

**OCTOBER 2025**

**AROUND THE SHORES NEWSLETTER**



# **Come join Us for Our yearly Fall Soup Supper**

**October 9th  
5 PM – 7 PM**

**Enjoy:**

- Various Soups
- Beverages
- Dessert



**Suggested donation  
\$10 per person  
\$25 for a Family of 4**

**Don't forget  
to check out  
our silent  
auction!**



**BENZIE**

**SENIOR RESOURCES**



Join our new knitting, crochet and needlework group called Lakeside Stitchers. Come and be part of a friendly group where we stitch, chat and create together.

Maybe you are an avid needleworker and would enjoy a little company while working on your project. Alternatively, you used to enjoy hobbies like this and need a reason to start enjoying this pastime again. Just bring your project and enjoy some camaraderie during our cold winter months. If you don't know what you would like to make, we can discuss making some items for donating things like hats for local kindergarten kids or some other item for charity.

First gathering:- Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 1 pm.

Where: - Second Floor lounge area

No sign up needed, just show up with your materials. Let's make something beautiful together.

Lin Johnson/Linda Juras

## **LET IT BE**

“When I find myself in time of troubles Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be.

And in my hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me. Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be.”

Sheila and Dan (and Paul McCartney) thank their Mother’s Mary for their wisdom!

-Sheila’s      Mary Dean

-Dan’s          Mary O’Brien

-Paul’s         Mary Mohin

Three Irish lasses of beauty, grace and unconditional love!

Sheila and Dan also thank and extend our love to the many of you who supported us so faithfully while on our Long and Winding Road.

It is time to LET IT BE!

## Shorebirds Regular Meeting September 8, 2025

Call to Order President Mary Peters called to order the meeting of the Shorebirds on September 8, 2025 at 10:01 a.m. Quorum was met.

Secretary Report Report was published in July Newsletter. Mary made a motion to accept by acclamation. Seconded by Bev Popp. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Emily Luxford absent. Jo Moline read her report. Starting balance \$2,569.92. Two interest monies were received, July 2025 of \$.07 and August 2025 of \$.07 each. Total Receipts were \$.14. Disbursements: \$2.00 July and \$2.00 August paper statements. Total Disbursements \$4.00. Balance is \$2,566.06. Pop can account \$306.40.

### Old Business

Nominations Committee. Mary Scholl Chair, Louise Brodie, Dodie Bedell, Bob Scholl and Sarah Thompson are tasked with finding Shorebird officers. If asked to serve on the board, please carefully consider accepting the nomination. Mary emphasized that Shorebirds cannot continue without officers.

### New Business

Since shade garden seems to be on hold, Mary Peters asked if Shorebirds should consider purchase of a big screen Smart TV for the great room. Mary suggested dollar amount up to \$1,000. Discussions included many suggestions including projector TV with screen and fire stick. Marty stated P&P ideas included Smart TV and suggested the P&P umbrella for such a future purchase. Corporate Board must approve purchase. Mary Scholl made a motion to move ahead with investigating TV etc., Linda Miner seconded. Motion carried. Volunteers for a committee include Jackie Ely, John Lekovich, Dotie Bedell and Bob Scholl.

### Upcoming Events and Announcements

Potluck - September 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Apple Fest, - September 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Bring your best apple dish/dessert.

Brunch - October 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Benzie Senior Resources, October 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Kelly Ottinger

Potluck - October 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Brunch - November 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Shorebirds November 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Shorebirds Election

Potluck - November 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Louise Brodie motion to adjourn. Mary Peters second. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Fire Chief did not attend.

Submitted September 15, 2025, Johanna Moline, Secretary, Shorebirds

September 8, 2025 Shorebirds Regular Meeting

## OCTOBER SMILERS

Did you know that Raymond Burr had a brother who was a lumberjack?  
His name was Tim.

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I didn't realize that I'm supposed to know how to do everything by my  
second rodeo. Seems like a very low amount of rodeos.

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Sometimes I like to tell people "I hope the rest of your day is as pleasant as  
you are," then watch their faces as they try to determine if it was a  
compliment or not.

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Cheers to us who sing the wrong lyrics with absolute confidence!

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I am going to stand outside now. If anyone asks, I'm outstanding.

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Dodie B. #310

## SCAMS



Members, we want to make you aware of recent payment scams and some steps you can take to protect your bank account.

### **Vendor/Customer Bank Account "Updates"**

- **What happens:** You receive an email—appearing to come from a trusted vendor or customer—claiming they've changed their bank account and asking you to update payment details.
- **How it works:** Criminals spoof or hack legitimate email addresses, making the message appear authentic.
- **Recommendation:** Always verify banking changes by calling your vendor or customer directly using a known phone number—never rely solely on email instructions.



### **New Vendor/Customer Setup**

- **What happens:** While onboarding a new vendor or customer, you receive payment instructions by email.
- **How it works:** If criminals are monitoring emails, they may insert fraudulent account details before you act.
- **Recommendation:** Confirm all payment details verbally with the vendor or customer before processing.

Fraudsters often move stolen funds quickly and close accounts before fraud is detected, making recovery unlikely. You can reduce your risk by building in extra safeguards—such as verbal confirmation.

Protecting your bank account information begins with awareness and careful verification.

~ Shirley R. (Office)

### **Benzonia Area Community Emergency Fund concert**

Performers: Lisa and Ingemar Johansson with special guests Sue Wood, Bob DeKorne, and Jeff Davis

Where: Mills Community House, upper level, 891 Michigan Ave, Benzonia, 49616

When: Sunday, October 12th from 4:00-6:00pm

### **What is the Benzonia Area Community Emergency Fund?**

The Benzonia Area Community Emergency Fund will financially assist an individual or a family that has fallen upon hard times. This is done on a one time basis through the payment of a known expense such as a medical, housing or utility bill. Funds are collected and administered through the Mills Community House Association.

Funds are raised on a monthly basis by means of live concerts that are free of charge and open to the public. Caring area musicians and performers donate their time and talent.

The Benzonia Area Community Emergency Fund was inspired by and has been built with The Empire Area Community Emergency Fund. To see their story please check out the Emergency Fund tab on the Empire Area Community Center's website.

For more information on the Benzonia Area Community Emergency Fund, our service area, how funds will be dispersed, and the nomination form, please visit our website: [www.millscommhouse.org](http://www.millscommhouse.org)

## **Michigan Shores Book Club**

October 20th at 3:00pm in Gertie Bell Room.

North Woods by Daniel Mason is our October book. This story traces the life and landscape of a particular house in Massachusetts. A young couple escaping the Puritan Colony lay the foundation of this house that hosts a variety of souls over its three centuries of existence. Reviewers point to the novel's beauty of language and variety of written styles.

Our other choices for the year are:

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins - November

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson - December

The Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts - January

The Widows War by Sally Gunning - February  
March?

April?

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer - May

Most of these books can be found in audio formats as well as written ones. We'd love to have you join us. The books are broadening and the discussions varied and fun.

## **SPEAKER**

The Shorebirds' Community Outreach Speaker for this month is Kelly Ottinger from Benzie Senior Resource (BSR). She will be with us on Tuesday, October 14th, at 10am in the Great Room. Kelly will share with us the purpose of BSR, some of its history and the many ways it can enrich our lives as senior citizens.

Kelly has had more than twenty years helping social service organizations raise their needed funds. She worked for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Elkhart County, Indiana, for 12 years. When her children were grown, she moved to Michigan with her husband, Jon. She was employed by BACN using her skills to help build their new facility. Then in 2023 she was hired by BSR as the Deputy Director, working in all areas of operation.



She is a person with a lot of warmth and enthusiasm. She was delighted to speak with us and share the happenings at BSR.  
Hope you can come!

### **COVID TESTS & FLU / COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

The federal government has discontinued the distribution of free at-home test kits. However, Covid tests may still be available to you through your health insurance provider. Many insurance plans cover the cost of tests at certain pharmacies, so we encourage you to check with your insurance company for details on coverage and locations.

As always, we ask for your cooperation in helping keep our community safe and healthy:

- If you are feeling unwell, please consider wearing a mask in shared spaces.
- If possible, limit your public exposure until you're feeling better.

Thank you for continuing to do your part in keeping our community safe and respectful for all residents.

Reminder to sign up for your **FLU AND COVID Vaccine Clinic** through the BENZIE LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, here on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you need help signing up, please let me know. ~ Shirley R. (office)

### **October Birthdays**

04 – Shirley R. (Office)

31 – Bob S. (112)

### **Events & Dates to note...**

03 – Shirley off

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Dave off

13 – Columbus Day

14 – BSR Speaker (Shorebirds)


20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Shirley at Conference

20 – Book Club 3 p.m.  
27 – BLDHD Flue & Covid Vaccine clinic 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
28 – Board Meeting 10 a.m.  
31 -Halloween

## **October News & Notes from Your Cooperative Home**

Hello Friends!

Autumn has officially arrived, and with it comes colorful leaves, cozy sweaters, and plenty of reasons to celebrate together. October is a month full of fun, community, and a little bit of spooky spirit—so let's see what's in store!

 **Pumpkin Challenge** – we are grateful for those residents that have donated mums and pumpkins to the front entry, keep up the good work. October allows for some spooky decorations as well, so let's see what fun we can have with the entrance.

### **Healthy Living Tip**

Autumn is apple season! Did you know apples are full of fiber and Vitamin C? Whether you like them baked, sliced with cheese, or in a crisp, they're a delicious way to stay healthy this month.

### **A Note of Gratitude**

As the days grow shorter, we're grateful for the light each of you bring to our community. Thank you for making our cooperative such a warm, welcoming place to call home.

Happy October, everyone! Stay cozy, stay connected, and don't forget to enjoy a little pumpkin spice.

— Your Cooperative Manager, Shirley R.

Possibilities and Pathways  
Report to the MSC Board of Directors  
September 24, 2025

The second meeting of the membership was on September 3 where 35 members shared their ideas of how they would like to see MSC in the future. Again, members were divided into five groups and discussion of ideas led to transcription onto poster board. From there, a modified list (where duplicates were eliminated) transitioned to a spreadsheet. This spreadsheet was posted so that members could review and adjust as necessary.

The third meeting of the members was on September 17. Here, the 30 members in attendance went through each of the ideas listed to make any clarification that were needed. This was not done in groups. Rather, a full-group discussion allowed members to make one last change to any of the ideas that were not clear.

This clarified list of ideas was put into a questionnaire format for members to rank their preference of the ideas presented. Again, draft of this questionnaire was posted for the members to review. On September 24, members were given one questionnaire per unit to complete. On each of the 68 ideas, members were asked to circle (2) if they liked it very much, (1) if they were neutral on this item, or (0) if they did not like the idea at all. These questionnaires are due back to the committee by October 1.

The P and P Committee will meet again on October 1. The questionnaire results will be listed and shared with the members as soon as tabulation is completed. The next step in the process will be to determine the recommendations to the board.

## *LIBRARY NOTES by Janey*

Once again this month our book donations reflect a little something for everyone! Reminder, new donations are left for about eight weeks on the corner desk and if you do not see what you are looking for someone has probably picked it up. Doesn't hurt either to check to see if it was already put in the bookcases. I am always available for questions!

### **FICTION:**

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck  
What Happened to Ruth's Ramirez - Claire Jimenez  
The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd  
Violeta by Isabel Allende  
Summer Rental by Mary Kay Andrews  
That Last Carolina Summer - Karen White

### **MYSTERY:**

The Bone Vault by Linda Fairstein  
Blood Moon by Sandra Brown  
Unnatural Death by Patricia Cornwell  
Identity Unknown by Patricia Cornwell  
Raised by Wolves by James Patterson  
The Pilot's Daughter by Audrey J. Cole

Fans of **Aaron Stander**, a northwest lower Michigan author, will be pleased to see this list:

Cruellest Month  
Gales of November  
Murder In The Merlot  
Death In A Summer Colony  
Medieval Murders  
Shelf Ice  
Color Tour  
Deer Season

**CHRISTMAS** - Yes, we have by popular demand a little Christmas section:

The Letter by Paul Evans

### **NONFICTION:**

(Next two under Michigan section/shelf)

Waves and Beaches  
Steamboats and Sailors of Great Lakes

Landslide by Micheal Wolff (political section)  
Leelanau Underwater by Roxburgh-Michigan section)

# Frankfort Fire Department



## Cordially invites you to a **Fire Prevention Week Open House**

Snacks will be provided,  
Cider, Coffee, & Water too.  
Come on in & meet our crew,  
Learn who we are & what we do,  
Stay & watch a demonstration or two.

When:

***Sunday, October 5, 2025***

***1:00 pm – 4:00 pm***

Where:

***1223 James Street  
Frankfort, MI 49635***

## Adopt-a-Pumpkin Challenge!



Our entryway is looking for a fall makeover, and we need YOUR help!

Bring a **pumpkin** or a **mum** to help us turn our front entrance into the coziest, cutest autumn display in town.

Big or small, orange or warty - all pumpkins are welcome!

Mums of every color will make our entryway smile!

Drop off your fall friends under the portico, anytime this month. Let's make this place look so festive even the scarecrows will want to move in!

*Posted September 9, 2025*



## THE WAY IT WAS –

*An article that appeared in the February 2018 ATS Newsletter*

Logging played an important part in the history of Benzie County. To the lumbermen of the 1880's, it seemed as if there was an endless supply of timber for the small towns along the Betsie and Platte rivers. In 1890, there were 15 towns in the county having a post office. Today, only a third of these exist. In the book "Michigan Ghost Towns" by Roy Dodge, there is a listing of former Benzie County lumber towns. For those interested in such history, here are two of those mentioned:

Almira - 16 miles north of Frankfort. In 1877 the population totaled 350. Waterpower from the Platte River powered a sawmill and grist mill. Stagecoaches went to Traverse City and Glen Arbor. There were several general stores and carriage, and wagon works. Today, only the Almira School and the cemetery remain.

Wallin - 14 miles east of Beulah on the Betsie River. In 1918, Wallin had a population of 100 and contained, in addition to the sawmill and general store, a broom handle factory. It also boasted a hotel and, strange as it may seem, an opera house.

In Benzie County the passing of the great forests opened the land to farming and fruit growing, but this is another story, for another time.

**BY AL HYAMS**



## Opportunity calls

Do you have 12 hours a year to offer to your cooperative? All you have to do is the minutes for our Shorebirds' meetings (6 meetings a year)! And you will have the undying gratitude of all the Michigan Shorebirds who appreciate the current and expanding possibilities that our shorebirds offer.

Your nominating committee awaits your yes.

Thank you!

Mary and Bob Scholl, Louise Brodie, Dodie Bedell, Sarah Thompson

# **Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Respiratory Clinic**

**October 27, 2025 from 9:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Flu and Covid Vaccines will be available.  
The Great Room, Michigan Shores Cooperative

Pre-registration is required, details will be sent out soon. They will not allow any walk-ins for this clinic, so please get registered. Shirley can help with this process.

Please bring your health insurance cards.



Posted September 08, 2025

# 2025 OCTOBER

CALENDAR YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Exercise at 1pm Tues & Thurs 2:00 bridge Tues		Mahjongg 2pm third floor		
			1	2	3	4 10:00 Brunch
5	6	7	8	9	10 Shirley off	11
12	13 Dave off	14 Dave off	15 Dave off	16 Dave off	17 Dave off	18 6:00 Potluck Dinner
19	20 Columbus Day	21 10:00 speaker Kelly Ottinger from Senior Resource	22 Shirley at conference	23 Shirley at conference	24 Shirley at conference	25
26	27 3:00 Book Club Shirley at conference	28 10:00 Board Meeting	29	30	31 Halloween	

Birthdays: 04-Shirley R (office); 31-Bob S (112)

Coffee Hour 9-10 am Great Room  
Happy Hour 5-6pm in Great Room