waned. When at home in the woods of Harrietta, the walking stick is his best friend. "I never walk out the door, not even to get the mail, without a walking stick—ever." Talking with Luke about walking sticks is a combination of a history lesson, adventure story, and a developing friendship. Old in some ways beyond his years, this young troubadour of trekking poles has transformed the act of crafting a personalized walking stick into a quest of its own. ✦



## 10 Uses for a Walking Stick

1. Reduces impact on knees and feet allowing you to walk farther.
2. Making yourself appear bigger to ward off wild animals (from a safe distance).
3. Knocking fruit out of trees from high branches.
4. Moving aside cobwebs, branches, or nettles.
5. Maintaining your balance.
6. An improvised tool for breaking or cutting things in the woods.
7. Improvising a spear or fishing pole to catch fish.
8. Poking your campfire or adjusting logs.
9. Pretending to be a Jedi Knight.
10. Imitating Gandolf by saying "THOU SHALL NOT PASS!"

# SMALL TOWN



## A WEEKEND IN THE YOOP

by Aimee Hughes

*Over Big Mac and through the woods*, to Pictured Rocks we go . . . aaand that's about the extent of my songwriting skills. But here are some of the amazing things we saw and did on our weekend road trip to Munising and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

### **Oswald's Bear Ranch** ([oswaldsbearranch.com](http://oswaldsbearranch.com))

What a great roadside attraction, and a bargain at \$20 per carload. While you're there, have a photo taken of your group with a baby bear, and bring your best throwing arm and \$2 to buy a bag of apples to feed the bears.

### **Pictured Rocks Cruises** ([picturedrocks.com](http://picturedrocks.com))

Enjoy a 2-½ hour narrated tour on Lake Superior along Pictured Rocks. Arrive early for your cruise and grab top deck seats on the right for the best photo ops. Don't forget your camera, sunscreen and tolerance for corny jokes.

### **Get Your Travel Guide** ([munising.org](http://munising.org))

Waterfalls and lighthouses—they're everywhere! They have the falls broken into groups of hikes 1 mile or less and more than 1 mile. And while you're out exploring, take route H58. This scenic highway winds through Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore with great scenic overlooks and lake views. Make sure to plan a stop at Twelve Mile Beach, chock full of rocks for all you rock hounds. Miner's Castle also has awesome scenic overlooks and great picture spots.



### **The Moose Lodge**

I know THE MOOSE LODGE . . . but it was Friday night, there was a fish fry, and we had yet to get our Lake Superior Whitefish fix. We left with our bellies full and not a lot of ca-ching out of our vacation budget. My kids' favorite part was the self serve dessert bar.

### **Falling Rock Café & Bookstore** ([fallingrockcafe.com](http://fallingrockcafe.com))

This was the best breakfast I've had in a long time with everything from made to order breakfast sandwiches, quiche, homemade muffins and cinnamon rolls. And while you wait, you can browse their eclectic book selection. They also make box lunches to go if you're planning a day of hiking.



# SMALL TOWN



(continued)



## Johnny Dogs ([johnny-dogs.com](http://johnny-dogs.com))

What delicious hot dog creations! Try the Marky Mark, the Piggy Dog or the Dead Elvis. If you're not in the mood for a hot dog, they have burgers, sandwiches and a superb Greek Wrap. Don't forget your Hippie Poop Cookie for dessert!

## West Bay Diner, Grand Marais

The diner is in the front, their house in the back. We stopped here for an afternoon ice cream break and weren't disappointed. My butter pecan turtle sundae was the perfect remedy for my sweet tooth. In addition they had homemade cakes, pies, brownies and cookies. They also have a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.

## The Terrace Motel ([terracemotel.net](http://terracemotel.net))

Since we were visiting from Florida, we didn't lug the camping gear (this time). This motel was a great choice for our group of 7: my family of five and my parents. The main reason for choosing this motel was they had a two room suite with enough beds so that none of my kids had to share. And as all you parents know, a well-rested kid on vacation is a beautiful thing. Our room, although dated, was spotlessly clean and comfortable and at \$85 per night the price was right. The owner of the Terrace, Larry, was a one man chamber of commerce, recommending restaurants and things to do.

Sunday morning it was back through the woods and over Big Mac with memories of a great weekend spent in Pictured Rocks and Munising. ✦

# UNPUZZLER

## Sudoku (Page 4)

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# Campground Critter

by Don R. Harris

## Five-Lined Skink

When I was a kid, we used to visit my dad's aunt Jennie in southern Indiana. She lived in a little house in the woods, and one of the things I remember about those visits is that there were lizards—and that those lizards were *blue*. At least, their tails were blue, which seemed pretty remarkable to a ten-year-old who had never even seen a lizard before. The lizards were small and fast, and I never did manage to catch one. But I remember that they seemed like magical creatures.

Today, I realize that those lizards were five-lined skinks. Five-lined skinks are small—about 5 to 8 inches—and more than half of that length is tail. Their bodies are dark brown to black, and they have, not surprisingly, five light-colored stripes running along the length of their bodies. As they age, the blue color fades and the stripes grow less distinct. Older skinks may be a uniform brown.

Five-lined skinks are common in eastern North America, from southern Ontario down to northern Florida, and from Kansas to the East Coast. They like moist, partially wooded areas in the south, or broken, rocky areas in the north. They also live inside the walls of buildings, and come outside to warm themselves in the sun.

The scientific name for the five-lined skink is *Plestiodon fasciatus*, in the family Scincidae. This family is made up of over 1500 species, some of which, such as the Florida sand skink, have small, degenerate legs or no legs at all. Skinks are found all over the world, except in the Polar Regions and the far northern forests. Most species dig and burrow in the ground, and are carnivorous, existing on a diet of insects. Although the five-lined skink is the only species common in the eastern US, several other species are found in the west.



Photo by Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC

- Skinks reproduce by laying eggs once a year. In late
- spring or early summer, approximately one month
- after mating, the female lays 15 to 18 eggs in a moist
- spot such as a rotting log or an abandoned rodent
- burrow. The eggs have soft, parchment-like shells,

rather than the hard shells of birds such as chickens. The female tends the eggs to keep them moist, and to protect them from predators. The eggs will hatch in three weeks to two months, depending on the temperature. In cooler temperatures, the eggs take longer to hatch. Two to three years after hatching, five-lined skinks are mature and ready to reproduce.

Five-lined skinks can live up to six years, although most

- skinks in the wild don't live that long. They eat crick-
- ets, grasshoppers, and beetles, as well as caterpillars,
- millipedes, and spiders. In turn, five-lined skinks are
- eaten by birds such as crows, shrikes, and hawks, and
- by snakes, raccoons, foxes, opossums, skunks, shrews,
- and domestic cats.

- When I said that skinks seemed like magical crea-
- tures, I just meant that they were tiny and colorful, and
- so quick that they seemed to appear and disappear as if
- by magic. I certainly didn't expect them to breathe fire
- or grant wishes. But five-lined skinks do have one trait
- that might actually seem like magic. If a predator grabs
- a skink by the tail, the tail may break off. This allows
- the skink to run away while the predator is left holding
- the disconnected tail, which continues to wiggle and
- squirm. Then, over time, the skink will grow a new tail.
- The new tail may not be exactly like the tail that was
- lost—it will contain cartilage, instead of bone, and the
- skin may be different in color and texture. But still,
- this ability to re-grow a lost body part seems nothing
- short of magical. ✦

It's All About the Dogs . . .

# Scrappin' for "Scrappy"

by Tracy Greeley

## Have you ever considered

creating a scrapbook for your furry friend? After all, every creature has a story to tell, no matter what the species.

How often have you seen Scrappy chasing her tail? Could you capture him in a photo running along the beach? Playing with that slobbery toy? How about hiding under your blanket or covered with a blanket of snow? We all think our dogs are adorable and the cutest or smartest, so why not share these qualities on the personalized memory pages of a scrapbook?

I once read about the founder of a guide dog training facility. She keeps the dogs from puppyhood through one-year-old while training. During this time, she creates a memory book to follow the dog to its new home. What a great idea!

Another idea to consider is having a painting made to memorialize your pet. A local artist near and dear to this author's heart is Toni Payne ([tonipayne.com](http://tonipayne.com)). Even a favorite photo can be changed into a painting. Take photos of yourself and Scrappy while you're camping this summer. What a beautiful gift and memory to have of yourself, your pet and the beautiful surroundings of northern Michigan. ✦



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## CAMPER'S GADGET

Running water at your camp site can be a luxury; it can also be a challenge. But hey, who doesn't like a challenge right? Actually, it can be pretty easy.

There are a lot of prefabricated systems on the market; everything from a simple 2-3 gallon bag that you hang in a tree (some are black and will heat the water through solar energy) to large drum systems that can deliver up to 50 gallons.

For the "do it your-selfer" there are a lot of options. You really only need a couple key "ingredients": container, plumbing, and gravity. With an elevated container, gravity will deliver the running water.

The simplest can be the typical blue 5/6-gallon water container you can find at most camping or big-box stores. Most will have a built in spigot so you just need to fill it and place it on a table—there you go—running water. It's a good idea to put a bucket under the spigot to catch the run-off, that way you don't end up with a mud-puddle, even though the kids might enjoy that.



For the more ambitious, you can get some sort of large drum, plumbing hose from the local hardware and a valve. For this there may be a couple of challenges: sealing where the hose connects to the bottom of the drum so it doesn't leak, and then, getting it elevated. FYI: one gallon of water weighs a little over eight (8) pounds.

Remember, before you hang or secure anything to the trees in a campground, please check with either the camp manager or camp hosts. You need to make sure it is allowed and more importantly that it's environmentally friendly. ✦



# Vegetation Station

by Don R. Harris

## Autumn Olive

There are a lot of misleading names in the plant kingdom. The rose of Sharon is not really a rose—it's in the mallow family, Malvaceae, along with the hibiscus and okra. A dog-tooth violet isn't really a violet—it's in the lily family. So it shouldn't come as a surprise that the autumn olive isn't really an olive, at least not in the sense of the green things that people drop into martinis.

The autumn olive, *Eleagnus umbellata*, is also known as Japanese silverberry, umbellate oleaster, autumn eleagnus, or spreading oleaster. It grows as a small tree or shrub, up to about twenty feet tall. The leaves are covered with tiny scales when they emerge in early spring, giving them a silvery appearance, but turn greener in the summer as they lose the scales. The

leaves themselves are elongated and pointed, roughly an inch wide and 2 to 4 inches long, with wavy edges. The branches often have sharp thorns. On younger trees, the bark is smooth and grayish green. On older trees, the bark peels in long, narrow strips.

The flowers appear in clusters of 1 to 7. They are light yellow, bell-shaped, and fragrant. The fruit is a small, round drupe, having an outer fleshy part surrounding a seed with a hardened shell (cherries, peaches, and true olives are all drupes). The unripe fruit is yellow with silvery scales, and ripens to a speckled red. The fruits are about the size of peas, and are eaten by birds and other animals.

The fruit of the autumn olive is also edible by humans. When ripe, it can be eaten raw, dried, or made into pies and jelly. The fruit of the autumn olive has many times the lycopene (antioxidant) content of tomatoes. One writer describes the fruit of the autumn olive as having the flavor of raspberries or pomegranates with a hint of tomato.



Photo taken from [fastgrowtheweeds.com](http://fastgrowtheweeds.com)

- The autumn olive is native to eastern Asia, growing
- originally in China, Korea, and Japan. Since the 1950s,
- autumn olive trees have been planted widely in the
- United States to provide wildlife habitat and to control
- erosion. Because the autumn olive fixes atmospheric
- nitrogen in its roots, it is able to grow vigorously in
- infertile soils. Over time, autumn olive trees have

become naturalized along highways and on abandoned farmland in many parts of the country.

Unfortunately, the autumn olive grows more vigorously than many native plants, and over time, tends to crowd them out. The autumn olive also produces large amounts of seed, up to 200,000 seeds per tree per year. The seeds are distributed widely by the birds which eat the fruit, and have a high rate of germination. As they grow, autumn olive trees

- create a dense shade that hinders the growth of other
- plants that need sun. Since the trees also sprout from
- stumps and roots, the autumn olive is an especially dif-
- ficult plant to control. Entire pastures can be overtaken
- by it, and autumn olive thickets may cover many acres.

- Cutting and burning can actually cause unwanted
- spreading of the trees, since branches with fruit will
- carry the seeds, and trees will re-grow from stumps and
- roots. Hand pulling autumn olive seedlings is one way
- to get rid of the plant. Cutting should be done before
- the fruit develops, to avoid spreading the seed. If the
- plants are too big to pull, herbicides will be necessary
- to eradicate them.

- So, is the autumn olive a useful plant or pest? Or
- perhaps a bit of both? At this point, it is hard to say. Cur-
- rently, many states are recommending that autumn olive
- trees should not be sold, bought, or planted—regardless
- of how attractive or useful they may seem. But in the
- meantime, it might be worthwhile to sample a handful
- of the fruit, for both the flavor and the lycopene. †

# Campside Cures

by Kelly Sandelius, ND

## Minor Accidents & Injuries

Most accidents are preventable but there are a lot of natural options to scrapes, cuts, burns, sprains and other minor injuries.

### Sprains and Strains

- Lobelia liquid is great for any type of spasm
- Teifu essential oil topically for pain relief
- Enzyme spray is great for speeding healing
- Bone skin poultice or comfrey leaf made into a poultice and wrapped on area

### Wounds

- Silver gel topically is a great antibacterial
- Aloe gel after washing area for tissue health
- Vitamin E to prevent scarring

### Essential Oils

- Lavender for wound healing without scarring, my favorite for burns mixed with Aloe Vera gel
- Tea tree or Myrrh to treat or use as added disinfectant
- Roman Chamomile to disinfect oozing slow healing wounds
- Lemon oil to stop bleeding: put on cotton ball and stick up nostrils for bloody noses
- Helichrysum to regenerate nerve and tissue
- Rose hips seed oil is my carrier of choice because it is so high in Vitamin C

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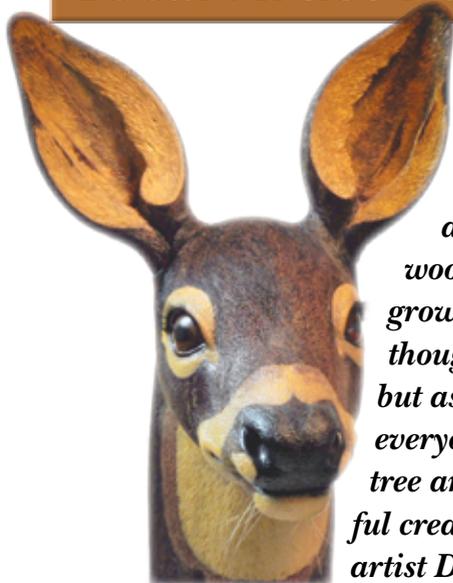
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## Local Artist Dan Heffron ~ Our Prize in ArtPrize



*No, the deer is not real. Well—it's real—but not 'walking around in the woods' real. It did grow in the woods, though, not as a deer but as a tree. Not everyone can look at a tree and see this beautiful creature, but local artist Dan Heffron can.*

Dan will be heading to the world-renowned "ArtPrize" held in Grand Rapids September 24 through October 12. The theme for his 2014 exhibit is called 'Poseidon's Paradise' and will include 19-20 pieces of sea-life.

"If you think you're going to win ArtPrize, you better plan two years," Dan said. This will be his second time with an entry. And if his first entry that took 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 3-D category is any indication, he may be looking at a 1<sup>st</sup> place this year.

In 2012, Dan entered his wood sculpture of the endangered Guadalupe fur seal entitled 'Life in Wood.' "I saw a photo in Time magazine of this seal grooming itself," Dan explained. "So I did some research and found out that it was nearly extinct in the 50s and early 60s; there were only 14 left.

"I have a passion for endangered species," Dan said. "In my research, I also found out this seal has the third most dense fur on the planet. I knew it would require intricate carving."

Through his passion, study, and skill, Dan brings animals to life in wood. "Nature inspires me so I take a lot of walks in the woods," he said. "But a good photo is permanent. It's like a 3-D blueprint."

And there may be something about that 3-D aspect, as Dan was diagnosed with 3-D dyslexia at a young age. "When I look at a picture it pops off the page," Dan explained. "I think this allows me to do what I do."

Dan's love of wood related art began when he was just 8 years old. He received a knife and wood burning kit for his birthday. "After one hour, I had burned and cut myself," Dan laughed. "But that didn't matter; I was hooked.

"Even today, when I take a burning rod to a piece of wood, it still makes the hair stand up on the back of my neck!"

Growing up, Dan was inspired by family and a favorite teacher in guess what class? Yep—wood shop. He went in the service, then after, took some time to find himself. So with his art supplies in a nick-shift pack out of drafting board, Dan left the Detroit area for Colorado, on a bike, by himself.

I'd say he found himself, and then some. Dan makes his own tools and explained that with any tool, you



have to know how to use it. The colors that you see in his work are not paint, but created with burning different hues using the temperature controls. The one exception is the color white where he uses an application of crazy glue and baking soda.

His favorite wood used to be black walnut until he became allergic. "I chose life," he laughed, and now has a passion for cherry burls. He does not use maple because of its density. Ninety percent of the wood he works on is his own, collecting odd pieces even if he doesn't have anything in mind when he sees it. "I'll go down a lot of old two-tracks, but always get permission before doing so."

Dan's shop is in Manton and was set up specifically to carve for Art Prize. He works no less than 10 hours per day and tries to keep himself to 14 hours at the most. "I've been a starving artist for all my life," he said. "If someone were to cut off my hands, I'd carve with my teeth."

When I asked if he had any advice for aspiring artists, he was quick to respond, "If the art is in you, it will come out, and don't stop until it does."

To our local artist and possible next winner of ArtPrize, we hope you never stop. ✦



## ARTPRIZE

September 24 ~ October 12

### ROUND 1 VOTING

Round 1 opens at Noon on September 24 and goes until 11:59 p.m. on October 4

### ROUND 2 VOTING

Round 2 begins directly after the Public Vote. Finalists Announcement on October 5 and goes until October 9 at 11:59 p.m.

### HOW TO VOTE

**Option 1:** Register in person at the Artprize HUB, any exhibition center, or voting site and present a government-issued photo ID.

**Option 2:** Skip the lines and use the free ArtPrize app! Here's how:

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by Paul Salvatore

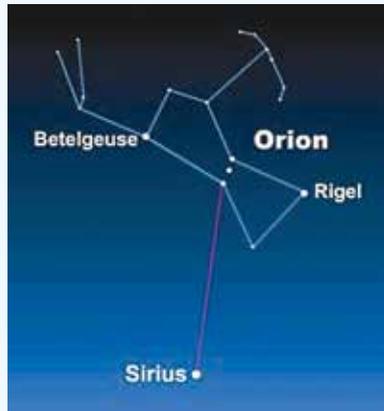
## Dog Days of Summer

*I grew up in Oakland County.* It was a great place to be a kid with undeveloped areas around the numerous lakes. In the summer, we would spend the entire day outside: building forts, collecting bugs and turtles, and of course swimming—lots of swimming. We also would set up tents in the back yard and “camp.” Granted we were close so mom could keep an eye on us, but it was our big adventure!

Getting set up for camp is when I first heard the term “Dog Days of Summer.” My mom would tell us, “You won’t need all that,” referring to the heavy sleeping bag and blankets we were packing. “These are the dog days of summer boys; it will be plenty hot.” As a kid we always thought this meant that it was so hot our dogs would pant relentlessly, which they did. It wasn’t until later, at school, when I learned the phrase actually dates back to the days of ancient Rome. The Romans called the first week of July through mid-August “Caniculares dies” or “days of the dog.” It is thought the Romans were the first to coin the phrase and it only refers to the later part of the summer; but why dogs?

If you like astronomy, like I do, the explanation is pretty cool. I’m sure you have heard of the constellation called Orion. Orion is also referred to as “The Hunter.” Its nearby constellation is called Canis Major, which is Latin for “greater dog.” According to mythology, Canis Major is one of Orion’s hunting dogs.

- Located in the constellation Canis Major is a brilliant
  - star called Sirius, or the “Dog Star.” Second only to our
  - sun, Sirius is the brightest star visible from the earth. It is
  - a brilliant blue-white star and its name
  - comes from the Greek word “searing.”
- Sirius was so bright astronomers could easily track it. In April and May, the star was visible in the southwest sky. By mid-summer it would rise and set with our sun so it got “lost” in the daytime sky. However, the ancient astronomers knew that the “dog star” was still up shining with our sun during the hottest time of the year in the northern hemisphere. They deduced that since Sirius was so bright and lined up with the sun it must



be contributing to the heat and thus producing the hottest time of the year for the folks north of the equator, thus, the “dog days.”

So, does Sirius contribute to the “dog days of summer”? While Sirius is a bright star, the energy it generates does not warm the earth; it is simply too far away.

This August, at a time that would typically be our “dog days,” we were unseasonably

- cool. This was due primarily from the dipping of the jet
- stream and the still cold water in the big lakes. Not to
- worry though, as September can still produce some hot
- sticky days. The “dog days” may just be late this year.
- When the kids have one of their last camping adventures
- for the year, have them look into the night sky and
- find Orion and Sirius. As we head into fall, we can still see
- the dog in the stars and think of summer days to come. ✦

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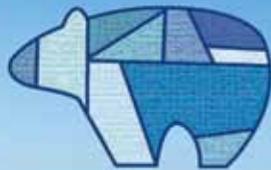
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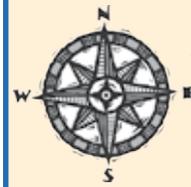
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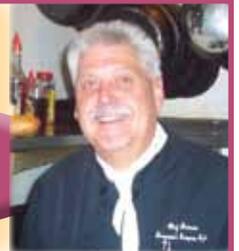


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Crooked Lake is a wonderful natural resource for Missaukee County. It is a great family campground: small enough to create life-long relationships with fellow campers, and big enough for some super adventures.

This 60-acre wooded campground has 600 feet of lake shore on the 490-acre all-sports lake. It is a first come first serve, except for the cabin. There's also a pavilion for campers to use and is available to rent for family gatherings. The playground is right next to the pavilion so the kids are busy while you're grilling.

You could say this is still a hidden gem, and the seasonal campers are happy to have it this way. "I love the fishing here, but don't tell everybody," joked Bob Hess. Bob and his wife Karen, from Milan (just north of Toledo), have made Crooked Lake their summer home for the past ten years.

Bob leaves his boat ready to go—and he went as soon as we finished talking!



That's one of the beauties of a site by the shore; you can tie or moor your boat and see it from the camper window. And there's no extra fee.

Along with seasonal neighbors that include family and life-long friends, Bob and Karen enjoy group cookouts as well as outings to local restaurants. "We hit them all in town," Bob said. In the mornings, they enjoy "dog and coffee walks" through the campground with their dog Izzy. Though they will be pulling their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel south in September, Bob said "Oh,

yeah. We'll be back for many years to come."

A little closer to home, the Scudder family from Cadillac may hold the record on camping at Crooked Lake.

"Forty-two years we've camped here," said Jacki Scudder. She and her husband Tom both laughed and said it just dawned on them this will be the first year they've camped without kids for the entire time. Tom is recuperating from an accident so they're staying a month instead of the original plan of four days. "It's nice to be close to home so we can keep appointments," Jacki said.

Their time with kids included grandchildren Kaelah (12 years old), Emma (8 years old), and Ethan (7 years old). Their favorite things to do, besides keeping an eye on grandpa, are swimming, fishing, "and not having to

*(continued)*



take a nap,” said Ethan. “The water is so nice here,” Kaelah chimed. “This year it’s a little bit colder, but I’m OK with cold!”

“We’ve worked all our lives for this and we don’t want the grandkids to miss out,” Jacki said. “Camping here is great. Plus—the hosts are so nice. We’ll be back every year we can.”

I’ll second that comment of “nice” for first-year camp hosts Pam and John Niebrzydowski. “We have always loved camping,” Pam said. “When the opportunity came to be out here for the whole summer, we wanted to see what it was like to be on the other side of the fence.”

Pam and John live close by near downtown Lake City, but they are on the grounds 24/7. “Our job is not to vacation with the campers but to make sure they enjoy themselves.

“It’s nice when people tell us how clean it is,” Pam said. “And it’s really nice to watch the big



family gatherings. There was one family where the grandma had her apron on and was baking for the kids. It was really cool to see.”

Something I thought was really cool to see was a recycling station at the host campsite. “It was really simple,” Pam shared. “I recycle here and at home, and thought, ‘hey,’ I could be taking a lot more than this.” With help from the Missaukee Conservation District’s recycling center, Pam has marked containers in front of their camper. “Everyone cooperates,” Pam said. “And it really catches on. We’ll have families who have never recycled before and they start here.”

Crooked Lake will be open until October 15, so there’s still time to enjoy the great walking trails and lakeside campsites. For more information, see their directory listing on pages 30-31.

Don’t tell everyone, but be sure to get here yourself! ✦

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## Bellaire • [bellairechamber.com](http://bellairechamber.com)

Harvest Festival & Scarecrow Extravaganza • September 27

## Cadillac • [cadillacmichigan.com](http://cadillacmichigan.com)

Farmers Market • Tuesdays and Fridays 8-4:30  
 Cadillac Made in Michigan Market • Thursdays 8-1  
 Wexford-Missaukee Child Protection Safety Expo • Sept. 11, 4 - 7 pm

## Grand Rapids • [experiencegr.com/Artprize](http://experiencegr.com/Artprize)

Dan Heffron at Show: See page 23! • September 24 - October 12

## Interlochen • [interlochenchamber.org](http://interlochenchamber.org)

Autumn Festival and Art Hop • September 20 • 10 am - 12 pm

## Lake City • [lakecitymich.com](http://lakecitymich.com)

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## Harbor Springs • [harborspringschamber.com](http://harborspringschamber.com)

Taste of Harbor Springs • September 20 • Noon - 3 pm

## Hart • [thinkdunes.com](http://thinkdunes.com)

Silver Lake Sand Dunes Apple & BBQ Cook off • September 12-13  
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## Mackinaw City • [mackinawchamber.com](http://mackinawchamber.com)

Mackinac Bridge Walk • September 1  
 Big Truck Show and Parade of Lights • September 13

## Manistee • [visitmanisteecounty.com](http://visitmanisteecounty.com)

Hops & Props on the River • September 12-14  
 Craft beers and wooden boat parade

## Manton • [mantonmichigan.org](http://mantonmichigan.org)

Harvest Festival • August 29 - September 1 • Parade Monday at 10 am  
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## Pentwater • [pentwater.org](http://pentwater.org)

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Roscommon Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival • September 18-21  
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## Traverse City • [www.traversecity.com](http://www.traversecity.com)

Taste of Traverse City • September 29-31  
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## Scottville • [cityofscottville.com](http://cityofscottville.com)

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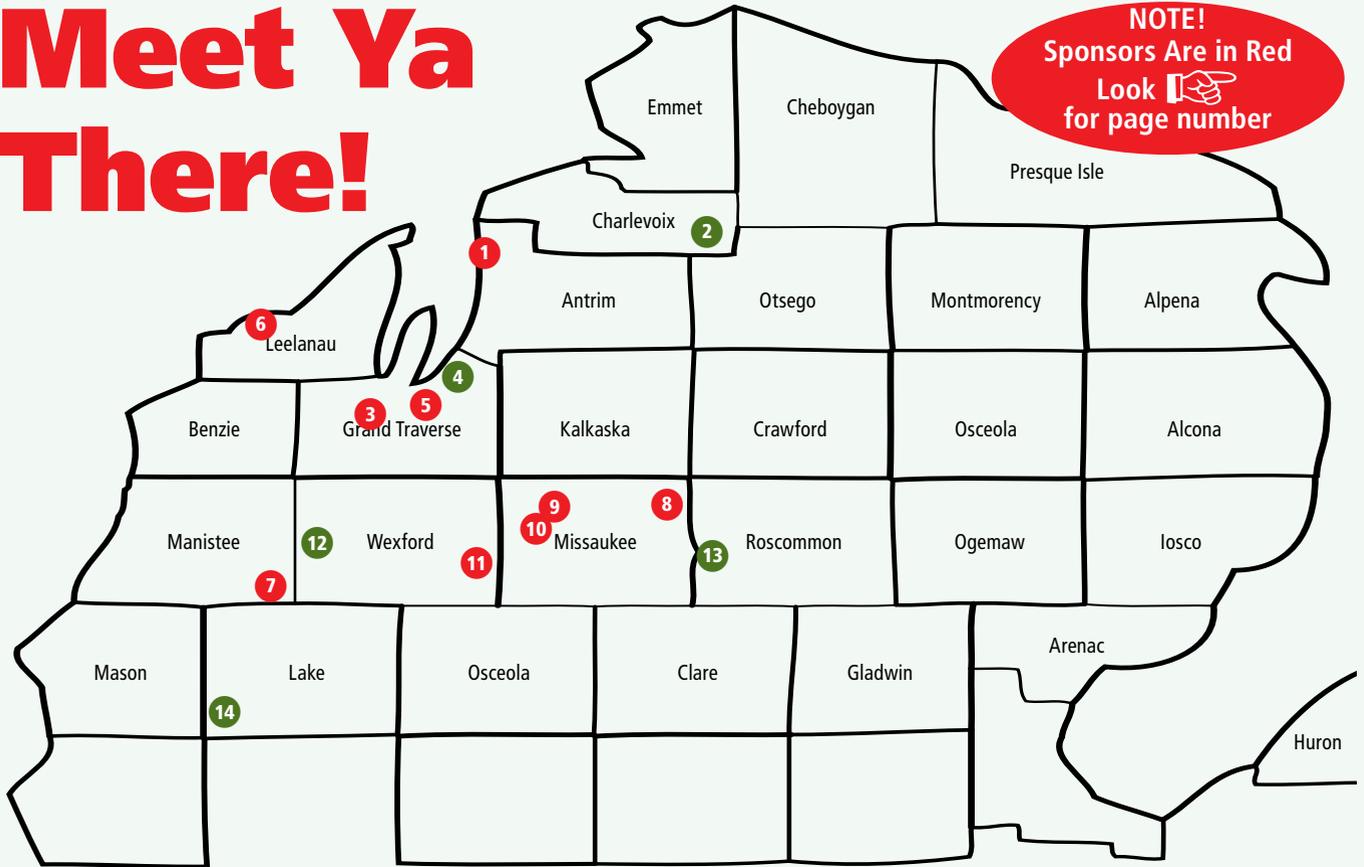
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12298 Barnes Park Rd., East Port, MI 49627

Total Sites ..... 76  
Rustic ..... 14  
Pull Through ..... 2  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes



## MANISTEE COUNTY

**7 TWIN OAKS CAMPGROUND & CABINS** (pg. 2)

231-848-4124 • [www.twinoakscamping.com](http://www.twinoakscamping.com)  
233 Moss Rd., Wellston, MI 49689

Total Sites ..... 78  
Seasonal ..... 21  
Full Hook-Up ..... 18  
Rustic ..... 26  
Pull Through ..... 4  
Season .... All Year  
Reservation ..... Yes



## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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2930 Magee Rd., Boyne Falls, MI 49713

Total Sites ..... 76  
Full Hook-Up... Yes  
Rustic ..... Yes  
Pull Through ... Yes  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes



## MISSAUKEE COUNTY

**8 BEN D. JEFFS RIVER PARK** (pg. 2)

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South Side Crooked Lake, Lake City, MI 49651

Total Sites ..... 53  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Electric ..... 35  
Rustic ..... 17  
Cabin ..... 1  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... No



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Total Sites ..... 50  
*(Seasonal Sites Avail.)*  
Pull Through ..... 5  
Rustic ..... Yes  
*(Mobile Service)*  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes



**10 MISSAUKEE LAKE CAMPGROUND/PARK** (pg. 2)

231-839-4945 • [missaukee.org/departments/parks](http://missaukee.org/departments/parks)  
105 Canal St., Lake City, MI 49651

Total Sites ..... 121  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Full Hook Up ..... 96  
Electric ..... 21  
Cabin ..... 4  
Season .... May-Oct  
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Seasonal ..... Yes  
Full Hook Up... Yes  
Pull Through ... Yes  
Season .... All Year  
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## ROSCOMMON COUNTY

**13 HOUGHTON LAKE TRAVEL PARK**

989-422-3931 • [houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com](http://houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com)  
370 Cloverleaf Ln., Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Total Sites ..... 83  
Seasonal ..... 33  
Hook-Up ... 15/Full, 23/WE  
Rustic ..... 9  
Pull Through ..... 71  
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## LAKE COUNTY

**14 PERE MARQUETTE CAMPGROUND**

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11713 W. 40<sup>th</sup> St., Branch, MI 49402

Total Sites ..... 45  
Seasonal ..... 10  
Full Hook-Up ..... 2  
Rustic ..... 12  
Season ... May-Sept  
Reservation ..... Yes



## WEXFORD COUNTY

**11 CAMP CADILLAC CAMPGROUND** (pg. 2)

231-775-9724 • [www.campcadillac.com](http://www.campcadillac.com)  
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Full Hook-Up ..... 35  
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Pull Through ..... 9  
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Full Hook-Up ..... 43  
Pull Through ..... 8  
Cabin ..... 2  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes



**12 NORTHERN EXPOSURE CAMPGROUND**

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285 Manistee River Dr., Mesick, MI 49668

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Seasonal ..... 80  
Full Hook-Up ..... NA  
Rustic ..... 42  
Pull Through ..... 21  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes



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**Gary Bailey, Sr.**  
*ePro, AS, Broker/Owner*



**Reed City - TNC14047440 - \$39,500**  
2 bdrm, 1 bth home with double lot. New roof, floor coverings, paint, and electrical service.



**Luther - TNC14010495 - \$39,900**  
2 bdrm, 1 bth, cottage; 1.5 garage, open floor plan, home warranty. Less than 500' from Little Manistee River and 1/4 mile from Manistee National Forest.



**Hersey - TNC14037903 - \$49,900**  
Remodeled 2 BDR cottage on Muskegon River. Partially wooded lot to make home secluded from road. Deck facing river to enjoy tranquil days enjoying the river and the wildlife.



**Reed City - TNC14042865 - \$52,500**  
Wooded 10 acre parcel with 2 bdrm, 1 bth, manufactured home with 2 additions, nice size deck, ramp, 1 stall garage, storage shed and a paved drive.



**Reed City - TNC14022868 - \$79,900**  
On Austin Lake, 64' frontage; 1,728' living space including full basement w/ bedroom & kitchenette. Renovated w/ walkout basement, patio hardwood floors!



**Luther - TNC13037585 - \$17,500**  
5 Acres of prime land next to state land & Tin Cup Trail Head. Step out your door, hop on your ORV and ride the trails. Once in a lifetime find!



**Baldwin - TNC14012394 - \$27,000**  
100% wooded 10 acre parcel w/ 2 road frontages, electricity. Great location for hunting camp, new home, close to ORV & snowmobile trails and state land.



**Reed City - TNC14035720 - \$29,900**  
16.5 Acres 1 mile north of Reed City ready for new home. Open fields and wooded areas make it a great spot to hunt or simply enjoy nature.

**NO ADMINISTRATION FEES WHEN YOU LIST WITH US!**