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## Benefit Spaghetti Dinner For Carrie DuPraw



There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Carrie DuPraw on November 2, 2008 from 2-7pm at the Harrison Eagles located at 5002 East Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI.

Cost: \$6, Features: 50/50, bake sale, auction, raffles and music.

All monies raised will go to Stocking Funeral Home, to help pay for her funeral. Carrie has a fatal cancer. Please come out and give your support.

## Are You A First Time Home Buyer?

The Housing & Economic Recovery Act that was signed into law provides up to \$7500 for first time buyers\*. Come learn how you can use this to your advantage. It could be possible to stop paying rent and to achieve your dream of home ownership!

Your local Clare /Gladwin Board of Realtors is sponsoring the informative seminars:

•**Gladwin** - October 28th, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Gladwin High School, Rm.112

•**Harrison** - October 29th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Harrison Library

•**Clare** - October 30th, 7:00 - 8:00pm, Pere Marquette Library

**Other Topics**  
Other provisions of the Housing & Economic Recovery Act, an opportunity to ask questions and learn about MSHDA 's low interest loans to improve your home.

Contact the Clare/Gladwin Board of Realtors at 989-246-0714 for more information.

\*A first time buyer is someone who hasn't owned a primary residence in the last 3 years.

## Local Campground Hosts Haunted Evening

By Jon Haley

Last Saturday, the Hidden Hill Family Campground in Harrison held what is becoming their annual haunted evening.

The park (owned and operated by Dave and Reva Basinger of Harrison) was decorated for Halloween.

Many different inflatable decorations, colorful lights and spooky sights we seen distributed throughout the park.

The evening included haunted hayride, a haunted pavilion and a refreshment stand with hot cider and donuts.

The hayride wound through a curved wooded path and featured a couple of vicious cannibals, a galactic duel between Obi One Kenobi and Darth Vader, an appearance from the Phantom of the opera and a frightening clown with a chain saw.

The ride was well put together, at every turn you experienced something new.

The haunted pavilion was a brilliant combination of black lights, fog and realistic decorations.



Each round was lead by a guide and it was set up with so many twists and turns you couldn't remember which way you entered.

There were countless spider webs and skulls artfully arranged,

and towards the back of the maze a screen was set up and behind it was a very realistic version of a human butcher shop, fake organs, blood and all, in a truly gruesome and spectacular array.

No autumn evening would be complete without the traditional apple cider and donut ritual to which the hosts so generously provided.

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## 3 Young Men Arrested For B & E And Vandalism

On October 9, 2008 the Clare County Sheriff Department received a call of a breaking and entering at the Farwell Schools that occurred sometime through the night.

Responding School Liaison officer and Detective conducted an investigation at the school scene and was able to determine by the evidence found at the schools that another breaking and entering occurred at the Farwell

Fairgrounds.

It was discovered that 3 young males entered the school through the gymnasium and made their way through the school doing damage to locker rooms, trophy case, and scattering garbage throughout the school halls.

At the fairgrounds, it was discovered that the males had broken into three buildings at the fairgrounds and done damage to doors, windows and again scattered

garbage throughout the buildings. Investigators found that after the 3 males had left the school to break in to the fairgrounds, the two of the three then returned to the school and scattered parking passes that were stolen from the fairgrounds throughout the school.

After reviewing surveillance video, the Investigators were able to identify the three Juveniles responsible of these crimes. The three were interviewed and all con-

fessed to breaking into the school then breaking into the fairground buildings then returning to the school a second time to cause destruction.

The three Farwell students ages 14, 12 and 9 will be petitioned into Probate Court once they are formally charged by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. All three were turned over to the custody of their parents.

## Hecker Named Realtor Of The Year

The Clare Gladwin Board of REALTORS® has named Harrison Realty Incorporated's Barbara Hecker as its 2008 REALTOR® of the Year. This award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry.

Award winners were chosen by their peers and recognized both locally and at the annual Michigan Association of REALTORS® Convention a Expo held in Detroit on September 17-19. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, education and business accomplishments and service to the REALTOR® organization at the local, state and national levels.

Hecker currently serves as President for the Clare Gladwin Board of REALTORS®, a position she's held since 2007. She is very involved in her community as a member of the Harrison Chamber of Commerce, Harrison Moose Lodge, current Frost Township Board of Review Chair, and Media Chair for the Clare County Relay for Life.

The Michigan Association of REALTORS® (MAR) is a 26,000 plus member trade association which protects the rights of private property owners while serv-



ing as the primary source for Michigan housing and real estate data. MAR is comprised of 45 Local REALTOR®

Associations, which adhere to a strict Code of Ethics, established by the National Association of REALTORS®.

## 2008 Snow Snake Ski Patrol Ski Swap

The Snow Snake Ski Patrol is a division of The National Ski Patrol. Their mission is to serve the public by providing professional emergency care, rescue services and to promote safe skiing and snowboarding. They are an area non-profit service organization made up of volunteers that engage in a rigorous program of outdoor emergency care training at their own expense. There is no charge for their services and they receive no compensation for the time they spend training and patrolling.

The annual ski swap is the only fund raising event held by The



Snow Snake Ski Patrol. The ski swap is a service for the skiing and snowboarding public that provides

a venue to purchase new and used equipment at affordable prices. The profits are used to provide needed equipment and supplies such as rescue toboggans, back boards, cervical collars, oxygen, splints, bandages, and other supplies that are necessary to provide care for those in need.

The ski swap will be held this year on Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Midland Community Center at 2205 Jefferson Avenue in Midland. Anyone that would like to sell their used equipment, may bring it in between the hours of 5:00-8:00

p.m. on Friday evening, October 24th. Proceeds from used equipment sales or unsold equipment can be picked up from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, immediately following the ski swap. The ski patrol will keep 15% of the sale price of items sold and there is no charge for unsold items.

Several large ski shops also participate in the ski swap, providing a large selection of new equipment at discount prices. Patrollers will be present during the swap to give assistance in selecting and fitting equipment. We hope to see you there and on the slopes this winter!

## JA Hosts Chili Dinner - Beat The Cold

Stop into the Harrison Moose Lodge Family Center located at 5185 N. Clare Ave., for some spectacular home-made chili. Pick and choose, mild or spicy whatever works for you. Dinner will be hosted by Harrison High School Junior Achievement Class.

Dinner will be from 2-6pm on Sunday, October 26.

Cost will be \$5 per person, children 7 and under eat free.

Don't forget about coffee and cookies!

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## Relay For Life Kickoff

The Relay For Life Fall Kick Off is scheduled for 6:00, Oct. 29th in the Houghton Room at Mid Michigan Community College.

## Harrison Little League Seeks Volunteers

There will be a Harrison Little League meeting, Sunday, October 19 at 7pm at the Harrison Moose Family Center.

We are looking for volunteers!

## Sheriff's Reserves:

**Needed:** Men and Women volunteers for the Clare County Sheriff's Reserves. No experience necessary, training is provided. Retiree's welcome. Must be at least 18 years of age and must have a good driving record. A background check will be performed. Applications available at the Clare County Sheriff Department in Harrison. Volunteer for your community and citizens of Clare County.

## Michigan Hunter Education Class

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:** CLASS HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 558, 400 E. LUDINGTON DR., FARWELL.

**CLASS DATES AND TIMES ARE:** November 4, 5, and 6 from 5:00P.M. - 9:00PM.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED,** since class size is limited by facility. Students under 11 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Certification is based on attendance, class participation, knowledge and passing the standardized test. No live fire, simulation only. There is NO CHARGE for this class.

**CONTACT:** Jim or Bonnie Defrees 989-465-6920, 1:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. daily. If no answer, please leave a message. A date will be arranged prior to class for students and parents to sign participation forms and obtain materials.

WEATHER		
WED	Mostly Cloudy	High/Low 60° / 39°
THU	Partly Cloudy	52° / 33°
FRI	Showers	49° / 30°
SAT	Sunny	51° / 30°
SUN	Partly Cloudy	54° / 37°
MON	Few Showers	56° / 34°
TUES	Partly Cloudy	52° / 36°