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APPLE JAM CELEBRATES ART, FOOD, MUSIC, AND FUN OF THE SEASON
AT THE
LUDINGTON AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

On October 17 and 18, the Ludington Area Center for the Arts (LACA) invites the community to celebrate the season with activities for all ages. The weekend kicks off with free activities for kids on Saturday from 4-6 pm and culminates with FiddleFire: The Panning Family Band, in concert on Sunday at 3 pm.

While kids and their adult companions enjoy free activities on Saturday afternoon, musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in a song circle led by local folk musician, Mike Lenich. Suggested donation for this activity is \$2. Both events run from 4-6 pm.

On Saturday evening from 7-9 pm, the Center's gallery will come alive with art, wine, food, and music to fit the fall season. A.J.'s Party Port, Best Choice Market, the Blu Moon, Lakeshore Beverage, Luciano's, and Northside Market will offer 22 wines of the season to sample from apple ice to spiced cherry and cranberry Riesling. LACA volunteers will prepare delectable hors d'oeuvres to accompany the wines, and attendees can bid on apple-themed art by local artists during a silent auction. Proceeds from the art auction will benefit both the artists and the Center for the artists. Tickets for this evening event are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at A.J.'s Party Port, Best Choice Market, Blu Moon, Luciano's, Northside Market, and at the LACA during its business hours (Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5:30).

The Panning Family Band will be live in concert in the Center's performance hall on Sunday at 3 pm. The Pannings -- Roween and David, and their children Luke, Eve, and Josiah -- specialize in a variety of music including classical to driving fiddle tunes in with Appalachian, Celtic and folk music roots. Their diverse instrumentation includes fiddles, guitar, string bass, mandolin, hammer dulcimer, and percussion via spoons, bones, djembe, and Eve's dancing feet. Teen siblings, Luke, Eve, and Josiah all began classical instruction in strings and piano at age 6. In addition, folk musicians and fiddlers mentored them.

Approaching 100 engagements per year, the Panning Family's Ludington performance comes a week after their appearance with the Grand Rapids Symphony. Other recent performance venues include Branson, MO, Frankenmuth, MI, the Appalachian String Band Festival in Clifftop, WV, the Evert Dulcimer festival main stage, Evert, MI, and several churches, festivals, and jamborees in NY, IN, WI, and KY. The Pannings have also been featured on live radio and television broadcasts.

After the performance, kids 16 and under can enjoy free ice cream provided by House of Flavors. Winners of the scarecrow contest will be announced as well. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids under 16 and are available at the door or at the Center in advance.

The Ludington Area Center for the Arts is owned and operated by the Ludington Area Arts Council. Opened in September 2004, the Center is located at 107 S. Harrison Street in the historic former home of the United Methodist Church in downtown Ludington. Parking for the Center's events is available in the lot south of the Center at the southeast corner of Loomis and Harrison Streets.

For more information, go to the Center's website: www.ludingtonartscouncil.org or call the Center at 231-845-2787 during business hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5:30 pm.

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