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“Arcadia Daze” made in the shade

By Pat Stinson

Wearing sunglasses is optional during Arcadia Daze, the 38th annual outdoor gala set in the waterfront village of Arcadia.

That’s because most of the July 27, 28 and 29 events take place in the shade at Finch Park, according to Milt Whitmore, chairperson.

One of those events is the arts and crafts fair held on Saturday and Sunday.

“Our venue is in the shade,” Whitmore explained. “You’re walking under maple trees. Vendors and visitors like that.”

Whitmore said the fair is “really” arts and crafts – USA made – and vendors tell him it is one of their bigger sellers.

Another event not usually associated with shade, and the festival’s biggest draw, is Sunday’s parade, beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Lake Street. Whitmore said visitors line the street, and they’re all in shade.

“The big draw, absolutely, is the parade. If you want to see a small-town parade, you want to see the Arcadia Daze Parade with the Scottville Clown Band. They’re just a wonderful band and they give a concert afterward in the park.”

Another big attraction is the Friday-night fireworks’ display over Lake Michigan, which Whitmore estimates 2,000 attend. That event, chaired by Rachel (Stoops) Lowe, requires its own fund and fundraising events.

“She does a marvelous job, just a tremendous job,” Whitmore said. “Ours is one of the best small-town fireworks you will ever see. Really, they are.”

Lowe said she hosts two fireworks’ fundraisers a year: a spaghetti dinner/silent auction in June, and a steak fry in August, (this year on Aug. 10).



Photo courtesy of Mike Kwaiser, of Arcadia

The summer festival schedule is in full swing, bringing something for everyone throughout Michigan.

“I grab people right after (the festival),” she explained. “We hold them (the fundraisers) at the community center here in town. I started with \$4,000 seven years ago and we are up to \$11,000 now.”

“We hire a professional company every year,” she added. “In the beginning, people weren’t too pleased because we had to clear the beach, but they ‘get it’ and everyone has been supportive, people just really enjoy it.”

Whitmore estimates that over the course of its jam-packed, three-day event schedule, the festival attracts 5,000 people.

Managing events for a crowd that size takes people power.

“I’ll bet you probably need 150 volunteers and the summertime population is maybe 800-900. Without community volunteers we can’t put this on. Some of our volunteers are from out of town: Frankfort, Elberta, Onkama and Manistee. We have Lions Club members from Chicago, Texas and southern Michigan.”

In fact, Whitmore said Arcadia Daze is a reunion of friends, not just of Lions Club

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Fiber Art Show Opens



From staff reports

Explorations in fiber art is the theme of a group exhibition, Fiber Optics, showing now through October 31 at Pines of Arcadia on Bischoff Road, west of M-22 and north of Arcadia Bluffs golf course.

“Fiber Optics” is the first group exhibition for Pines of Arcadia, a nonprofit arts organization directed by artist-painter Judy Jashinsky. Pines of Arcadia offers artist residencies by invitation, as well as curated gallery space, and serves as Jashinsky’s studio.

The exhibition is dedicated to Jashinsky’s favorite artist, renowned fiber artist Christo and his partner Jean-Claude. Images of their installations are included in the show.

Other fiber-art explorers with works in the show are Mary Sue Fennell, who makes clothing art from repurposed fiber; Ann Loveless, a quilter and Art Prize winner; Susan Wild Barnard, a creator of minimalist fiber objects; and Elizabeth Rogers, a fiber sculptor creating biomorphic shapes from wool before it is spun.

“Michael Hitsman takes us on a path in the Pines clothed in fiber, to remind us of the bigger world we live in,” Jashinsky wrote in her synopsis of the show. The pines are located behind the residency building.

Some paintings in the exhibition use fiber as metaphor while others, as in work from an Asian art collection, depict women in the process of weaving.

Visitors to the exhibition will find the building’s bright and generous space can accommodate multiple large works under its almost 30-foot-tall cathedral ceiling.

Follow Pines of Arcadia on Facebook to learn more.

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Western Michigan fair returns

By Pat Stinson

If you’re crunching on an Elephant Ear and slurping on a Slushee while watching harness racing, you are likely attending the Western Michigan Fair in Ludington.

The eighty-first annual fair officially opens Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Mason County Fairgrounds, 5302 W. US-10, east of downtown. Approximately 18,000 are expected to attend the five-day event.

Tuesday’s opener includes midway rides, fireworks, tractor and truck pulls, and livestock shows.

Wednesday is Kids’ Day, with unlimited midway rides at a special price.

Thursday is Heroes’ Celebration Day, with all veterans and seniors admitted free. The free, evening grandstand event is the Garden Tractor Pull, hosted by the West Michigan Old Engine Club.

Friday evening is the SJO Supercross, and the Saturday Fair Finale offers the Night of Destruction Demolition Derby.

Pre-fair events, such as harness racing, begin Sun., Aug 4.



The Western Michigan Fair is one of the few fairs still offering a harness-racing event, according to spokesperson and volunteer Marcia Hansen, who added:

“The harness racing program is one of our showcase events.”

POPULAR PRE-FAIR EVENTS

Besides the livestock, horse and dog shows, pre-fair events also include exhibits of contest entries in Domestic Arts, Farm Crops and Floriculture. Entrants’ work is displayed in various buildings on the grounds then judged, culminating in a Homemaker-of-the-Year award for the contestant showing the most talent and skill in seven of the lost “domestic” arts.

Hansen said the exhibits of prized garden specimens, prized livestock and handywork have always been popular.

“I have been going to the fair a long time and can remember back many years ago – they were a big thing,” she recalled. “It always was a way to educate or show; the exhibits, rides and entertainment brought people in.”

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members but of family reunions and class reunions. Tents pop up in yards around town.

Local people who are not Lions but lend a big hand include Brad Hopwood, a community member and “very willing helper” and Shannon Westgate, who with her husband, Tom, owns Pleasant Valley motel in Arcadia.

Westgate, along with “Lion” Lyle Matteson, and “Lion” and Arcadia Daze Co-chair Roger Brown, determined that the snow fencing used around Finch Park, the festival site, was off-putting.

“Many of us believed what you saw was not exciting,” Whitmore said. “We had a 20-foot camper-house trailer that blocked a third of the view of that park. The way we had it set up, it looked like you walked through Finch Park through the back of a restaurant.”

Instead, the committee suggested less-obtrusive steel fencing and rented two large tents, one for use on each side of the existing wood pavilion – in an effort to look more welcoming.

Arcadia Ice House (the local ice-cream parlor) is providing the additional tables for those tents, one example of community cooperation Whitmore said is woven through the entire festival.

Two more examples of that cooperation include the Methodist Church pie-and-coffee sale at the township hall and the Trinity Lutheran Church ham-and-German-potato-salad lunch. In all, the Lions partnered with 15 organizations to present the festival and retained seven major sponsors, the latter due to the work of Co-chair Brown.

“We believe that a community is made up of various people and entities in town, and we need to work together to have success.”

Asked which events might entice visitors to return, such as the music or brew tents, “secret sauce” on the barbecued chicken dinner or the “excellent” and “thorough” Auto Muster event, Whitmore said it’s no

Arcadia Daze funds many worthy causes

Arcadia Daze is the Arcadia Lions Club major community fundraising event.

Milt Whitmore, chairperson of three-day festival, said most monies raised stay “local,” and last year helped organizations in Arcadia (Pleasant Valley Community Center, Arcadia Historical Society) as well as Manistee County (Onkama Lions Eye Program, Homeward Bound Animal Shelter, Bear Lake Camp) and Benzie County (Benzie Area Community Neighbors).

Proceeds also went to regional organizations (Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy) as well as state agencies and organizations (Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions State Band, Michigan Eye Bank), and to Lions Club International for their programs.

Monies from every raffle ticket sold go toward helping Lions Club endeavors, whether it’s helping before insurance kicks in after a family’s loss in a devastating fire or

providing scholarships to students.

In the past, three \$500 educational scholarships have been awarded.

“For next year, we’re wanting to focus on vocationals – trades – there’s a crying need for that,” Whitmore said, adding that the Arcadia Lions are in the talking stages, with details still to be worked out, but would like to increase the scholarships (university and vocational) to \$2,000 or \$3,000, to make a “real difference.”



Kick up your heels or grab a snack at this year’s Arcadia Daze!



one thing. “It’s the sense of what they see is going on,” he replied.

Whitmore, who sells raffle tickets each day of the festival, shared this anecdote:

“Several years ago, I had a conversation with some folks. I asked, ‘Where are y’all from, what brought you to Arcadia Daze?’ They said, ‘We just picked Arcadia. We see what is going on, and it’s a ball just seeing all these people having fun. We’ll be back.’”

FRIDAZE. JULY 26

4:30 pm - 5 pm 5 pm - ? 5 pm - sold out 5 pm - 8 pm 5 pm - 1 am 9 pm - 1 am After Dark	OPENING CEREMONY featuring Arcadia VFW Post at Finch Park PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT at Community Center on 7th & Glovers Lake PULLED PORK SANDWICHES with Fixins at Finch Park MUSIC at Finch Park Pavilion DOMESTIC AND CRAFT BEER TENT at Finch Park DANCE to LIVE MUSIC By “Shotman” at Finch Park FIREWORKS OVER LAKE MICHIGAN at Sunset Station (rain date Saturday night)
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Activities for KIDS all day!

SATURDAZE. JULY 27

7:30 am- 8:45 am 8 am - Noon 8 am - Noon 9 am <u>Sharp!</u> 10 am - 6 pm 10 am - 4 pm 10 am - 2 pm 10:30 am 11 am - 2 pm 11:30 am - sold out 1 pm - 1 am 3 pm 4:30 pm - sold out 5 pm - 8 pm 9 pm - 1 am	5K REGISTRATION at Finch Park LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 4th & Oak St. AUTO MUSTER REGISTRATION at 2nd & Lake St. 5K RUN starting Line at Saint Pierre Rd. & Glovers Lake Rd. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR on 4th St. VENDORS IN THE VALLEY at Community Center on 7th & Glovers Lake METHODIST CHURCH PIE & COFFEE SALE at Township Hall KIDS GAMES at Community Center on 7th & Glovers Lake ROCK PAINTING with “1, Rocks” at Comm. Center on 7th & Glovers Lake HAM & GERMAN POTATO SALAD LUNCH at Trinity Lutheran Church on 3rd & Mill St. DOMESTIC AND CRAFT BEER TENT at Finch Park AUTO MUSTER AWARDS at Finch Park BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER at Finch Park MUSIC at PAVILION featuring “Jive@Five” at Finch Park DANCE to LIVE MUSIC By “High Fidelity” at Finch Park (\$2 cover charge)
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SUNDAZE. JULY 28

8 am - Noon 10 am - 2:30 pm 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm 1 pm - 5 pm 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm - 3 pm 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 4th & Oak St. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR on 4th St. PLYMOUTH FIFE & DRUM CONCERT- DRUM MARCH Finch Park to Marina DOMESTIC AND CRAFT BEER TENT at Finch Park ARCADIA DAZE GALA PARADE on Lake St. LIONS RAFFLE DRAWINGS at Finch Park SCOTTVILLE CLOWN BAND CONCERT at Finch Park
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Western Michigan fair returns

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The Western County Fair’s longest-running attraction, Hansen said, is the showcasing of youth projects, open class and animal husbandry.

“Fairs are regarded as the single best source for agriculture education,” Hansen explained. “Food, fiber and fuel have gotten the attention, but we want people to know it’s fun, too.”

WHAT’S NEW

This year, fair organizers are bringing back the popular rodeo to the grandstand on Wednesday.

Each day, fairgoers can try the Save-A-Life distracted and impaired driving simulators, located in the fairgrounds’

“ Marcia Hansen
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community center. “It’s a very current topic and one that families are concerned about,” Hansen said.

How do fair decisionmakers decide what to add to the existing line-up?

A 15-person board governs the fair, and Hansen said planning begins “in earnest” in January each year. That’s when some board members attend the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions’ convention in



Grand Rapids, joining 2,000-plus other organizers to learn “what’s new and exciting.”

By March and April, she said board members are in “high gear.”

Numerous other volunteers come aboard, including the spouses and significant others of board members.

When asked to add additional thoughts about the fair, Hansen said: “We are very proud of our fairgrounds; all our buildings



are designed to be handicapped accessible.

We hope everyone will take the time to come and see the new additions.”

For admission prices and a full list of events and exhibits, visit: www.masoncountyfairgrounds.com

It's a party ... it's a festival ... it's Onekama Days



Photos courtesy of Onekama Days

For the 46th time, the good people of the Onekama community will host their five-day, blow-out summer party known to county folk and visitors as Onekama Days.

The events take place August 1-5, almost entirely in the village, along M-22.

Views of Portage Lake supply a gorgeous backdrop to many of the outdoor activities.

Long-time festival favorites – such as the fireworks and Portage Lake Association pig roast and craft beer tasting on Friday, Lions Club all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and steak fry on Saturday, and the grand parade on Sunday – still attract crowds, but festival organizers added new events and faces to this year's schedule.

“Onekama Stashed Cash” is a new festival event planned and sponsored by Absolute Auto Repair & Tire, which initiates similar events in other communities. The idea is, participants look for painted rocks hidden throughout the village using entertaining and sometimes frustrating clues posted outdoors in a communal setting. In Onekama's case, the clues will be posted outside Papa J's on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Once a rock is found, the finder calls the telephone number on it to find out how to swap it for cash, in whatever denomination is painted on the rock.

“I'm the only one that knows where the stashed cash is,” said Deanne McBrian, co-owner of Absolute Auto and the hunt's mastermind.

Unclaimed rocks remain hidden or buried, and she said they still can be “cashed in” whenever they are found – days, months or even years after the event.

Another new activity on Friday and Saturday is “Rare Bird Watching,” which promises to be both fun and brainteasing. Participants are asked to visit the Green Buoy Resort, 5190 Main Street (M-22), from 12 to 3 p.m. and count the pink flamingos they see around the property. Owner Wendy Kamaloski said the resort uses giant, inflatable flamingos in its pool and she thought it would be fun to add a combination of items with pink flamingos on them, to make the contest more interesting. The winner will receive ... you



gussed it ... an inflatable pink flamingo.

One change to the Lions' Saturday night steak fry (grilled steak dinner), is the location. The meal will be served inside a building with roof ventilation and fans at the Manistee County Fairgrounds.

A new Fun Fish event on Sunday is geared for kids. Onekama Days Co-Chairs Kathleen and David Bowers explained that the Manistee County Sports Fishing Association is leading that activity, which will take place at the Village Park, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

“One of the toughest, toughest jobs we have is finding events for younger kids and teens who stay on their phones,” said

Kathleen, naming the fishing contest, free face painting and scavenger hunt as activities they offer. “It's just not us, it's every group out there.”

Another event on Sunday, the grand parade, will feature new faces. National Cherry Festival Queen Sierra Moore and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Princess are expected. Moore will meet and greet people after the parade.

Shuttle service is available to take people from events at the Manistee County Fairgrounds to events at the Village Park, and to the Portage Point Resort's concert featuring the Flying Toasters Friday night.

David Bowers said paid events, such as Friday's 5K run, pig roast and craft beer tasting are Portage Lake Association events, and a portion of proceeds go to Onekama schools for athletic boosters and a type of scholarship building. Proceeds from Onekama Lions Club events – the breakfasts, steak fry, dance party, arts and crafts show at the fairgrounds and raffle – benefit the community and Lions Club causes. For a schedule of events and a list of sponsors, visit www.onekama.info or find them on Facebook at 1-Onekama, MI

Time for the Old Engine Club Show

From staff reports

Bring the kids, because this show in Scottville is not just for tinkerers and restorers.

The West Michigan Old Engine Club show, from Thursday, Aug. 1 through Sunday, Aug. 4, offers daily tractor pulls and well as hands-on activities for kids at Riverside Park, beside the beautiful Pere Marquette River.

Now in its forty-fifth year, the show entertains with a parade, horse pull, flea market and swap meet, arts and crafts and more. It also educates with stationary engines and moving machines. Some of the exhibits include a corn sheller and grinder, a shingle mill, and a working sawmill and blacksmith shop. Demonstrations of threshing and hay baling will also take place.


Saturday, 10-4, is dedicated to kids and will feature special activities and events

designed to get them moving and thinking, such as birdhouse building, a scavenger hunt, valve cover races, and garden tractor and pedal tractor pulls.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, with limited displays. Kids 12 and under can enter for free. Adult entry is \$6. Those ages 65 and up pay \$5 on Thursday.

The Western Michigan Old Engine Club is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and education of old engines large and small. The club has over 200 members of all ages, from all walks of life. The club makes its home on the grounds of Riverside Park in Scottville, 700 South Scottville Road. For more information about the club or the show, visit: www.oldengineclub.org

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Jupiter and four of its moons. Photo by Brooke Edwards.

Bright Lights in Your Cosmic Backyard

By Brooke Edwards

Imagine being able to gaze upon a distant world with your own eyes. If you think taking a space vacation could not happen in your lifetime, you are wrong. Yours can take place any clear night with the right knowledge, curiosity, and sense of adventure.

STAR OR PLANET?

Many people do not realize that many other worlds are visible in the night sky, even with the unaided eye! Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, and Mars are the brightest planets when they are visible in the night sky. In other words, when you look up at night you not only see stars but, possibly, planets. Usually those four planets appear as extra-bright "stars". The best way to tell if the bright object you are seeing is a star or planet is to observe if it is twinkling. We have all seen stars twinkle, and when that bright-sky object is not twinkling it is most likely a planet.

ANOTHER REASON TO LOVE SUMMER.

With lake-effect cloud cover not as common, summertime in Northern Michigan is the best time of year to view the night sky. To make matters even better, we are free of huge cities with sky-brightening light pollution. Our sky is not 100 percent light-pollution free, but ours offers much better viewing than big-city skies. I lived in Philadelphia for years, and the first time I saw the Northern Michigan night sky was the first time I had seen so many stars. It was truly breathtaking to see a sight many people who live in these darker areas take for granted.

Summertime offers plenty of opportunity to explore our cosmic backyard. All summer, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible in the night sky. After sunset, look southeast to south. Jupiter right now appears to

the south, with Saturn coming from the southeast. Remember: they will appear to look like bright stars that do not twinkle.

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and is a gas planet eleven times larger in diameter than Earth. Another gas planet, Saturn, is the sixth planet from the sun and is nine times larger in diameter than Earth. When looking at these worlds, you are looking outward into the Solar System at places much different than Earth.

LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER.

For an extra treat, invest in a pair of astronomy-grade binoculars. Compared to most telescopes, binoculars are lightweight, easily portable, and give a wider field of view. When you view Jupiter with the help of binoculars, you can see up to four of its brightest moons. Jupiter has over 75 moons, but only four are big and bright enough for us to pick up with simple viewing aids. These are Europa, Io, Callisto, and Ganymede. Once you get a glimpse of these distant moons, the experience becomes even more fascinating.

The next summer night you cannot sleep, step outside and gaze at the night sky. Take some time at the end of your busy and stressful day to look at the beauty of our place in the universe. Let yourself get lost in the stars, for it takes time to get familiar with spotting even the simplest objects. To make it a bit easier, find a free star map online. You will be amazed at what you can see.

Brooke Edwards is a NASA Solar System Ambassador. She lives in Manistee County. Join her at the next Star Party, 9:30 p.m., First Street Beach, Manistee, next to the pavilion. Follow her Facebook group: Manistee Star Party, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/566943037141470/>. The next Star Party is Aug. 8, 9:30 p.m.

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Barbara Anthony, of Spring Lake, (formerly of Manistee), surrounded by subs from Big Al's Pizza, a stop she must make for family members each time she visits the area.

Make Your Yard Wild for Wildlife

By Brian Allen

As someone known for his knowledge of birds, I often get asked, “What is the best bird feeder to put up in the yard?” I then answer: “A tree!” Not the response most people are thinking of, but it’s the correct and best answer.

You can put up a feeder and it will help some birds for a part of the winter when they need seeds, but a tree will provide shelter and food all year for many more birds. I often see yards with acres of close-cut grass, little or no trees and shrubs, and a shepherd’s hook with a bird feeder on it planted out in the open. To me, that looks like a trap for birds.

Predators, such as sharp-shinned hawks, love the wide-open approach to birds that a feeder without sheltering shrubs or trees gives them. Conversely, a feeder set too closely near a dense shrub or evergreen provides a hiding place for roaming housecats.

So, what are some of the best trees and shrubs to have, and how do you place them to safely attract birds and other wildlife?

In the book “Bringing Nature Home” author Douglas Tallamy, (bringingnaturehome.net), describes how our native trees provide far more food for wildlife than alien or non-native trees. For example, a white oak during spring and summer will host two- to three-hundred types of caterpillars, the best bird food due to their high nutritional value, whereas a non-native Bartlett Pear will host only one or two types. The oak will look healthy and be healthy, as it is adapted to this load of

insect life, and it will offer shelter and food for dozens of types of birds. Our native and beautiful white cedar will shelter birds all winter, (if the deer leave it alone!), and provide a feast of nearly a hundred types of caterpillars during the nesting season. On the other hand, a Colorado blue spruce, while native to the Rocky Mountain region, is a barren food tree here in non-native soil in Michigan. Many people love blue spruce but, when I see one, I only see a space where a native white spruce or white cedar could provide both cover and food.

Tallamy’s research group studied a neighborhood in suburban Washington, D.C., where almost all the trees and shrubs were exotic non-natives. A birdhouse for chickadees there revealed the problem. The parent birds had no insect food, no caterpillars, and resorted to trying to feed their young the only food around: sunflower seeds. All the chicks died of starvation, deprived of protein they needed from the caterpillars.

His group found that one oak tree can provide enough food for a family of chickadees to raise their young, if only someone in that neighborhood knew!

Our bare lawns provide little sustenance for wildlife other than during a rainy season when robins, starlings and some blackbirds



Photo courtesy of Brian Allen

can feed on earthworms. In contrast, even a small patch of native cone flowers, coreopsis, bee balm, goldenrod, butterfly weed, and other native flowers and grasses, can produce a crop of wild food to benefit hummingbirds, orioles, tanagers and butterflies. I have a small patch of former yard that I give over to goldenrod and milkweed, and I enjoy monarchs in summer and goldfinches in fall. The goldenrod, unlike ragweed, does not cause allergic symptoms.

So, what about bird feeders and domestic cats? Best is to keep the cats indoors,

where they belong, away from harm. Place feeders near shrubs and trees at just enough distance so birds can see a cat before it lunges at them, about three to four feet away. Small trees that are this distance from feeders are excellent stopping-off spots for birds, allowing them to check for predators before making a risky perch at a feeder.

With a little effort you can make your yard a wilder place for birds and other wildlife. Native plants and gardens are an excellent way to both dramatically increase the birds you see in your yard and to help birds and wildlife in their struggle to survive.

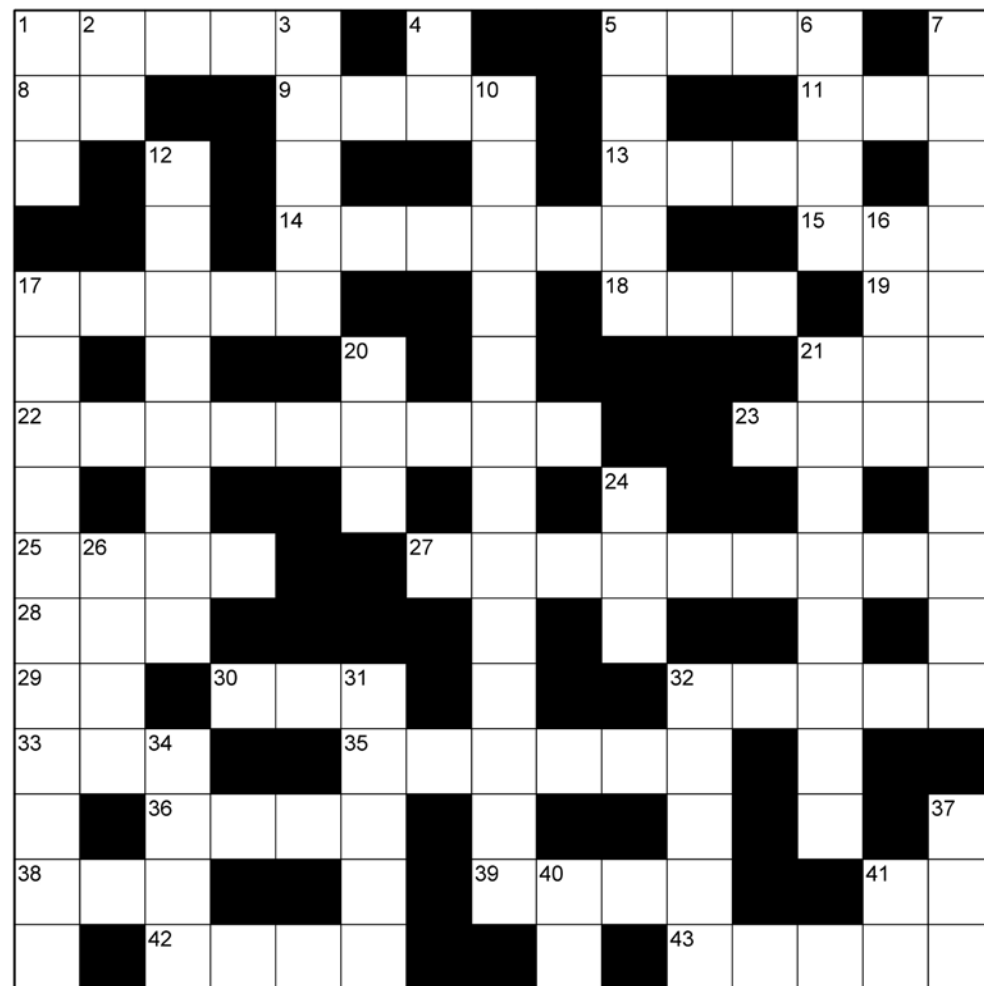
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Yesterday and Today

by Mark Videan

ACROSS

1. Built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, 10 miles west of Wellston, is the _____ Lookout Tower
5. Multifaceted treasures
8. _____ what?
9. Units of resistance
11. French word of acceptance
13. Opposite of base
14. Michigan growers produce over 900 million pounds of them each year
15. Campfire residue
17. _____ Peace Prize
18. Where you might get into hot water
19. He phoned home
21. Small, low island
22. Number one salmon fishing port in Michigan
23. Type
25. Digital image format
27. King’s waterproof coat?
28. Paddle’s relative
29. Hello



30. Word before or after old
32. Rust, for one
33. Manistee, from Ludington
35. About 90% of the grains in Michigan beach and dune sands are composed of this mineral
36. Spiral-horned antelope
38. Harry Nilsson song made famous by Three Dog Night
39. Potter’s oven
41. Monty Python’s Knights Who Say _____
42. It may go in a lock
43. “Bon Appetit!”

DOWN

1. Employ
2. “_____ or do not. There is no try.” – Yoda
3. Like a dog
4. After noon
5. May be made from #35 Across
6. What Michiganders call pop
7. Number of counties in Michigan
10. Inventor and builder of Michigan logging wheels
12. Last and largest coal-fired car ferry ever built
16. Prepare, as scallops or steaks
17. Single-handed designer and builder of Century Tower Clocks
20. Nest item
21. Incorporated in 1891, a village named after a Native American term for “beech tree”
24. “I” problem
26. A bad ache or a good loaf of French bread
31. Get ready for a camping trip
32. O3
34. Barely makes it, with “out”
37. Many home improvement projects, for short
40. One third of Freud’s trio
41. Word of denial

A Legacy of Summer Moments

By Gordon Berg

If we're lucky, we all can look back at a moment from our childhood that grounds us. It may have been only a few minutes or perhaps a summer-long experience. But, that memory stands apart for us as profoundly simple. Time slows down and nearly stands still. It becomes the best of what it means to be a kid.

That's what it was like for my dad as a young boy. Each summer his folks packed him up – along with his younger brother, Russ – and drove them up north to live on Grandma Swanson's farm just outside of Manistee. It was a place of wonder ... an entirely different world.



Grandma Swansons Farm - Harry Berg, Vic Swanson, Russell Berg

Young Harry was a city kid, born and raised in Detroit. The journey to Manistee may as well have been a Buck Rogers' rocket ride to a distant planet. Everything about it was wonderfully alien to him. He could hear crickets and frogs. There were stars at night. Billions of them! Catching fireflies was like collecting stars in a jar. On the air were the smells of homemade



Cousins on Grandma Swansons Farm

apple pie, new-mown hay and wildflowers mixed with the sounds of cowbells, rattly-old John Deere tractors and a rusty, cast-iron dinner bell he could hear a mile away. There was a big, old, face-lickin' farm dog who chased him around the bases of a backyard baseball diamond. After morning chores, Harry's only job was to stay outside and have fun. Pure magic.

What few could hear during those idyllic days were the winds of war from so far away. When they finally blew across our nation, Harry was a young man who enlisted in the Navy. World War II became a deeply reflective time for him. When it was over, the only way he could make sense of it all was to do to what he often did. He



Boys on Grandma Swansons Farm - Vic Swanson, Russ Berg, Dog, Neuman Swanson, Harry Berg behind them all.

wrote a poem, "The Boy on the Farm."

As we head into another busy, northern Michigan summer, it'll be easy for our kids or grandkids to lose track of what it means to simply be a young boy or girl. We want them to experience everything there is to see and do. Yet sometimes just being a kid is what's needed most. Maybe this is the summer when we can create that moment for them when the world slows down, so they can really smell and feel and taste all that summer is – a moment of profound simplicity. It will be the moment that lasts a lifetime.

Gordon Berg is a descendent of Manistee's Bergs, Swansons and Martinsons. His debut book, Harry and the Hurricane, is about his father's life as a young boy and how he survived The Great Miami Hurricane of 1926. Ask for it in your local bookstore or go online to www.HarryandtheHurricane.com



The Boy on the Farm

By Harry V. Berg

I often think of lane and barn when I was ten on Grandma's farm. Indifferent cows, and playful dogs, the be-bop of the summer frogs—strange music to this city ear accustomed as it is to hear from daylight's end to early morn the airplane and the auto horn.

Milk bottle caps and paper boats make battleships and racing floats, the things of interest to a boy freely spending summer joy. His closest friend ... a gurgling brook. His nose is buried in a book. You compliment his enterprise until you see his sleeping eyes.

So let him dream a year or two. Once, someone did as much for you. Too soon will come a time when he must say good-bye to brook and tree and walk the corridor of years through joy and grief, through laughs and tears. There'll come a time to act like men, but none to be a boy again.

"Rhythm & Dunes" Concerts Begin

From staff reports

Grab your blanket or folding chair and head to the Waterfront Park in Ludington by 6 p.m., Saturday, July 27 to hear Your Generation in Concert, a show celebrating 50 years of pop, rock, dance hits and rhythm and blues.

The concert is free and takes place in the bandshell at 391 South William Street. Bring a cooler to set beside you on the grass, or purchase food and beverages from vendors.

The eight-person Your Generation in Concert ensemble from southeast Michigan bills itself as "the world's finest tribute band" and has shared the stage with Sheryl Crow, The Billy Joel Band and Lenny Kravitz, among others.

Your Generation in Concert was created

by Steve Trudell, an orchestra and choir contractor who manages and produces the band, working closely with Musical Director Brian Lord.

The July 27 event is the first of two concerts in the eighth annual Rhythm & Dunes summer concert series planned, organized and sponsored by West Shore Bank and its employees as a fundraiser for high-school music programs in Mason County. According to a bank announcement, last

year's concerts raised more than \$13,000.

The next concert takes place 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3 when Trinity takes the stage and conjures the '80s classic-rock sounds of three bands: Styx, Foreigner and Journey. The best-selling Las Vegas act includes veteran musicians, one of whom is a former international recording artist. Rhythm & Dunes' concerts are free, however, donations are appreciated to continue supporting the schools.



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Bring the kids to Copemish Heritage Days

By Pat Stinson

Copemish, in the northeast corner of Manistee County, is a village of 400 or so. It's a small community with a big heart.

On Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4 community members will share some of that love during Copemish Heritage Days.

The annual family-friendly festival includes numerous free activities for children and adults.



Photo courtesy of Copemish Heritage Days Facebook page

One event with an entry fee is the second annual Copemish Classic Cornhole Tournament. Entrants team with a partner to compete in this double elimination tournament. Cost per team is \$20. A trophy and cash prizes will be awarded. The event begins at 11 a.m. outside the American Legion Hall, 18483 Cadillac Highway.

Other festivities begin at noon, Saturday, in the Copemish Village Park, on Maple, between Front and 1st streets.

At 1 p.m. a parade will snake up Cedar and down Front streets and candy will be given to kids along the way.

Following the parade, more scheduled activities take place in the park and American Legion Hall.

FUN IN THE PARK

In the park, adults can shop for gifts and other items at an arts and-crafts show, participate in a cake walk, learn about local history at the Copemish Historical Society display, listen to live music, bid on items in a silent auction or purchase tickets for a raffle drawing.

Kids' activities in the park include the Bounce House, face painting, fire truck rides, a raffle, a booth with free cookies and water, and a visit by Clark the Juggler - who will also make balloon animals following his 3 p.m. performance.

Food by the Steelhead Café food truck is available throughout the afternoon, as well as fair favorites like cotton candy and popcorn.

Live music in the park begins at 3:30 p.m. with a two-hour performance by Duke and the Studebakers. Band members Kearney Walters, Mike LaValley, Herb Cottier and Paul Guyon entertain audiences with their four-part harmonies and crowd-pleasing, classic rock and roll.

ACTIVITIES AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Throughout the afternoon at the American Legion Hall are a classic car show, food, drinks and a beer tent. Car show awards and the 50/50 raffle drawing take place at 2 p.m. Duke and the Studebakers will perform here at 7 p.m.

The festivities conclude Sunday morning with your choice of a 5K Run and Walk from the Cleon Township Hall or a pancake breakfast served at St. Raphael Catholic Church. Both activities begin at 9 a.m. (Registration for the 5K event begins at 8 a.m. at the Copemish Historical Museum.)

For a complete schedule of events, or to learn how to become an exhibitor, vendor or parade participant, visit the festival's website: <https://copemishheritagedays.wordpress.com>. Contact Tyler to compete in cornhole: 231-383-3626.



Porch Retreat

By Ramona Arlene

Battle of the lawns
hear the trumpets call;
cannons, mortars, drummers,
cut them down
mow them all!
Hack the stranglers,
take prisoners none;
until the sun of day is done.

Poet's note: Written in frustration when I wanted to enjoy a quiet morning on the porch, with coffee and a book...



Photo courtesy of Duke and the Studebakers

Sniff Your Way to a Happy Day

By Ron Schmidt

While out walking with friends in spring and summer, I'm surprised at how most of them do not notice the myriad of fragrances blowing on the breeze. Unless it's an odor that smells bad to them, such as skunk or stinkhorn, they seem aware only of what they see and, to a lesser degree, what they hear. These are outdoor people, like me, which makes it even more puzzling.

There are so many kinds of trees and plants that grow wild in the woods and along the road. Many of them exude wonderful fragrances until a hard frost. Their scents, and those of cultivated gardens, invigorate me and boost my spirit. Why couldn't they do the same for everyone?

Taking time to stop and sniff feels great, as our dogs have always known. We just need to pay attention to what our noses, big

or small, are smelling.

So breathe deeply next time you're out and about - whether on foot, rollerblades, a bicycle or in a wheelchair. If your feet or legs don't work as well as they used to, you can still surround yourself with your best-loved outdoor smells by purchasing small pots of your favorite flowers and herbs. I planted my favorites for the first time this spring. Each day, I can't wait to breathe in aromas of sweet basil, lemon verbena,



Ron Schmidt enjoys the fresh scent of a lilac bouquet as he carries it into his house. Photo by Pat Stinson.

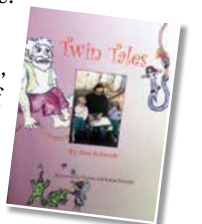
lavender, rosemary, oregano, mint and my new favorite, pineapple sage.

There's an added benefit to us as we age.

I recently heard of a study that suggests certain scents can stave off dementia.

Good sniffing to everyone.

Ron Schmidt lives on five acres in the north woods with his leader dog, Lila. He is the author of three children's books: That Pig Lucy, Voices of Wolf Lake and Twin Tales. You can purchase Twin Tales directly from the author for \$9 a copy - includes shipping, handling, and your child's name typed in Braille. Call or text Ron: 231-499-5545.



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Free well-water test for Manistee residents

From staff reports

Are you pregnant or raising an infant and concerned about nitrogen levels in your well water? Do you homebrew and wonder if your beer's fermentation, flavor and storage could be affected by too much nitrogen in your water?

To help county residents assess nitrogen levels in their well water, the Manistee Conservation District will host its annual Well-Water Testing Day, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 8840 Chippewa Highway in Bear Lake. Well-water samples will be tested for agricultural nitrates and nitrites.

Manistee Conservation District says excess nitrogen in well water may lead to nitrate poisoning (blue baby syndrome) in infants, especially those six months and younger. Brewers of beer know that too much nitrogen can cause "off" flavors or spoilage.

Sources of excess nitrogen can include malfunctioning septic systems or overuse of fertilizers that leach through soil to the aquifer (groundwater).

On its own, nitrogen has no discernible

smell, color or taste, therefore, its presence in drinking water can go undetected.

Even if you're not a new parent or a homebrewer, you need to know what to do when levels are above recommended parameters. The US Public Health Service determined that the maximum nitrate-nitrogen level for safe drinking water is 10 parts per million.

Prior to the testing event, residents are asked to read the district's well-water testing instructions to learn why the testing is recommended and how to collect a sample. A landowner information form must be completed prior to dropping off the water sample. Instructions and the form are available online at <https://www.manisteedc2.org/water-testing-day--information.html>. You can also stop in the office or email the district at susan.spencer@macd.org to request a form.

MCD will provide information to help residents access a more in-depth drinking water test from the District 10 Health Department.

This event is free to the public, is hosted by the Manistee Conservation District, and sponsored and funded by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). For more information, call the district at 231-889-9666.

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Firewood and the Invasive Species Connection: SOME CAUTIONS & FAQ'S



By Susan Spencer

The onset of summer often evokes images of crackling camp and beach fires. And locally sold campfire wood can be found along roadsides everywhere. But the truth is, one sure-“fire” way to spread invasive species, including oak wilt, emerald ash borer, pests like spotted lanternfly, and many other insects, is to move infected wood.

The danger of transporting firewood is that pests and diseases can and do travel hundreds of miles, causing the spread of potentially devastating forest diseases. Without the assistance of transportation, many species, left to spread on their own, would be unlikely to get very far.

At bottom, moving firewood long distances becomes an economic issue, as invasive pests' infestations transported by the wood have the ability to wipe out forests, destroy property values and impair important natural resources.

A survey of 272 campers at 18 public and private campgrounds at 3 New England states was conducted in an effort to learn about campers' firewood movement behavior, including their knowledge and beliefs about invasive forest pests. More than 25 percent of respondents replied that they often or always brought firewood from home for camping.

Unfortunately, moving firewood any distance above 10 miles is not recommended. Pruning of oak trees during the spring and summer months is also discouraged.

Particularly in regard to oak trees, pruning is not recommended after April 1 or before November 1. Even though the risk of infection decreases somewhat after mid-July, it's best to be safe.

For a helpful resource, and to learn more about the dangers of moving firewood, and



get access to local maps, guidelines, data and a wealth of general information, the website Don'tMoveFirewood.org provides useful guidelines.

Susan Spencer is Executive Director of Manistee Conservation District. Her article first appeared the district's 2019 summer newsletter and is reprinted by permission.



Great Blue Heron stretches its wings while foraging in Bear Creek. The bird's wingspan can reach six feet. Photo by Diana Six.