

WELCOME To Bear Lake's Newest Businesses

*Now located in the former library building is Reed Mechanical – Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration – 864-REED. In business on his own for 3 years, owner Frank Reed was born and raised in the Bear Lake area. He has a total of 17 years' experience in this business. Additional services offered are boilers, hydronics, outdoor woodstoves, and indoor air quality products.

*Owners Barb and Rick Farfaring opened Apple Hill last fall at 7714 Lake Street in downtown Bear Lake. The store features primitive decor items and is a full service florist including Teleflora wire service. Phone number is 864-5011.

*Three Sisters Fabric is located at 9178 Chippewa Highway in newly renovated shared space with North View Windows and Doors. Owners, Allison, Tammy, and Jacquie Payette provide fabric, notions, kits and gifts. They also offer long arm quilting services with a Gammel Statler Stitcher. The girls' products and services are available nationwide through the internet at [www.ThreeSistersFabric.com](http://www.threesistersfabric.com) <<http://www.threesistersfabric.com/>>. Phone number is (231) 690-6001.

*Village Flower and Gift Shop has added a resale section to the store. Owner Paula Joyner is providing an opportunity outlet for gently used small home décor items, knickknacks, and clothing. Summer clothing is wanted now. Call Paula at 864-3220 for details.

*Exciting changes have taken place at J J Whitty's. Owner Jan Witgen has moved into the former Curves location allowing more space for the unique store which features home décor items, furniture, and baby gifts. Under the pergola in the parking lot will be yard and garden items. A new archway connects to J J's Next Door which will feature antiques, consignment furniture, art and collectibles along with used furniture restyled in the "up north cottage flavor." Both shops can be reached at 864-4444.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bear Lake Community Joint Planning Commission has spent much time this past winter analyzing previous comprehensive plans and community input from the public wide meeting this past December. Much discussion has focussed on goals, objectives, and action steps, all core components of a comprehensive plan. We are drafting broad statements about what community plans to accomplish, which are our goals. Objectives are the steps that the community plans to take to reach the goals. Action steps are the activities that will be taken to achieve each objective.

There are going to be two major attempts to gather citizen's input in April. First a survey will be mailed to every household in the planning district. The survey is funded by a grant awarded to Vision Bear Lake by the Manistee County Foundation. The survey will give all households a chance to voice their opinion about our future community development. We hope you would take a half-hour and complete the survey.

Secondly on April 18, at 6:30 PM, at the Bear Lake School Media Center there will be a Community wide public hearing to discuss the draft of goals, objectives, and action steps for the new plan.

Community wide public hearing set for April 18 at 6:30 at the Bear Lake School Media Center

citizens to offer their input in the process of creating a community wide comprehensive plan.



Submitted by Jackie Johnson

BEAR LAKE DAYS SET FOR JULY 13,14 & 15, 2007

Be sure to get out your calendars and reserve July 13, 14, and 15 for Bear Lake Days. Yes, that's right – July 13, 14, and 15! Since, for the last few years, our annual big event fell the weekend right after July 4, many people thought that was the method for scheduling Bear Lake Days. WRONG! Bear Lake Days is determined by the date of the second Saturday in July. So please mark your calendars, notify your friends and relatives who visit for our community's big weekend, and prepare for a grand time.

Fireworks will continue again this year. As exciting as last year's fireworks proved to be, the pyrotechnist promises 2007's fireworks will be the best ever. So, pull up your lawn chairs, find the perfect viewing area, and enjoy! Of course, great food, music, the grand parade, new activities, the ever-favorite arts and crafts fair and the car show are all on the schedule.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the activities. Would you be interested in helping us with Kids' Games? The Doggonedest Doggy Contest? The Pie Eating Contest? Lawnmower races? And many other events? Volunteer needs include jobs from those for the physically active to sitting-down assistance. We are always looking for new ideas to include in our Bear Lake Days activities. The brochure does not go to the printer until May, so you still have time to offer any suggestions you may have.

To suggest activities or volunteer to help out during the weekend of July 13, 14, 15, contact Jay and Jackie Johnson (231-864-5030), or any other members of the Bear Lake Days planning committee. Members are Jim and Polly Ludwig, Tim and Nancy Richard, Joanne Schroeder, Joanne Bartley, Bob Peterson, along with the Johnsons.

THE NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING IS SUNDAY, APRIL 22, AT 6:30 PM AT THE JOHNSONS. You are most welcome to attend. Get involved and share in the laughter and the excitement.

Happy Spring from the Keddie Norconk Library!

We are once again looking forward to a very busy summer. The library is planning the Summer Reading Program. The theme is "Get a Clue." We will be doing a little "detective"

work with many of our programs centered around how and what make things work. Summer reading starts on June 4 and ends on July 28 with lots of books, prizes, programs, and story hours!

Can you believe that in July, we will have been in our "new" building for five years? How time flies!

We hope to see you at the library. Come on in and see what's new.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

M-DOT and Manistee County roadside litter pick up begins in April. In 2006, the program resulted in more than 58,000 bags of litter from the State's roadsides. The all volunteer effort helps keep the environment clean, increases the beauty of local communities and the State of Michigan, saves the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) millions of dollars, and enhances Michigan's image to both residents and tourists.

Several organizations in our area participate. Vision Bear Lake thanks all who work to keep Bear Lake and environs even more beautiful. If you know any volunteers who take time in this clean up effort, be sure to give a word of thanks.

Organization Updates

LIONESS CLUB

Submitted by Nancy Richard

Bear Lake Lioness Club members are planning again to sponsor an arts and crafts one-day show during Bear Lake Days. The outdoor show will be displayed on Main Street from 9 am to 5 pm Saturday, July 14. The Club will also sponsor a one-day raffle July 14.

During 2006, Lioness voted \$200 each to the Manistee County United Way, Red Cross, and Salvation Army. We also donated \$100 to the Lions Leader Dog program.

The group's first meeting for 2007 will be at Monday, April 16, at 7 pm in the Lions Den on Lake Street. Guests are welcome.

This June the Lioness will present a \$500 achievement award to a Bear Lake graduating senior. The money is targeted for use to further the student's education in either a technical school or academic field.

LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Tim Richard

Bear Lake Days this year will be July 13-15, the date being determined by the second Saturday of the month. Chairing the committee are Jay and Jackie Johnson who already are conducting planning meetings. *Among the events:*

* Vision Bear Lake will conduct its second home and garden tour on Saturday July 14, from 10 to 4. Chair is Barb Farfaring.

*Lioness Club is expanding its mailing list for street vendors. Interested vendors should contact Nancy Richard at 864-4013 soon because demand is high.

*Lion Richard Perry is expanding his mailing list for entries for the Old Car Show.

The Lions Club has selected Pat Wilson, its Food Chairman, as "Lion of the Year" for the second time. He won the first designation in 1988. Wilson is general chair of the Lions Sunday morning pancake breakfasts, scheduled to resume April 22. He also will be ordering food for the Lions Steak Fry on Saturday, July 14.

The Lions will continue to operate its popcorn and candy wagons during Bear Lake Days. But the Hearing Clinic will be dropped for one year due to decreased demand. It will be resumed in 2008.

BEAR LAKE WOMEN'S CLUB

Submitted by Joanne Schroeder

Bear Lake Woman's Club meets the first Tuesday of the month. Our May meeting will be an installation of officers Mystery Lunch at 12:30 at the Methodist Church.

In June, we meet at 1:30 for dessert and a speaker. In July, we do not meet as we are preparing for the bake and book sale held during Bear Lake Days.

PLUS 49ers

Submitted by Joanne Schroeder

Plus 49ers meet on the first Thursday of each month for a meal at 5:30 pm at the Pleasanton Township Hall.

All who are past the age of 49 are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass and table service for the potluck meal.

MEETING DATES

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| Bear Lake Board of Edu. | - 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm |
| Bear Lake Book Club | - 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm |
| Bear Lake Lions Club | - 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm |
| Bear Lake Promoters | - 1st Wed., 7:30 am |
| | <i>Bear Lake Bar & Rest.</i> |
| Woman's Club | - 1st Tue., 1:30 pm |
| | <i>Methodist Church</i> |
| Bear Lake Twp. Board | - 3rd Tue., 7:30 pm |
| Bear Lake Village Board | - 3rd Wed., 7:00 pm |
| Pleasanton Twp. Board | - 2nd Mon., 7:30 pm |
| Triginta Club | - 2nd Wed., 7:00 pm |
| Vision Bear Lake | - 2nd Mon., 7:00 pm |
| | <i>Lions Den</i> |
| Plus 49ers | - 1st Thurs., 5:30 pm |
| | <i>Pleas. Twp. Hall</i> |

SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, June 14 at 7 pm at the Ramsell Theater in Manistee, the final sets of design suggestions for Bear Lake and other Manistee County communities from Michigan State University's Small Town Design Initiative will be presented. A reception/intermission in Hardy Hall will also be part of the evening's excitement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to peruse the results of this year long study for enhancement of our county's communities.

