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Color Yourself an Autumn Escape in Pure Michigan's Harbor Country!

(NEW BUFFALO, Mich) – As Mother Nature puts on her colorful fall show, discover all the harvest treasures and events in Harbor Country. Stretching from the Indiana/Michigan state line north 17 miles, along the Lake Michigan shoreline, through scenic countrysides and charming coastal towns, Harbor Country offers the ideal autumn escape.

SEPTEMBER 3-5: GREEK FESTIVAL

The event features traditional Greek foods, pastries and drinks, along with Greek and American entertainment featuring a Greek dance troupe and bellydancer. Children's activities include games and carnival attractions. Join the fun at the American Hellenic Center in New Buffalo, from Noon to 10pm. 269-469-0081

SEPTEMBER 3-5: OUTSIDERS OUTSIDE ART FAIR

This 16th annual event brings exhibitors from around the country to Harbert with untrained, visionary and folk art. The show, at the Judith Racht Gallery, begins Friday with a preview party from 6-9pm and continues Saturday and Sunday (11am-5pm). 269-469-1080 / www.judithrachtgallery.com

SEPTEMBER 4th: HANDMADE MARKET AT HICKORY CREEK

Join in the celebration and support area talented artists and artisans, while enjoying the wines of Hickory Creek in nearby Baroda. 269-422-1100 / www.hickorycreekwinery.com

SEPTEMBER 11: HARVEST FESTIVAL & BRITISH CAR SHOW

Lemon Creek Winery in Berrien Springs invites you to this 14th annual event celebrating the rich heritage of the harvest season at. Activities run from Noon to 6pm and include a British car show (co-hosted by the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club), live rockabilly music and an outdoor kitchen serving up all the harvest favorites including corn on the cob! Admission (\$5) includes a souvenir wine glass and tasting ticket. Must be 21 to attend. 269-471-1321 / www.lemoncreekwinery.com

SEPTEMBER 11: GRAPE STOMPING COMPETITION

As part of the annual BarodaFest, Founders Wine Cellars is hosting a Grape Stomping Competition. Starting at 4:30, when the music winds down, teams of 5 will stomp the grapes – and the team producing the most juice wins. All stomped juice becomes wine for next year's BarodaFest (the fermentation process, which changes the sugar to alcohol, aids in purifying the wine). Prizes will also be awarded for the Best Dressed Teams. 269-426-5222 / <http://founderswinecellar.com>

SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 16, NOVEMBER 20: THIRD SATURDAY GALLERY WALK

Galleries in Three Oaks open their doors (5-11pm) to share a variety of artist's creations. Artists open their studios to the public; the sidewalks become a stage for musicians and street performers. www.3oaks.org

SEPTEMBER 25: DEER CREEK 5K PHEASANT TROT

Runners and walkers of all ages and racing abilities join in a fun filled race at the beautiful 500 acre club just five miles from New Buffalo. You will run or walk through three different sporting clay courses where you will have the luxury of viewing ravine woodlands, wild flower patches, hay fields, enticing ponds and much more. All participants receive a Pheasant Trot t-shirt and 50% off a round of sporting clays. Prizes awarded for first and second place runners, in three categories. 219-545-4986 / www.deercreekhuntclub.com

SEPTEMBER 26: APPLE CIDER CENTURY

This recreational one-day 15, 25, 37, 50, 62, 75 or 100 mile bicycle tour takes bikers past the orchards, forests and wine country in and around Harbor Country. Presented by the Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Club and the Three Oaks Bicycle History Museum. 888-877-2068 / www.applecidercentury.com

OCTOBER 2-3: WHITE WINEMAKING EXPERIENCE

Live the dream of a winemaker, during this exclusive opportunity with Round Barn Winery in Baroda. After picking grapes from the vineyard, the winemaker and staff guide you in crafting two cases of your very own wine. Appetizers and wine are provided both days. Cost is \$475 per couple; space is limited to 20 couples per class. Advanced reservations are required. A red wine class is planned October 16-17. 800-716-9463 / www.roundbarnwinery.com

OCTOBER 8-11: HARBOR COUNTRY HARVEST DAY

Scarecrows, pumpkins, cornstalks and seasonal decorations abound as local businesses band together to offer family fun, entertainment, and more. www.harborcountry.org/harvestdays

OCTOBER 9: NEW BUFFALO HARVEST & WINE FEST

Celebrate the local harvest of great local wines, fabulous food, produce from local farms and more! Featuring horse drawn hayrides, kids' art activities, live music and lots of unique vendors, at Lions Park. Brought to you by New Buffalo Business Association and sponsored in part by Four Winds Casino. 888-660-6222 / www.newbuffalo.org

OCTOBER 16: KITCHEN WALK TOUR

Tour fabulous kitchens in Harbor Country, while savoring great food and wine along the way. A Wine Down Reception follows the tour, at nearby Weko Beach. www.designsfordignity.org

OCTOBER 16: ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

More than 90 vendors offering arts and crafts in multiple media. Baked goodies and luncheon food is available. Sponsored by the New Buffalo Service League at New Buffalo High School. 269-469-3180

OCTOBER 16-17: RED WINEMAKING EXPERIENCE

Live the dream of a winemaker, during this exclusive opportunity with Round Barn Winery in Baroda. After picking grapes from the vineyard, the winemaker and staff guide you in crafting two cases of your very own wine. Appetizers and wine are provided both days. Cost is \$475 per couple; space is limited to 20 couples per class. Advanced reservations are required. A white wine class is planned October 2-3. 800-716-9463 / www.roundbarnwinery.com

OCTOBER 30: GREEK NIGHT

The event features traditional Greek foods, pastries and drinks, along with Greek and American entertainment featuring a Greek dance troupe and bellydancer. Children's activities include games and carnival attractions. Join the fun at the American Hellenic Center in New Buffalo, from Noon to 10pm. 269-469-0081

The Harbor Country Convention & Visitors Bureau was established in 1990 as the Harbor Country Lodging Association in accordance with the state of Michigan's Community Convention or Tourism Marketing Act 59 of 1984.

The mission of the organization is "to promote its members and the assessment district as a major destination for tourism and conventions in southwest Michigan." The assessment district encompasses the Townships of New Buffalo, Three Oaks, and Chikaming, the city of New Buffalo, the Village of Three Oaks and the Village of Michiana, Michigan.

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