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Hey everyone!

Another season bites the proverbial dust. But I did have some firsts this season that were pretty cool.

- **Went kayaking on Lake Superior—in May!** It was a little cold and the thunderstorm that came in while stopping to look for rocks in a cave was a little unnerving, but as Jeff said, who cares? We had cheese, crackers, beer and of course—more time to pick rocks!



- **Planted tomatoes—and still growing!** When I realized I was watering these plants and it was October 1, that seemed a little weird. Some are still green, so I'm planning on doing some canning (another first). Check out the great brine and cobbler recipes for green tomatoes on [page 10](#).



- **Last but not least, I found another passion besides rocks; walking sticks!** It had been a long time since I had the chance to interview and write. But when I happened upon Chuck Stone working on his sticks, I was hooked. [See page 5](#) for the rest of the story.

So what happened to you this camping season? We'd love to hear from you, so please stay in touch until the next *Camper* comes out in spring of 2018. Thanks again to all our readers and sponsors. You make this happen!

~ Cheers and God Bless, Kathy

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Cover ~ Karen & Chuck Stone show us two of their favorite walking sticks. For the rest of the story, "Artisan of the Walking Stick," turn to page 5.

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Artisan of the Walking Stick

Have you ever taken a hike and sought out a stick in the woods to walk with? You pick it up and maybe brush a little of the dirt off, get it in your grip, and then plant it back and forth with your stride. Or maybe you're an avid hiker and have the latest trekking poles because they enhance your stability and give added support on different terrain.

According to Chuck Stone, artisan of the walking stick, it can be more personal—a feeling. At the various art shows in which he participates, “People usually have to touch each stick and grip it. Some will go away for about an hour and return knowing exactly which stick they want.”

Chuck's process of making walking sticks, self-taught over the past ten years, goes something like this.

THE SEARCH AND THE WOOD

About 25 percent of the time that goes into a walking stick is looking for it. Often you search in areas that are not the common trek in the woods. You are in long sleeves and pants and you may have to dig in the mud. And sometimes the mud smells pretty bad.

Regarding the type of wood, Chuck's three go-to sticks are made from:

- **Diamond Willow**, indicative of its name with diamond shaped indentions in the wood, he finds in swampy areas in Michigan.
- **Unknown wood**, or as Chuck's wife Karen would say, “pretty wood,” that often has vines growing around the stick. He finds this in the thick brush and deep in the woods in South Carolina or Georgia.

- **Red Cedar**, another indicative of its name, he finds along the sides of waterways in Florida. In this case he might see the eye of an alligator staring him down.

“When you're looking, it's like gold mining,” Chuck says. “I always have my eyes searching while out on the hunt. The exhilaration of finding a stick is like a child finding his hidden Easter basket.”

For the Diamond Willow—if lucky—Chuck will find Willow bushes close to the road. They can grow up to 14 feet high and the main sprigs are what you use for the sticks. If you really hit gold, a clump of sprigs will bare many sticks.

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Artisan of the Walking Stick

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The interesting thing about the Willows and their diamond shape holes is that they're actually formed by a fungus—*Valsa sordida*. If you do a search on this genus, **Freedictionary.com** does a redirect to Diamond Willow: “Wood that may come from any species of willow and has a diamond pattern in the grain, used for making walking sticks, table lamps, etc.”

If you're lucky enough to find a lot of sticks in one trip, you have to strategize. You can't carry them all back at once. And the sticks you leave to come back for—well—you have to remember where they are, and many times you don't.

Chuck's last collection of 60 sticks was like finding buried treasure. It took five trips totaling about twenty hours. That beats some of his other hunts where it took four hours just to find one stick.

TOOLS AND FIRST STEPS

His tools consist of a sawzall, a knife, an angle grinder, an orbital sander, a motorized Master Carver with various tips, and a whole lot of sand paper.

Chuck has a great garage (who said the cars need to be there since his is full of his “sticking stuff”?). He puts a tarp on the floor and lays all the sticks out. Then one by one, he peels the bark. That's when you can really start to see what



kind of treasure you have.

“I learned not to take all of the bark off,” Chuck says. “It's different with each stick, but leaving part of the bark untouched is what makes the color and pattern vary.”

After removing the bark, each stick is wrapped carefully in plastic wrap. They're all dated and stay wrapped for a minimum of five months. This wrap helps the process in a few ways.

It keeps the stick from cracking. It also causes the wood to spalt—or changes the natural color of the wood. **Yourdictionary.com** gives a visual definition:

“Spalted wood is that which has been cut from a naturally cured, dead, or dying hardwood tree whose wood is normally light in color (such as pecan), and which exhibits patterns of dark stain (crazed) lines and splotches caused by microorganisms and/or fungus.”

The spalting, along with the type of wood Chuck uses, is part of what makes these walking sticks unique. And if the stick is a little crooked, no problem! The wood is flexible enough at this point to put in Chuck's self-made wood straightener, also known as a ladder.

TRIAL AND ERROR

That Chuck—he's right on with his tricks of the trade! But humbly, he'll tell you that he learned all this from trial and error.

“My dad dabbled in it and that's what got me started,” Chuck says. “I made my first walking sticks in 2007, but didn't do anything with them for the first couple of years. It was just a passionate hobby—and still is.”

It's quite a hobby for a man who had quite a career in the air force. Chuck is a retired Chief Master Sergeant with 26 years of service including two tours in Vietnam. Now 74,





he'll tell you his hobby can be a bit addictive as he spends hours working on each stick. When Chuck realizes he's in a daze and can't remember what step he's on, he knows it's time to take a break.

Chuck laughs as he says, "Even today, some people will take a look at a finished stick and say to me, 'Oh, I can do that.'"

He will politely tell them to go ahead. But he knows what he's learned from each stick he's found and each process he's tried.

THE UNWRAPPING

Back to that process: after the five months of being wrapped, it's time to remove the plastic. Chuck shared, "You never know what beautiful colors you will see until the plastic comes off. At that time, you start seeing what is underneath and the beauty that is there."

The colors will vary from the spalting. The bark that was left will also add to the contrast of light and dark. And the "pretty wood" where some of the vine was left will leave a colored swirl in the stick and usually has embedded itself in the wood.

CARVING, SANDING AND OILING

For the Diamond Willow, he cleans out the diamond shaped holes with the Master Carver using various tips. On all wood he'll grind down the stick, if needed, with the angle grinder. Next comes the sanding, starting with 80 and going through 320 on the orbital sander. Again comes more sanding, now by hand, starting at 320 and finally going over with 0000 steel wool.

All that sanding creates an awful lot of sawdust. So Chuck's next step is to blow the sticks off with a compressor then use a tack cloth to make sure he hasn't missed any.

Once he's sure the stick is clean, Chuck will apply a first coat of tung oil and hang upside down to dry for a minimum of four hours. And just in case you didn't know what tung oil is (like myself who was going to spell it tongue), a good description comes from Wikipedia.com: "*A drying oil obtained by pressing the seed from the nut of the tung tree (Vernicia fordii).*"

Tung oil hardens upon exposure to air, and the resulting coating is transparent and has a deep, almost wet look."

From unwrapping, to sanding, to oiling, to hanging, this takes most of the day. But Chuck's not done yet. He goes through most of this process, with a little less sanding, two to three more times, depending on the wood. And he'll tell you, "There's no way to do this any quicker."

THE FUNCTIONAL, FINAL TOUCH

So after about six months, what once was a stick of wood Chuck has transformed into a beautifully crafted piece of art. But to make this art functional, there is one more step. The end of the stick is given a last cut to be sure it's straight and a decent height, and the rubber tip is glued with industrial adhesive. The tip is then trimmed to perfection with a utility blade.

Voilà!—which from the Cambridge dictionary reads, "*An exclamation used when showing other people something that you have just made and are pleased with.*"

Undoubtedly, there are many who are pleased with Chuck's sticks. When he took his craft to the Clare Flea Market in 2009, one of the vendors told him, "You shouldn't be here, man; that is art."

Since then, Chuck and Karen ventured into northern Michigan's art festivals under the name '*Chux Stix*', with Frankfort being their constant. They have also participated in Traverse City, Pentwater and Holland.

"About 80 percent of the people really do use them for walking," Karen said. "It was nice this year in Frankfort and Traverse City to have so many people stop by just to tell us how happy they are with their sticks and how much they are using them."

That's nice to hear, especially for Chuck, who puts so much of his passion into making them. "The five or so months that they're wrapped is not down time for me," Chuck said. "I spend that time thinking about how they are going to turn out."

Chuck must be thinking grand thoughts. Just look at those sticks!

TAKE A HIKE

So as you venture on your color walks this fall and grab that stick, think about Chuck and his sticks. Look at what you have in your hand closely. You may have more insight now for that piece of wood and the artisan who can make it a true walking stick. †



QUILTING CAMPERS

by Dawn Paulin

2017 CAMPER MYSTERY QUILT (PART 5)

Sew, how are you doing? I do hope that you like your finished product at the end of this edition. I am really liking this, although I must say it isn't like anything I have done before. It is always good to expand your horizons though! Make sure to send me pictures of your project. Shall we get started on this last part? And just a repeat of my usual: maintain an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press your seams OPEN.

To the unit that started with Sangria add the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $27\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Slate Blue to the top and the two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $25\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces to each side. Continuing in this manner and with this block, add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $29\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $27\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Teal to the top and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $35\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $30\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $39\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Shamrock to the top and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $31\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $41\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $45\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Evergreen to the top and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $34\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to each side; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $47\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $36\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the RIGHT SIDE ONLY. Set this aside for now.

To the unit that started with the Tangerine, add the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $27\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Evergreen to the top and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $25\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the RIGHT. On the left you will add the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ " piece starting even with the top—there will be 3" that will not match at the bottom and you will stop stitching 3" up from there, leaving a 6" tail (see photo).



Continuing with this block, add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $29\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top, a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $27\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $30\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Shamrock to the top, a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $31\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $35\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top, a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $30\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $39\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Teal to the top, a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $31\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $34\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $41\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top, a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $36\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $45\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Slate Blue to the top, a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $34\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the right, and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $37\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left; add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $47\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Snow to the top and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $36\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the RIGHT SIDE ONLY.

You now have just four seams to finish. Order is important because of that partial seam we have left. In addition to written instructions, I have a few drawings, and they do help to make sure the right seams match-up. If you want to see them, e-mail dawn@northerncamper.com.



Attach the block containing the Tangerine/Honey from Part 3/4 to the block containing the Tangerine that we just finished (turn this block one-quarter turn clockwise) along the bottom (now the left) of this most-recently completed block. Next, attach the block with the Sangria/Red (turning it upside down) to the new top-right of this same block. Now you will add the block that we finished earlier (turning it one-quarter turn counterclockwise) to the right side of the last one. Lastly, complete the seam containing the partial seam. All done!

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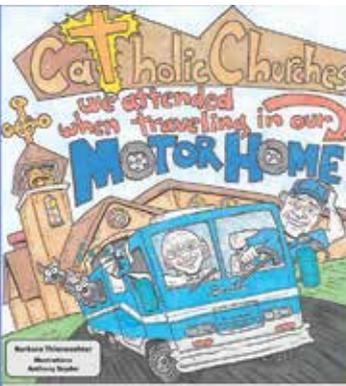
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- ½ C Heavy Cream
- ¼ C Milk
- 1/4 C Parmesan Cheese
- Salt & Pepper
- Red Pepper Flakes

NACHOS

- 1 Bag Tortilla Chips
- ½ C Cream Sauce
- ¼ C Onion, diced
- ½ C Pepperoni, cut into quarters
- ½ C Black Olives, sliced
- ½ Bell Pepper, diced
- 2 Green Onions, sliced
- 1 C Colby-Jack Cheese, Shredded

Sauce – Melt butter and olive oil in sauce pan. Once melted, add garlic. Stir. Add in cream and milk. Stir until it comes to a boil. Add salt, pepper, red pepper flakes, and cheese. Stir until sauce has thickened. Once it has thickened, remove from fire and set aside.

Nachos – Grab cast iron skillet and add tortilla chips. Drizzle cream sauce over chips. Top with onions, pepperoni, olives, bell pepper, and cheese. Layer it between tortilla chips so every bit gets toppings. Place over open fire and cover. Cook until cheese is bubbly and veggies are warm, about 5-8 minutes.

~ cookingwithjanica.com

GREEN TOMATO BRINE

- 1 lb firm, green tomatoes

BRINE

- 1 c distilled white vinegar
- 1 1/4 c water (we use our well water, my sister told me if you have chlorinated city water you may want to use bottled)
- 3 tablespoons Kosher salt

JAR PACK

- 1/2 serrano chile, stem removed (I have substituted dried red pepper flakes to heat preference)
- 6 medium garlic cloves, peeled and halved
- 4 tablespoons dill seed
- 1/2 tablespoon whole black peppercorns

BRINE: Combine vinegar, water and salt in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Stir until salt is fully dissolved.

JAR PACK: Combine all dry ingredients and divide them equally between sterilized jars. Then divide garlic and chile pepper (if using) equally as well. Quarter fully washed tomatoes. Cut out stems and any blemishes. Pack jars with the tomatoes, leaving 1/2 to 3/4 inch head space. Pour brine over tomatoes filling jars to 1/4 inch of the top. Wipe tops of the jar and cover. Age for at least 2 days in the refrigerator.

We have tried carrots, celery, cauliflower, asparagus, and green beans in this brine and all have turned out delicious! I believe any firm veggie would be good in it.

This makes enough for about 2 quarts or 4 pints. The recipe easily doubles/triples/quadruples AS LONG as you measure ingredients exactly. I accidentally over did the salt once on some asparagus and almost pickled myself eating it :D

~ Angie Brown, Lansing

HOBO POPCORN

- Popcorn
- Oil
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- Stick

In the middle of a large piece of foil (18" x 18"), place one teaspoon oil and one tablespoon popcorn. Bring foil corners together to make pouch. Secure edges of foil, but leave plenty of room for popcorn to pop. Tie the pouch to a stick, and hold the pouch over hot coals. Shake constantly until all the popcorn has popped. Add butter and salt to taste.

~ Submitted by Renee Fehr, Iron Mountain

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SAVORY GREEN TOMATO COBBLER

FILLING

- 3 lbs green tomatoes, or about 5 cups
- 1 large yellow onion
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 Tsp cumin
- 1/2 Tsp salt
- pinch chili flakes
- 2 Tbsp flour

BISCUIT TOPPING

- 2 cups flour
- 2 Tsp baking soda
- 1 Tsp baking powder
- 1/2 Tsp salt
- 1 stick cold butter
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 jalapeno, diced
- 1 1/4 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp cornmeal
- extra grated cheese

Preheat oven to 375. Cut onion in half and cut into thin slice. Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Cook onions until caramelized. Remove from heat and transfer to large mixing bowl to cool. Remove stems on tomatoes, cut into large chunks and add to bowl along with remaining filling ingredients. Gently stir mixture without squishing tomatoes. Pour into 9" square casserole dish.

Biscuits – mix dry ingredients. Cut butter into tiny bits, add to flour. Work butter into mixture until it forms crumbles of dough. Add cheese & diced jalapenos. Add milk, stir to combine. Add more milk if needed - texture should be fairly sticky and not very formable.

Drop 1/2 cup dollops of dough on top of tomato mixture (about 9 drop-biscuits). Allow a little space in between each biscuit for room to spread. Top each biscuit with a sprinkle of cheese and dusting of cornmeal. If you have extra dough, do not cram onto cobbler. Make a few on a lined baking sheet (about 25 minutes in the oven).

Bake 45-60 minutes, or until tomatoes are clearly bubbling and biscuits are browned. let cool 10 minutes before serving. Excellent with fried egg or green salad!

~ *drumbeets.com*

OVEN SMOKED FISH

- Fish fillet
- 4 oz. liquid smoke
- Salt, Pepper

Place fish in bowl; pour in liquid smoke. Coat fish with salt & pepper. Cover bowl; place in fridge for 8 hours. Heat oven to 150°. Remove fish from bowl & rinse. Spray cooling rack with nonstick spray; place fish on rack. Bake 8 hours. Crack oven to keep fish from steaming. Remove fish when it looks opaque & is 130-145°.

~ Submitted by JoAnn Treiber, Manton

APPLE CHEDDAR POTATO GRANOLA BARS

- 1 Medium-Sized Potato (or leftover mashed)
- 3/4 Cup Unsweetened Applesauce
- 2 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter, Melted
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 3 Cups Rolled Oats
- 1/2 Cup Roughly Chopped Pecans
- 1 Cup Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese

Boil potato and peel skin off. Mash potato.

Preheat oven to 375°. Stir 3/4 cup of mashed potato (use the rest however you wish), applesauce, butter, brown sugar, rolled oats, and pecans in a large bowl. Press mixture into an 8" square pan lined with parchment paper. Bake for 30 minutes or until oats on top are crispy. Remove from oven and evenly distribute shredded cheese over pan. Return to the oven for another five minutes. Cool to room temperature. Remove uncut bars from pan and cut into 12 bars. Place bars on parchment-lined cookie sheet and bake for another 25 minutes or until sides of the bars crisp up.

~ *Idaho Potato Commission*

TWICE BAKED POTATO CASSEROLE

- 6 medium potatoes, scrubbed
- 6 tablespoons Country Crock®
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup shredded gruyere, divided
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 4 slices bacon, cooked
- parsley or chives for garnish

Bake potatoes and let cool. Slice in half lengthwise and scoop out flesh of potatoes into bowl, leaving a small potato wall in skins. Run potatoes through ricer or masher to break into small pieces. Stir 2 tablespoons of Country Crock®, heavy cream, sour cream, 1/2 cup gruyere and a generous amount of salt and pepper. Mix until potatoes are creamy.

Arrange skins in a 9x13 casserole dish – fits about 6-8 skins. Fill with half the mash and use remaining amount to cover top. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon, 1/4 cup cheese and dot with 4 tablespoons of butter.

Place casserole in a 350° oven and bake for 20 minutes, turn heat to 375° and cook for additional 10 minutes. Garnish with either chopped parsley or chives.

~ *Idaho Potato Commission*

PUMPKIN PIE/CAKE

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix (save 1 cup for topping)
- 1/2 cup melted margarine
- 1 egg

Combine ingredients and press into greased 9x13 pan.

- 3 cups fresh pumpkin (or 1, 14 oz. can pie mix)
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk

Mix ingredients until smooth. Pour over cake.

- 1 cup cake mix
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup margarine, softened
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2/3 cup milk

Combine and sprinkle over filling. Bake 45-50 minutes at 350. Top with whipped cream.

~ Submitted by Evie Smith, Waterford

POTAWATOMI PUMPKIN BREAD

- 1-1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1-1/2 cups mashed or pureed cooked pumpkin
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup melted unsalted butter
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine flour, pumpkin, honey, butter, eggs, baking powder, spices & salt in large bowl. Stir in nuts & cranberries. Pour batter in 6x9 pan. Bake 1 hour; cool on baking rack. Top with whipped cream.

~ Submitted by Denise Connolly, Dublin

BUCKEYE BARS

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 22 vanilla wafers
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 4 oz. of whipped topping (frozen)
- 3 oz. of semi-sweet chocolate

Line 8" pan with foil. Beat butter & peanut butter. Add cookie crumbs; mix well. Beat in sugar. Press in bottom of pan. Microwave whipped topping & chocolate 1 min.; stir. Microwave 15-30 sec. or until chocolate melts; stir. Spread over peanut butter layer. Refrigerate 2 hours.

~ Submitted by Bessie Ball, Cadillac

APPLE SWEET & SOUR BRATS

- 1 32 oz. jar sauerkraut, rinsed & well-drained
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 tbs butter
- 1 large apple, cored and cubed
- 1 salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 12 bratwurst
- 2 tbs brown sugar

In large pan, simmer sauerkraut, applesauce and apple juice for 20 minutes. In large skillet, heat butter over medium heat; add onions and saute about 10 minutes. Add brown sugar and cook for 5 minutes. Add apple pieces and saute for 5 more minutes until apples are just tender. Add to sauerkraut along with cinnamon, salt and pepper. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Prepare a medium-hot fire. Grill bratwurst directly over fire, turning until evenly browned, about 5-7 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 160°.

~ Submitted by Ebels, Falmouth (courtesy Nat'l Pork Board)



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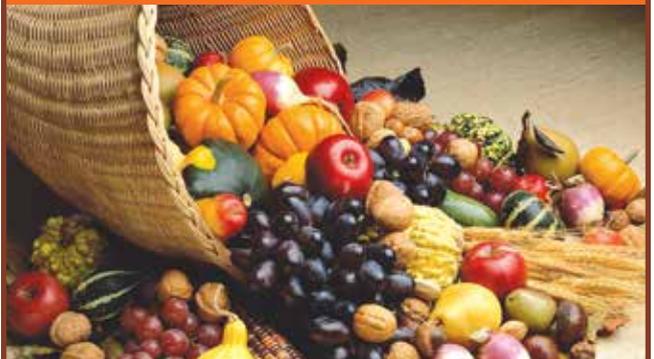
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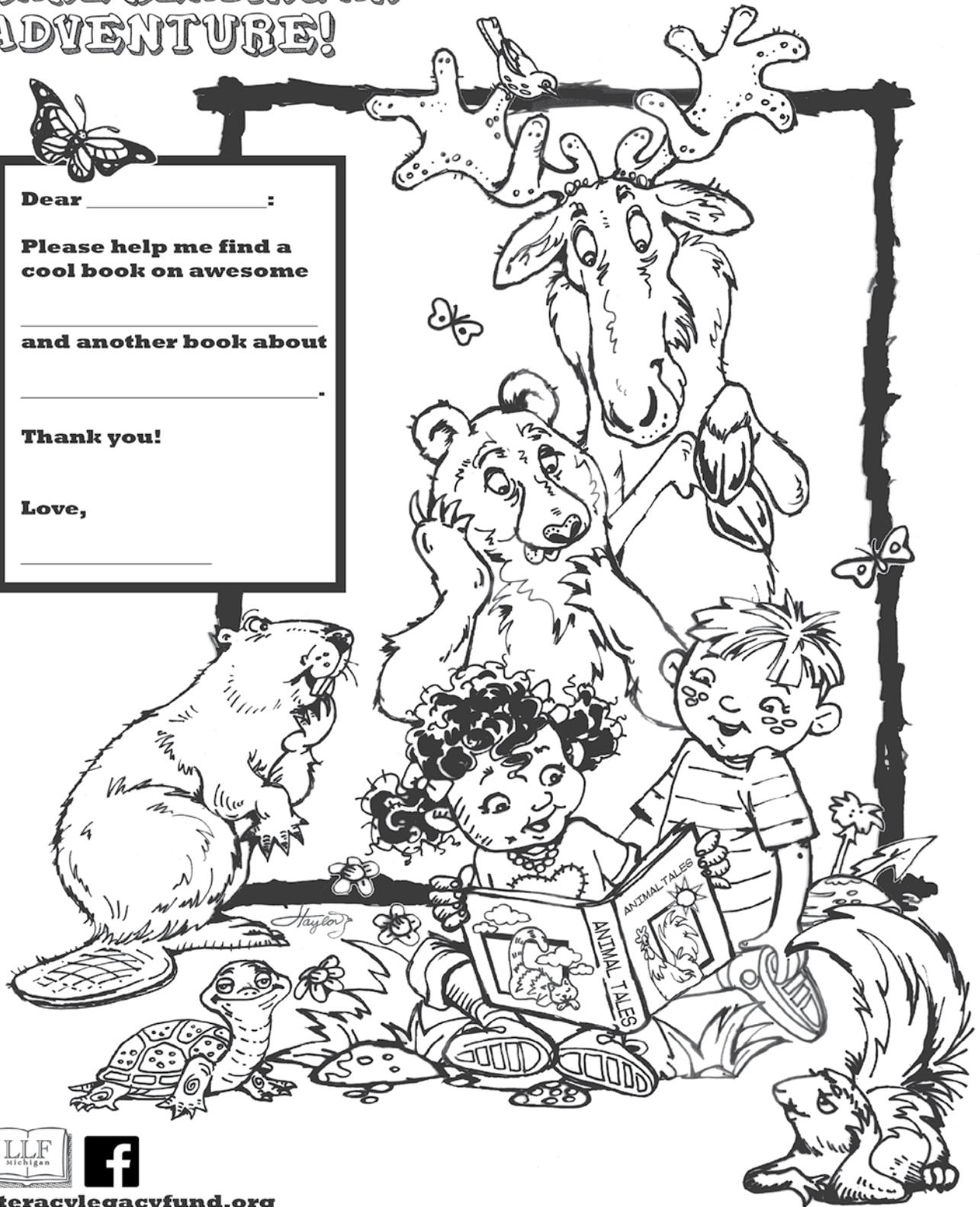
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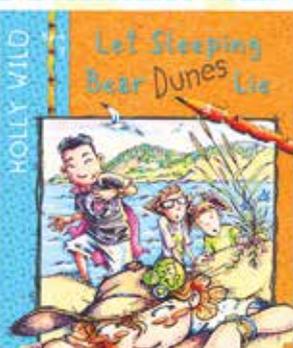
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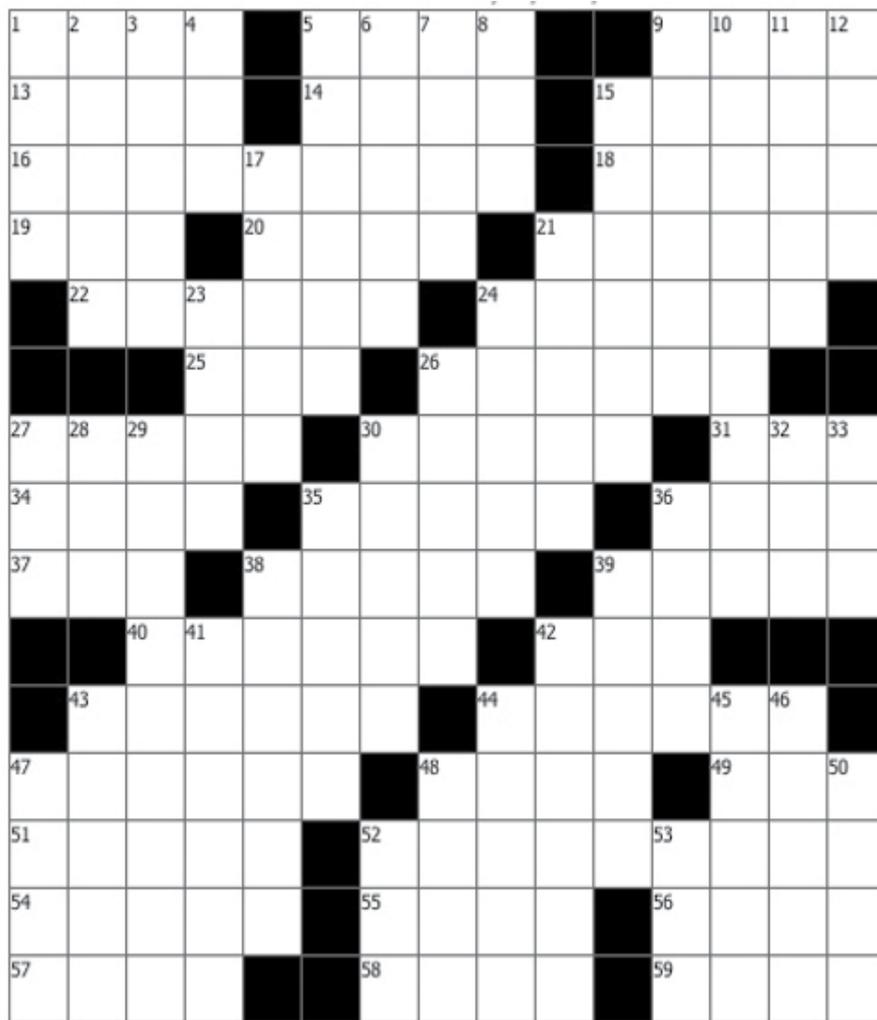
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Campground Critter

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Canada Goose

When I moved to Michigan in 1990, I had never really seen a Canada goose, at least not up close. The first time I saw a pair, swimming with three or four goslings between them, I thought they were amazing, and took a picture. Later, when I heard the honking sound they make, I was amazed that any living thing could make a noise like that. Still later, trying to avoid their droppings on the golf course, I decided that they were a nuisance, and wished that they would just go away. Since then, I've gotten used to watching out for goose poop when I walk, which is probably good thing, because it looks like the geese are here to stay.

Unless you just moved here from the tropics, you probably know what a Canada goose looks like: a grayish brown body with a long black neck and head, and a bright, white "chin strap." Canada geese are big birds, ranging from 30 to 42 inches in length (stretched out), with a wing span of 50 to 72 inches. Males, which are slightly larger than females, typically weigh from 6 to 14 pounds, averaging about 9 pounds.

Canada geese are native to North America, breeding in Canada and the northern United States, and migrating in winter to the southern US and northern Mexico. In the southern part of their breeding range, Canada geese often remain in the same place year-round. This non-migratory behavior is thought to be the result of an increase in food supplies and a lack of predators.

Canada geese live mainly on plants, although they sometimes eat small insects and fish. One of the plants they eat is ordinary grass. A goose eats grass by grasping a blade of grass with its



bill and tearing the blade with a jerk of its head. Canada geese also feed on aquatic plants, and in urban areas, they have been known to pick food out of garbage cans.

In their second year, Canada geese mate, usually for life. The female lays an average of five eggs, and both parents incubate the eggs, although the female spends more time at the nest than the male. The eggs hatch in about 26 days, and the goslings are able to walk, swim, and find their own food as soon as they hatch. The parents are protective of the goslings, first hissing at intruders, then attacking with bites and slaps of their wings. The goslings are ready to fly at between six and nine weeks of age, but they stay with their parents until their first spring migration, when they return to their birthplace.

Even though not all migrate, Canada geese are known for their seasonal migrations. Beginning in September, they begin flying south in the familiar V-formation, at an altitude of around 3,000 feet. As they fly, they are continually changing position, since the front position requires the most energy. This migration

will continue, with birds congregating in staging areas to join up with others, until early November.

Geese that reach adulthood can live anywhere from 10 to 24 years. Predators on the eggs and goslings include coyotes, foxes, raccoons, crows, and bears. Because of their size and aggressive behavior, healthy adult geese have few predators—except humans. Due to over-hunting and loss of habitat, Canada goose populations dropped dramatically in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Better wildlife management practices and reintroduction programs have resulted in rebounding populations since the 1960s.

These days, there is no shortage of geese. They have adapted so well to living in close contact with humans that in some areas, they are considered a nuisance. Not surprisingly, as large, common waterfowl, Canada geese are popular game birds. As to the flavor of the meat, opinions vary. Some people have compared it to a good cut of beef. Others have described them as "among the most inedible of birds."

As for my own experience, I've had goose, and I can say that it wasn't bad. I used to work with a man who was an avid goose hunter, and once he brought in strips of goose breast (he ate only the breasts) which he had wrapped in bacon, marinated in Italian dressing, and grilled. As I recall, these bacon-wrapped goose bits were actually pretty good. But that may say less about the taste of goose meat than the fact that just about anything tastes good with bacon. ✦

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Vegetation Station

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Diamond Willow

This month, my publisher said she was doing a feature on walking sticks, and asked me to write about diamond willows, from which the sticks are made. I was happy to oblige because I had never heard of a diamond willow, and was curious to find out just what it was.

Well, it turns out that the diamond willow isn't any one particular species of plant. It's just a willow that has developed a unique pattern in the wood (something like the bird's eye in bird's eye maple), and this can actually happen with several species of willow. But it appears that of these half dozen or so species, the one that lives in Michigan is the species *Salix bebbiana*, so that is the one I'll be writing about.

This species is also known as beaked willow, long beaked willow, Bebb's willow, and gray willow. It's found throughout southern and western Canada, and south into the US as far as New England, the Great Lakes region, and parts of the plains states. The plant itself is typically a large shrub or a small shrubby tree, and grows in wet places, such as swamps and marshes. The leaves are bluish-green, oval-shaped, and slightly pointed. They grow up to 5 inches long and 1.5 inches wide (although the ones I've seen are somewhat smaller). The bark is gray and rough.

Like all willows, *Salix bebbiana* is dioecious, meaning that the male and female flowers are found on different plants. Both male and female plants produce small, dangling catkins in early spring. The male catkins, which produce the pollen, look like the familiar pussy willows. The female catkins, which produce the seed, are like short, dangling pieces of chenille. The seeds, which are small and spherical, are covered with long, threadlike fibers, which help disperse them on the wind. These willows also spread from roots and by layering, where a branch touches the ground, sprouts roots, and a new plant is formed.

So, what is it that makes *Salix bebbiana* (and diamond willows in general) so special? The plants themselves certainly aren't much to look at. It's the diamond-shaped pat-

tern that forms in the wood of the trunks and branches that makes people trudge through swamps seeking them out. And not all plants of the species have this diamond-shaped pattern of growth. The pattern is caused by a fungus, *Valsa sordida*, which attacks the plant. The fungus typically attacks at the point where a branch joins main stem or

another branch. If the branch is small, it simply dies away. But if the branch is large enough to keep growing, the wood grows away from the site of the attack, and the area of infection gets larger and deeper. This produces the diamond-shaped cankers that give the wood its distinctive look.

In addition to walking sticks, the diamond-marked branches are used as spindles in furniture making. If

you're a craftsman who wants to make a walking stick or a chair with diamond willow spindles, you don't have to head out into the swamps for a day of collecting. You can buy the diamond willow branches online. Be forewarned, however: they don't come cheap.

Willows in general belong to the genus *Salix*, which contains many species with uses other than walking sticks and chair spindles. The weeping willow is a popular ornamental plant, although its roots have a bad reputation for invading drain pipes and septic systems. In earlier times, pliable willow shoots were used to weave baskets.

For many years, dating back to the time of Hippocrates, the bark and leaves of willows were known to have medicinal properties. Willow extracts were used to relieve pain and inflammation, and in 1828, the active ingredient, salicylic acid, was isolated. In 1897, a chemically altered form was created, acetylsalicylic acid, which caused less digestive upset than pure salicylic acid. This drug was named Aspirin by the Bayer company in Germany.

So, the next time you take an aspirin for a headache or fever, you might want to remember that the pill you are taking was originally derived from a willow tree, centuries ago. Then you can get out your diamond willow walking stick and go for a hike. †



got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

Editor's Note: Our "Got Rocks" series is from the Lake Michigan Rock Picker's Guide, a must-have for all rock hounds. We're identifying cool rocks you have found; last month it was tillites, corals and Jasper. Rock on and keep picking!

Lake Superior Agate

Lake Superior agates have formed in gas pockets within basalt from quartz brought in by ground water. They can be found on any Lake Michigan beach, but since they are coming from the south shore of Lake Superior, there will be more on the more northerly beaches. They are not common. ON a good day on a good beach you might find two or three.

Most people go to Lake Superior beaches to look for them, but you will not do much better there. It is best to collect Lake Superior agate while you collect something else of interest. Lake Superior agates are not volcanic, but they were created in volcanic gas pockets by solution of volcanic ash.

Because they have formed in gas pockets, they will be potato shaped when whole, but most of what you will find in Lake Michigan will be fragments of a whole agate. Lake Superior agates, or "lakers" as they are sometimes called, are harder than most rocks on the beach. This means the surface of the rock is less resistant to scratches. Thus, agates will have a smooth or "glassy" texture which gives them a greasy feel. Other hard rocks, such as chert, will also have a smooth or greasy feel. However, agates are identified by banding in the stone. They are translucent. When an agate is held into the sunlight, you should be able to see into the edges of the rock.

Still another way to identify an agate is to look for conchoidal chips (like a chip out of a piece of glass). Agates do something unique by which I identify them. The impact from other rocks will create surface cracks that look like thin half moons. One must study the surface very closely to see this.

The most sought-after color of the Lake Superior agate is the distinctive red and white banding. The red is caused by trace amounts of iron in the stone. This trace amount of iron proved to be very fruitful on a hunt for Cathy Gee. Collecting along Lake Michigan between Leland and Glen Arbor, Cathy noticed a little

red rock. Liking the color red, she went to pick it up, but discovered it was only the tip of the stone an she had to dig down to uncover it. After unearthing it and realizing its weight, she debated, "Do I really want to carry this heavy rock all the way back to the car?" In making this decision she showed it to her friend, who said, "You found an agate . . . If you don't want it, I'll carry it back!" Needless to say Cathy carried it back.

Not knowing the value of what she had, she brought it to me to have it cut into slabs and made into wind chimes. I politely discouraged her from cutting it up as it was a 6.5 pound Lake Superior Agate! For a Lake Superior agate to weight one pound or more is very rare. Serious collectors and museums have paid thousands for 3-5 pound agates. This 6.5 pound agate was a real treasure from noticing a "little red stone." One never knows when a rock is going to reveal itself!



Thanks again for another great season of "Got Rocks". If you're in the Traverse area, be sure to stop in and say "Hi" to Kevin and crew at Korner Gem. It would also be a great place to Christmas shop for that one of a kind Michigan gift! ✦

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Michigan Back Roads

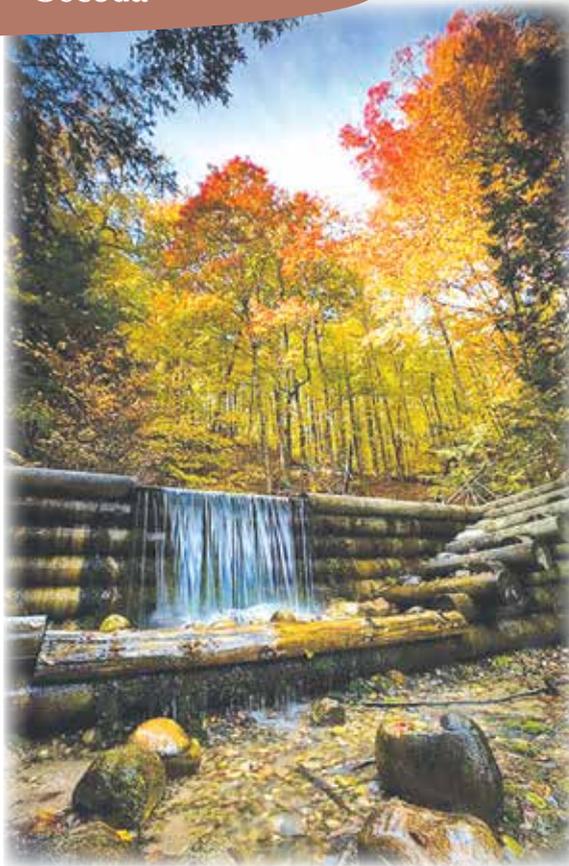
Michigan Road Trips and Day Trips *by Ron Rademacher*

River Road Scenic Drive ~ Oscoda

Fall in Michigan is color tour time. One of my favorites is River Road Scenic Drive. The River Road is one of two National Scenic By-Ways in Michigan. It runs from Oscoda, on Lake Huron, west to Route 65. The entire drive is only about 20 miles, but there is so much to see and experience, that it can easily become a full day getaway.

The entire by-way runs along the world famous Au Sable River. On the east end is Lake Huron and on the west end is the Huron National Forest. Scattered along the drive are several scenic overlooks. Every one of them is worth a stop. The scenery is beautiful from each one and, in the autumn, the colors are breath-taking. The entire way is paved so bike riders can relax and enjoy the views and the pure air.

It is not uncommon to make a full day of the trip due to the variety of nature and historic destinations found on this road. A National Scenic Byway is a road



that has been recognized by the United States Department of Transportation for, among other attributes, it's scenery. The other "intrinsic values" that are considered are archeological, cultural, natural, and recreational. The River Road embodies a number of these attributes.

The Lumberman's Monument – The grounds are well kept and there are trails and exhibits that demonstrate the life and history of the lumbermen who settled this area. There is a very nice museum.

Iargo Springs – Gorgeous clear water springs are located at the bottom of the cliff and are reachable by a long, long flight of stairs. Considered a sacred place by Indians, this is still a magical place to visit.

Au Sable Highbanks – One of the most scenic trail routes in the Midwest, the trail follows

a high bluff overlooking the AuSable River Valley. You don't really need to hike the trail. The overlook near the parking area is breath-taking on its own.

Au Sable River Queen – There is another way to take in the gorgeous scenery along the river. Take a ride on the Au Sable River Queen, a paddle wheel tour boat that provides scenic rides. This is the only paddle wheel vessel

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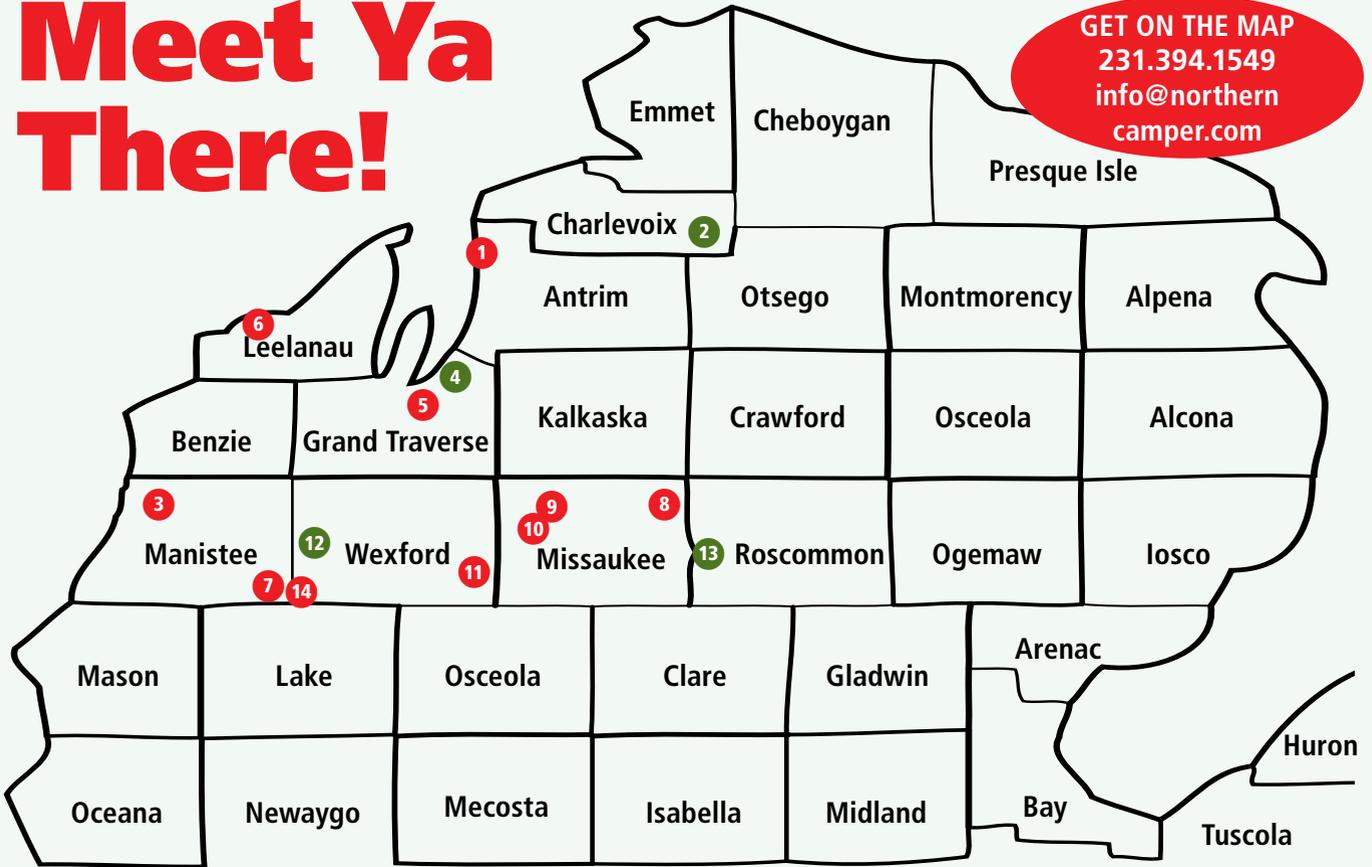
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Sudoku (Page 3)

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1	4	9	6	8	5	7	3	2
2	5	6	3	7	4	1	8	9
7	3	8	9	2	1	5	6	4

Crossword (Page 15)

We realize it's backwards—
making it harder to peek and cheat!

O	P	E	N	S	L	I	D	S	W	I	M
A	V	E	T	A	R	E	A	P	A	C	E
C	R	I	T	E	R	I	O	M	O	T	O
E	C	S	E	N	R	E	S	E	R	E	S
E	T	C	H	E	S	A	B	R	A	S	E
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ANTRIM COUNTY

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1 BARNES PARK CAMPGROUND (pg. 2)
 231-599-2712 • antrimcounty.org
 12298 Barnes Park Rd., East Port, MI 49627



Total Sites 76
 Seasonal NA
 Hook-Up NA
 Rustic 14
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

8 BEN D. JEFFS RIVER PARK (pg. 2)
 231-839-4945 • missaukee.org/departments/parks
 M-55 at Muskegon River, Lake City, MI 49651



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2 CHANDLER HILL CAMPGROUND
 231-549-7878 • chandlerhillcampground.com
 2930 Magee Rd. N., Boyne Falls, MI 49713



Total Sites 76
 Full Hook-Up... Yes
 Rustic Yes
 Cabins 2
 Pull Through ... Yes
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

9 CROOKED LAKE CAMPGROUND/PARK (pg. 2)
 231-839-4945 • missaukee.org/departments/parks
 W. Crooked Lake Rd., Lake City, MI 49651



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

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

4 EVERFLOWING WATERS CAMPGROUND
 231-938-0933 • everflowingwaterscampground.com
 5481 Brackett Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690



Total Sites 52
 Seasonal 5
 Elec. Hook-Up... 22
 Rustic 15
 Pull Through 5
 Season Apr-Oct
 Reservation Yes

10 MISSAUKEE LAKE CAMPGROUND/PARK (pg. 2)
 231-839-4945 • missaukee.org/departments/parks
 Park Street, Lake City, MI 49651



Total Sites 121
 Seasonal Yes
 Full Hook-Up 96
 Electric 21
 Cabin 4
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

ROSCOMMON COUNTY

5 TIMBER RIDGE RV & RECREATION RESORT
 231-947-2770 • timberridgeresort.net
 4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696



Total Sites 249
 Seasonal Yes
 Full Hook Up... Yes
 Pull Through ... Yes
 Season All Year
 Reservation Yes

13 HOUGHTON LAKE TRAVEL PARK
 989-422-3931 • houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com
 370 Cloverleaf Ln., Houghton Lake, MI 48629



Total Sites 83
 Seasonal 33
 Full Hook-Up 27
 Rustic (3 Cabins) ... 12
 Pull Through 71
 Season Apr-Oct
 Reservation Yes

LEELANAU COUNTY

6 INDIGO BLUFFS RV PARK & RESORT
 231-326-5050 • indigobluffs.com
 6760 W. Empire Hwy., Empire, MI 49630



Total Sites 147
 Seasonal 42
 Full Hook-Up 43
 Pull Through 8
 Cabin 2
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

WEXFORD COUNTY

11 CAMP CADILLAC (pg. 2) CAMPGROUND & RV PARK
 231-775-9724 • campcadillac.com
 10621 E. 34 Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601



Total Sites 115
 Seasonal 24
 Full Hook-Up 60
 Rustic 8
 Cabins 3
 Pull Through 9
 Season Apr-Oct
 Reservation Yes

MANISTEE COUNTY

3 KAMPVILLA RV PARK & FAMILY CAMPGROUND (pg. 2)
 231-864-3757 • kampvilla.com
 16632 Pleasanton Hwy., Bear Lake, MI 49614



Total Sites 92
 Seasonal 45
 Full Hook-Up 22
 Rustic 25
 Pull Through 22
 Season Apr-Oct
 Reservation Yes

14 COOLWATER ON THE PINE CAMPGROUND
 231-862-3841 • coolwatercamp.com
 9424 W. 48-1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689



Total Sites 65
 Seasonal 6
 Full Hook-Up NA
 Rustic 25
 Season Apr-Oct
 Reservation Yes

7 TWIN OAKS CAMPGROUND & CABINS (pg. 2)
 877-442-3102 • twinoakscamping.com
 233 Moss Rd., Wellston, MI 49689



Total Sites 78
 Seasonal 21
 Full Hook-Up 18
 Rustic 26
 Pull Through 4
 Season Apr-Dec
 Reservation Yes

12 NORTHERN EXPOSURE CAMPGROUND
 231-885-1199 • northernexposurecampground.net
 285 Manistee River Rd., Mesick, MI 49668



Total Sites 240
 Seasonal 80
 Full Hook-Up NA
 Rustic 40
 Pull Through 20
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

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