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Award-Winning Fall Images Selected for “Picture Yourself in Allegan County” Photo Contest

(ALLEGAN, Mich) – Among many wonderful entries, a photo titled “Autumn’s Splendor” was chosen as the winner in the Adult Division of the “Picture Yourself in Allegan County” Fall 2011 Photo Contest. The winning photo was submitted by Jayne DeKraker of Allegan and taken just east of her property in Allegan. Her prize this season was a \$50 gift card to Salt of the Earth Eatery in Fennville.

An outstanding photo titled “Autumn Frog” was selected as the Youth Division winner for the Fall 2011 Photo Contest. The photo was submitted by fifteen year old Connie Kuehl of Allegan and was taken on the shores of Dumont Lake. Her prize this season is four lift tickets to Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego and an Allegan County Heritage Trail guidebook and audio CD set.

The winning photos will be posted on the Tourist Council’s website at www.VisitAlleganCounty.com, as well as the organization’s Facebook group page (search Allegan County Tourist Council) and will be submitted to local newspapers along with a media release. They will also appear in the 2013 Allegan County Visitor’s Guide.

The Tourist Council hopes the photo contest will inspire local residents and visitors alike to get out and capture the true flavor of the county – in pictures. All submitted images are forwarded along to members of the Tourist Council without photographer identification, to keep the judging fair.

Photos are judged in Youth (17 and under) and Adult (open to both amateurs and professionals) divisions. The next deadline is April 1st for winter images. All those with great winter 2012 photos are encouraged to enter!

All entries must be in color and print submissions must be at least 8x10 in size. Attach a label to the back of the print with your name, address, phone number and email (if available). Do NOT write on the photo itself. Also, please do not put a backing on the photo. Digital images must be of a high resolution and must be of sufficient quality to be used in print media. Prints, negatives and CDs will be not returned, so please retain your original. Entries may be dropped off at or mailed to the Allegan County Parks Recreation & Tourism Office at 3255 122nd Avenue (Suite 102) in Allegan, 49010. Images may also be emailed to tourism@allegancounty.org

Questions about the contest should be directed to the Parks/Tourism office at 888-4-ALLEGAN. Complete contest rules and photo submission guidelines are available online at www.VisitAlleganCounty.com or by contacting the Parks/Tourism office.

Jayne DeKraker, Adult Winner



"Autumn's Splendor"

Connie Kuehl, Youth Winner



"Autumn Frog"