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Suds on the Shore gives you more

By Pat Stinson

LUDINGTON – Now in its 11th year, Suds on the Shore Craft Beer and Wine Festival is expecting 3,000 to head to Rotary Park, at 500 W. Ludington Ave., during the afternoon event on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Those who purchase their event tickets in advance (\$30 presale) may enter the festival at noon. Others paying at the gate (\$35) will be admitted at 1 p.m. Festivities conclude at 6 p.m.

Tickets include entry, eight tokens for beverages and a souvenir glass. Music will be provided and two food vendors will be on hand to satisfy food cravings. Due to the nature of the festival, anyone under 21 years (babies as well as children) will not be admitted and a valid ID is required at the gate.

Suds on the Shore is hosted by United Way of Mason County (UWMC) and proceeds benefit local nonprofits.

The festival made Traverse Magazine's 2019 Top Ten Red Hot Best of Northern Michigan list of beer festivals.

"This is the only special event that we do," said UWMC Executive Director Lynne Russell. "It's a good six-month planning process, with seven or eight on the planning committee and 100-plus volunteers."

From the perspective of people attending the festival, she said:

"It's somewhat festive, the location and the atmosphere...the very beautiful setting with shade trees, three blocks from the beach...People bring pop-up canopies and cornhole and just kind of make a day of it. It's a pretty laid-back festival."



Photo courtesy of United Way of Mason County.

Russell said there are 55 registered vendors – some of whom haven't missed the festival since it began – offering beer, wine, mead and hard cider. Newcomers are Conflux City Brewing Co., Creston Brewery, Eastern Market Brewing Co., Grand River Brewery, Haymarket Beer Co., Odd Side Ales, Rockford Brewing Co., Rustic Leaf Brewing Co. and Terrapin Beer Co.

Attendees are given a map of the vendors

and products they are tasting and can "check them off" as they visit them.

"What we hear is, it's very well organized," shared Russell. "They (vendors) love our VIP tent and the food we serve them; we take good care of them."

Last year's entertainment was so successful that the band, which describes itself as "old-school rock," is returning.

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Gold Coast Arts and Crafts Fair keeps it casual



Patrons look for art and craft treasures at the Gold Coast Arts and Craft Fair. Photo courtesy of Ludington & Scottville Chamber of Commerce.

By Pat Stinson

LUDINGTON – The 36th annual Gold Coast Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rotary Park, 100 North Lewis Street.

"It's not an artisan fair," explained Polly Myer, of the Ludington-Scottville Chamber of Commerce, the fair's sponsor. "It is an arts and craft fair, not judged or juried."

Over 150 crafters, some with double spaces, will share the park with food vendors selling items such as kettle corn, maple syrup or elephant ears. Food vendors are required to be nonprofits or partner with a nonprofit, Myer said.

"We have a lot of local folks," she said of the participants, "some from Florida, Ohio, Colorado. They live there part of the year, you know."

She described the fair as a mix of inexpensive and higher-priced items.

"We have \$5 bracelets and \$300 art pieces," Myer explained. "Jewelry from magnetic to silver, four different photographers, five or six selling lawn art."

"It's just a nice, casual experience where people can explore crafts on their

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More to love at Manistee County Fair

By Pat Stinson

The Manistee County Fair has been around for 143 years, but that doesn't mean the corners have cobwebs. Far from it. A number of new events can be found among the fair's schedule of familiar agricultural shows, exciting grandstand attractions, carnival rides, games, and more taking place Tuesday, Aug. 13 through Saturday, Aug. 17.



Pre-fair events on Sunday, Aug. 11 include Youth and Open Class Horse Shows from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and entry day for exhibits and animals is Monday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Regular fair admission is \$3 for those over 6 years, and a season gate pass is \$10. The entry fee is waived on Tuesday, opening day of the fair, for active military personnel and veterans.

FIRST, TWO OLD-TIME FAVORITES

The Heritage Draft-Horse Pulling event begins 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 with teams of long-time participants.

"We have 18 entrants, excellent teams," said Elaine Bossingham, the fair board's secretary. "I'm told they are all great athletes."

Thursday's pie competition, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Exhibition Building, is so

popular with area bakers that it has its own page in the county fair's handbook.

Fair pies are not just any ol' fruit-filled tin with a browned crust. We're talking honest-to-goodness, champion-grade fruit pies made with local fruit or berries and surrounded by flaky, golden crusts that only old family recipes and years of practice can produce.

Cream pies, too. Blue-ribbon, melt-in-your-mouth, cream pies – whipped and dairy fresh.

"Our pie contest is one of the most coveted competitions in Manistee County," explained. "I got to sample some last year; they are all so good."

She said a four- or five-person panel judges more than 20 pies, and one of the judges this year is a 97-year-old who is an

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own and go into the different booths.”

One of those with a booth is Laurie Carey, who will participate in the fair for the third time.

“I like this show because of the excellent foot traffic, lots of friendly folks and Polly Myer, the organizer, is very easy to work with...,” Carey shared via email.

“I’ve heard visitors say they like this fair because it’s crafty and affordable.

“Last year was incredible for me,” she continued. “It was the first time I had done a show with Dolloween and I sold 60 pieces. It was by far the best show I had ever done.”

Carey was referring to her collection of Halloween props she creates from old dolls, which look downright scary or creepy after she blackens their eyes or runs wires through their heads.

She wrote that she didn’t know if others worked on their art at the fair, but she wouldn’t be, adding:

“... I do stand at the entrance of my booth chatting up folks as they walk by,

challenging them to Enter if they Dare and calling them Chicken if they don’t. Plus, I pass out Dolloween stickers as an ice breaker.”

Marie Marfia, the owner of Bonafide Gallery, of Ludington, and an artist who works in pastels, will be participating in the show for the first time and demonstrating her work.

“My friend Laurie Carey, who is a fabulous artist, suggested it would be a good place to sell my skeletons,” Marfia said.

Along with her original pastels (of landscapes, people and animals), Marfia recreates the works of Masters, substituting skeletons she calls “Skellies” for the serious subjects in the originals, to hilarious effect.

To find other crafters or vendors at the fair, go to the information booth in the south gazebo. Chamber staff will be there to answer questions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



Skelly Dancer No. 8 is a pastel by Marie Marfia. Photo courtesy of the artist.

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Parade goers were met with more than candy at this year’s Arcadia Daze. Shelley Lyman, of Onekama, was handed this giant petunia basket from Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses, of Bear Lake. Photo by Mark Videan.

Some Fishes of Northern Michigan

Mark Videan

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Go with the flow at Grapes on the River

By Pat Stinson

Children and pets are welcome at the fourth Grapes on the River tasting event, held 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10 on the grounds of the Manistee Municipal Marina in Manistee.

“The event itself is right on the river,” said Kristina Bajtko, the marketing and membership coordinator for Manistee Chamber of Commerce, host of Grapes on the River. “It’s a casual event; bring kids and pets – it’s family friendly.”

About 500 are anticipated at this year’s Grapes on the River, which pairs wine, beer and spirits with local cuisine, music and art in a laid-back atmosphere along the Manistee River. Benches and picnic tables dot the marina park and standing tables will be provided.

New this year: Organizers are hosting the event in tandem with Sidewalk Sales, held Aug. 9 and 10 and hosted by merchants of the Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority. Bajtko said that although it’s a sidewalk sale, some of the sales are inside.

“Shop all day, grab a drink, sit down and enjoy the river,” she said.

Another event to check out that morning before the tastings begin is Sail Manistee 2019 Catamaran races.

The first race starts at 11 a.m. in Lake Michigan and the best viewing area is Douglas Park at the mouth of the Manistee River.

POURS AT 4

Entry to Grapes on the River costs \$20 and includes a tasting glass and tickets for beverages of your choice: wine, beer and spirits.

According to the event website, wineries present during the affair include Douglas Valley Winery, of Manistee, serving Cherry wine slushies; Love Wines Winery, of Ludington; St. Ambrose Cellars, of Beulah; Chateau Grand Traverse, of Old Mission Peninsula, Traverse City; and St. Julian Winery. Breweries listed on the site include: North Channel Brewing, of Manistee; Ludington Bay Brewery, of Ludington; Stormcloud Brewing, of Frankfort; and Right Brain Brewery, of Traverse City.

A spokesperson for Iron Fish Distillery, of Thompsonville, said their servers will offer two cocktails. One is the Sunny ‘Stee, a mixture of Iron Fish Michigan Winter Wheat Vodka, lemon balm, simple syrup, lemon juice, mint and fizz. The second cocktail is North Pier, a combination of Iron Fish Copper Queen Whiskey, Vernors Ginger Ale, lemon juice, cinnamon and fizz.

CUISINE, MUSIC, ART AND GAMES

Three food trucks will offer a range of



Above: Grapes on the River photo courtesy of Manistee County Chamber. Right: Grapes on the River photo by Bev Wilkens, courtesy of Manistee County Chamber of Commerce.



tastes for adults and children.

“We have a variety to appeal...we want it to be a little more upscale with the tastings,” Bajtko explained.

She said a specially-crafted menu for the event from Road Crew Galley, of Ludington, includes Shrimp po’boys, Island chicken, Seafood nachos (with shrimp and crab), and Marsala mushroom meatballs.

Sweet Smoke BBQ, a new food truck in Manistee, will serve mini “sammies” of chicken, pulled pork and beef plus sides of macaroni and cheese, coleslaw and baked beans.

For burger aficionados there’s Zachzilla’s Burger & Fries, offering gourmet burgers, loaded fries and a children’s menu.

Music during the event will be provided by Johnny P Entertainment, serving up blues, jazz and more.

Caricature Artist Nicole Stevenson will be present, as will Judy Rybka Bergmann, a painter, and Natural Crafts.

For kids, there will be lawn games, including cornhole and yard Jenga.

Pets on leashes are welcome.

This year’s event is presented by Edward Jones-Jeff Reau. Eighteen sponsors are listed on the website and Bajtko said 20-25 volunteers came forward to help.

Tickets may be purchased online at: www.manisteegrapesontheriver.com

Manistee County Fair

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apple, strawberry and cherry producer and whose spouse worked for the Farm Bureau and was a former fair board member.

In other words, the pie had better be excellent.

“A crowd sits and watches the event unfold,” she said. “It’s very well attended.”

Among many exhibits, according to Bossingham, are quilts, canned goods, veggies, eggs, photos, carpentry and more.

“It’s a wide range,” she said. “There’s something for everybody.”

“We are taking entries until Monday, Aug. 12.”

KIDS “ON FIRST”

Every day seems like kids’ day, but the designated day for children is Wednesday, Aug. 14, when kids ages 10 and under enter the fair for free. It’s also Public Safety Day.

“We have invited the local fire department, EMS and law enforcement to teach kids about what the departments do, how they help the community and what it’s like to have that profession,” Bossingham said.

Another inclusive event for kids takes place Friday amongst the livestock shows, auctions and photo opportunities. The 4-H Animal Companion Interviews are open to all children. Interviews begin at 6 p.m. at the Companion Animal Station in the Merchant Building. Kids bring their favorite pets – from a cat to a pet rock.

“Kids who are not in a situation to have livestock can participate,” Bossingham explained. “We ask questions and get neat answers...their personal ideas, why these kids have this special bond with their companion.”

Saturday, Aug. 17 brings face painting plus kids’ and family activities from 2-6 p.m. Registration for a free bike giveaway is at the Old Heifer Booth in the Merchant



“Elaine Bossingham
This year we tried to do a lot of new things to encompass more people in the community and, of course, we have vacationers.”

Building and the drawing begins at 3 p.m.

THREE TEASERS

One major addition to Saturday’s grandstand event – the TNT Demolition Night of Smashing – is a “pre-concert” by The Whiskey Rebels, a four-piece, country-rock band. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

“It’s a little added extra for our fairgoers,” Bossingham said. “It gets them revved up for the evening.”

Speaking of revving, a chainsaw carver will create an Angus Bull head. Be on the lookout for this beauty.

Another new feature for attendees: the

fair now accepts credit cards.

“It’s a whole lot more accessible when they come through the gate,” she said.

Overall, the fair board wanted to include activities that would have a wider appeal.

“This year we tried to do a lot of new things to encompass more people in the community and, of course, we have vacationers,” she said. “We are putting a little spin on it, so we have something for all ages.”

She explained that community support is an enormous part of any local fair, and the 4-Hers and kids work hard with their animals for almost a year, as do the



Photos courtesy of Manistee County Fair.



fair board and livestock council. More volunteers are always needed. That being said, she added:

“Hey, it’s an exciting fair. Come on out and join us.”

For more about the fair, check out the schedule on page 8.

FIRST WOMAN TO LEAVE FOOTSTEPS

Return to the moon

By Brooke Edwards

We recently celebrated 50 years since humans first landed on the moon. On July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set foot on the moon's dusty surface, accomplishing not just a goal set by president John F. Kennedy, but a victory for humanity.

No longer was Earth the only heavenly body in the universe explored in person by humans.

The imaginations and curiosity of many soared as the Apollo program continued for another six missions and five more successful moon landings. People then wondered when humans would venture to Mars. After Apollo 17 completed its mission in 1972, plans of sending humans back to the moon and beyond never materialized – that is, until recently.

Last month NASA revealed the Artemis program, an ambitious plan to return humans to the moon and eventually Mars. The name Artemis was chosen for a specific reason. In Greek mythology Artemis was the twin sister of Apollo and goddess of the moon and hunting, (among other things). The Artemis program will see the first time a woman sets foot on the moon.

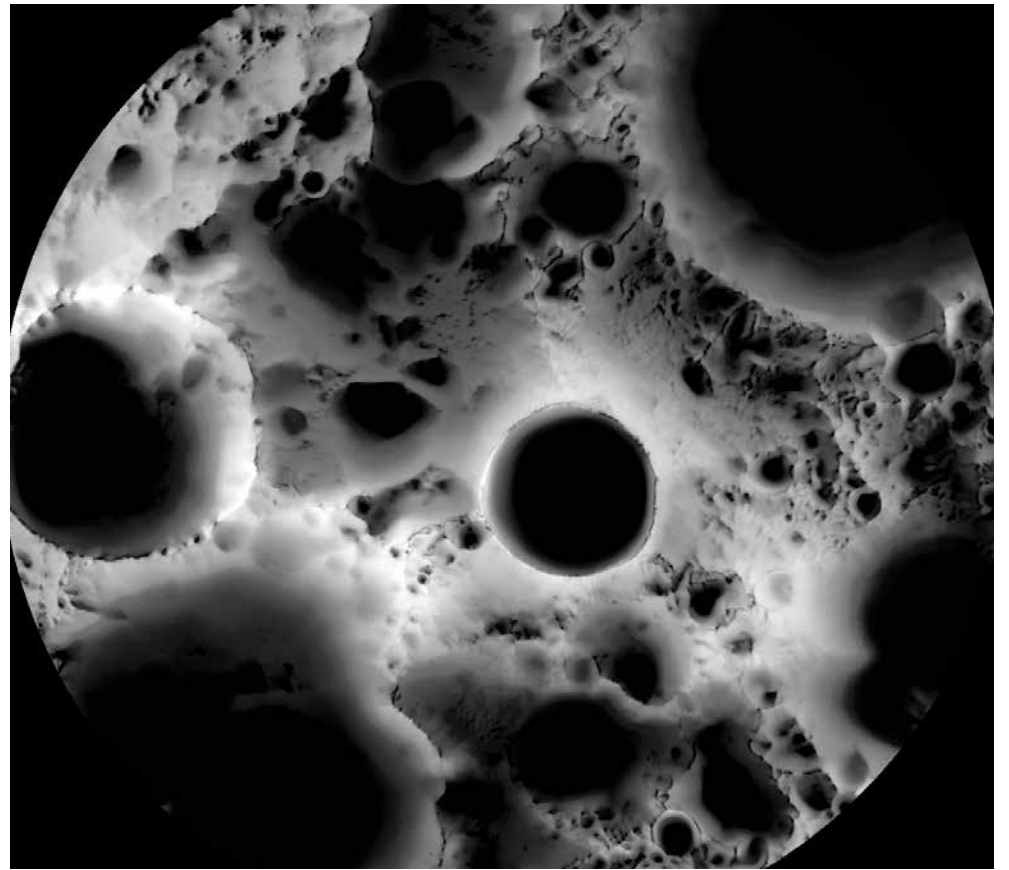
During the Apollo 11 anniversary celebration at Kennedy Space Center, Vice

President Pence announced the completion of the Orion capsule slated to carry humans to the moon. The goal of the Artemis program is to land humans on the moon by 2024, and this news made that objective more likely.

The long-term plan for Artemis is to establish a human presence on the south pole of the moon, a place not explored previously by humans and one that contains ice. The water ice will supply H₂O for breathing, drinking and producing rocket fuel, among other uses.

Once a sustainable habitat is established, and more science is done, the plan is to use that information and experience to head for Mars. A Mars landing will not happen for years, but it is the ultimate goal of the Artemis program.

Exciting times are ahead, as we are confident we will see another moon landing in this generation. One can only imagine what is to come with future space exploration. We will soon be watching



Map of the moon's south pole (at 9 o'clock) created using multiple images from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter camera. Photo courtesy of NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Arizona State Univ.

another moon landing, possibly in HD this time. What a day it will be!

Brooke Edwards is a NASA Solar System Ambassador. She lives in Manistee. Her next Star Party is scheduled for 9:30 p.m., August 8 at First Street Beach, next to the pavilion, in Manistee.



In the Artemis logo, Earth is blue, silver is the moon and red is the rocket trajectory past the moon. A also signifies Apollo missions and the tip of the A is the huntress' arrowhead.

Get ready for a night-sky show

By Mark Videan

The most spectacular meteor shower of the year is upon us.

The Perseids, named for the constellation Perseus, where the meteors appear to originate, are visible from July 17 to August 24. They can appear all over the night sky. Although the number of meteors per hour will peak August 11-13, the moon will be close to full, making the dimmest meteors hard to see. Prime, moon-free viewing (clouds permitting) will be the weekend of August 9-11.

VIEWING ESSENTIALS

Find the darkest place you can to observe the largest possible portion of the night sky. The lakeshore, a meadow or hilltop – away from ground lights and overhead trees – are ideal locations.

Plan to spend at least an hour observing, as it takes twenty minutes or more for your eyes to fully adjust to the dark, allowing you to see more meteors.

Comfortable viewing is also important and will allow you to observe for a longer time. A reclining lawn chair, temperature-appropriate clothing, bug spray, and a beverage of choice will enhance your viewing experience.

WHEN TO LOOK

Best viewing times are between 10 p.m. and dawn. The number of meteors visible per hour will increase the later you watch. Early viewing can be rewarding too. Although there will be fewer meteors, they will have longer tails, grazing the earth's atmosphere rather than plunging straight down. Saturn (sets around 2 a.m.) and Mars (sets about 4 a.m.) will also be visible.



WHAT CAUSES THE PERSEIDS?

Meteor showers occur when the earth, in its orbit, passes through the trail of a comet's debris. The Perseid meteors are bits of comet Swift-Tuttle, named for its two independent discoverers in 1862. Swift-Tuttle is the largest known object to repeatedly pass by the earth. Its nucleus is about sixteen miles in diameter. Its orbit is very elliptical, taking it from inside Earth's orbit to out beyond Pluto's.

It came closest to the earth in December 1992 and will be nearest to us again in July 2126, on its 133 year-long orbit around the sun.

HOW COMETS GET THEIR TAILS

Comets are thought to be leftovers from the formation of our solar system, about 4.6 billion years ago. They are composed of ice, dust, rock, gases and dark, organic materials. When a comet's orbit takes it close to the sun, melting ice boils off with particles of dust, making a cloud around its nucleus called a coma. This cloud, or coma, is pushed by the solar wind away from

the sun and glows in sunlight, making the comet's tail.

COSMIC DEBRIS

As the earth orbits the sun, it passes through debris left by the passing comet. Most of the comet particles are bits of ice and dust, the size of grains of sand. On rare occasions, a particle may be as large as a pea, making for a bright "fireball" display as it passes through Earth's atmosphere. The Perseid meteors are travelling at a speed of 133,000 mph when they enter our atmosphere and burn due to tremendous friction. A meteor that hits the earth intact is called a meteorite. Few meteors in meteor showers survive the journey through the atmosphere to become meteorites, because of the fragile nature of comet debris. Most meteorites found on Earth are remnants of asteroids, which are mostly made of rock and nickel-iron.

Take a siesta, if you can, on a hot August afternoon, then stay up late to watch one of nature's most awesome light displays happening in the coolness of night.

Mark Videan happily reads every book and watches every show about "space" he can find. He worked as a volunteer for the first Midwest Space Fest in Traverse City. He lives among other night owls in Manistee.

Suds on the Shore

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"Our committee is diverse and they know of a lot of different musicians," Russell said of the selection process. "They go to prior years or someone who is interested. We try to spread the wealth."

"White Rabbit was well received last year and people asked to have them back."

Russell addressed the question of bringing two food vendors to the festival.

"I don't think you can equate it (the festival) to a beer tent. For the most part our people are very responsible; they have designated drivers," she said. "A lot of people are going uptown to eat afterward, so it's bringing a lot of business to our restaurants."

"It's a win-win for our entire community."

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Russell said festival goers are sometimes reluctant to give all their tokens to vendors, because they think the beer (and other alcohol) is provided to the festival free of charge.

"I think there's a misperception that product is donated," she said. "We purchase all the products. It's illegal to donate alcohol. We buy up to a certain amount and ask (vendors) to bring it."

She explained that proceeds raised are awarded to local non-profit programs that share the same goals that United Way of Mason County has – helping children to succeed, working with individuals and families to become financially stable and improving people's health. The dollars are awarded through an annual request for proposal process.

Festival tickets may be purchased online at www.sudsontheshore.com or Jamesport Brewing Co., Ludington Bay Brewing or the Mitten Bar, all in Ludington. In Manistee, tickets can be found at Surroundings. Visit the website for more information.

Lake Love Letters Project



By Gordon Berg

Love letters. Who doesn't like to receive a love letter? It gives us a sense of worth. It affirms to us that we matter deeply in the life of another.

Curiously, even the sender of a love letter feels good for having written it. So when the regional organization FLOW (ForLoveOfWater.org) partnered recently with other conservation nonprofits to host the International Joint Commission (IJC) for the Great Lakes in Traverse City, they presented them with something new ... love letters. They asked themselves: What better way to demonstrate deep appreciation for our inland seas and lakes, rivers and watersheds than to ask residents of the area to write love letters to these bodies of water?

LAKE LOVE LETTERS PROJECT

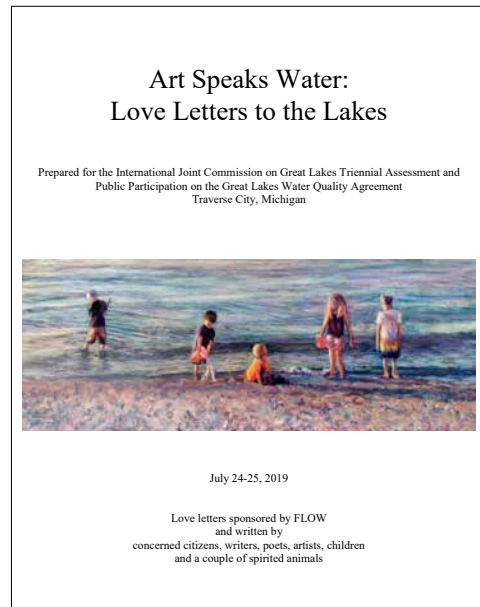
FLOW Communications Coordinator Jacob Wheeler turned to Anne-Marie Oomen, celebrated author and Empire resident, to create the Lake Love Letters Project. Their goal was to flood the IJC commissioners with letters from various community members expressing their love for our waters. The project received nearly 100 letters. The two believe these expressions of love are merely the headwaters, that there are hundreds more who feel the same affection and want to express it.

The first hundred letters were compiled into a book and presented to the IJC commissioners, who were deeply moved by what people had to say.

It was so successful that the Lake Love Letters Project is looking to fill another book. And another.

DO YOU LOVE A MICHIGAN LAKE?

That's where you come in. If Michigan's waters move you, if you have a loving memory of them, if you passionately yearn to protect these waters ... please write a love letter. Begin with "Dear Lake Michigan", "Dear



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Pere Marquette Lake", or "Dear Portage Lake", and so on, and share your love.

Writers of all ages are welcome. Limit your letter to 400 words. Provide your name and town and send them to oomenam@gmail.com and copy to jacob@flowforwater.org. Put "Lake Love Letters Project" in the subject heading.

Submitting your love letter is your permission for the coordinators of the Lake Love Letters Project to use them in a variety of ways to benefit regional water protection efforts.

A little love can go a long way. Select letters will be reprinted in future issues of Freshwater Reporter.

Gordon Berg is a descendent of Manistee's Bergs, Swansons and Martinsons. He is an author and historical gumshoe.

My Dearest Lake Michigan,

I have never paused to tell you this, but I love you.

Your waters have flowed through our combined families for five generations ... the lifeblood of our ancestral history and cherished memories.

You have welcomed us unconditionally to your shorelines as we came from Canada, Sweden, South Korea, Russia and Poland. You have sustained us with your bounty. You have inspired us with your beauty. We have sailed upon your waters and soared in the skies above your waves.

And of all the countless memories from all these people across oceans and continents and time, there is one magic moment forever etched in my mind.

It was a crisp Fourth of July, 1993, on your shores near the village of Manistee, Michigan. A day filled with a parade of patriots and a family reunion. We celebrated with burgers, hot dogs, lemonade and blueberry pie. As the sun faded, your waters were painted with reds, yellows, pinks and purples ... a rippling canvas of colors. Campfires dotted the shoreline and filled the air with the rich smells of summer. My elderly parents watched with amusement as our six-year-old son gleefully played tag with your waves washing ashore. Fireworks off the end of the pier lit-up the sky and reflected on your waters as we huddled close beneath our blankets ... generations together cocooned.

If this memory were the only one I had nestled next to your body of water, I would consider myself immensely blessed. But I alone have thousands of such memories of you. My wife has more. My son has even more. Multiply these times the hundreds of us across generations and our families' memories would completely encircle and enfold you with our love.

So dear lady, our dear Lake Michigan ... thank you. We love you for all time.

With deep bows of gratitude,

Gordon Martinson Berg

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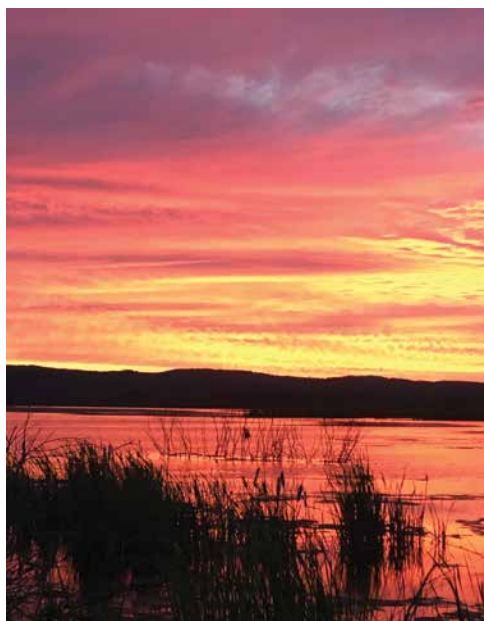


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Boardwalk completed at Arcadia Marsh



From staff reports

MANISTEE - The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) recently reported on its Facebook page that a major upgrade to the Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve is complete.

A universal access trail at the 273-acre preserve "will give people of all ages and abilities access to one of our region's greatest natural wonders," it was stated in the post.

On its website, GTRLC states that the marsh one of the last Great Lakes' coastal marshes, with 15 remaining in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Support for the project came from Manistee County Community Foundation, the Mott Foundation and many private donors. Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc. and Swidorski Bros. Excavating LLC did the design-build.

Household Hazardous Waste collection day

REGION - Household Hazardous Waste events will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17 for both Manistee and Mason counties.

In Manistee the hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Manistee County Road Commission, 8946 Chippewa Hwy., in Bear Lake. There are some changes in the program. Due to a sharp increase in recycling costs, the HHW committee voted to shorten the time period for the collection by one hour. It also voted to increase the suggested donation to \$10 to help offset the skyrocketing cost of hazardous waste disposal.

Though the county no longer accepts latex paint, it will accept car and household batteries, small appliances such as microwaves, small refrigerators, dehumidifiers and window air conditioners. Manistee Conservation District also hosts a collection area for large appliances including refrigerators, stoves and freezers. For the full brochure, go to <https://www.manisteed2.org/hhw.html>.

In Ludington, the hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and collection takes place at the Mason County Road Commission, 510 East State St., in Scottville. A \$10 donation is requested. Acceptable materials include, but are not limited to, unwanted or outdated cleaners, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, electronics, batteries and more. For the full list of acceptable items, and some the county will not accept, visit: <https://www.mason-lakeconservation.org>. As reported on conservation district websites.

Go fish! Onekama tournament offers something for everyone

By Greg Gielczyk

Technically, it's not called the Onekama Shakedown anymore, and the date has been changed. However, the fishing is expected to be even better for the Onekama Fishing Tournament which runs Aug. 16-18.

Its full title used to be the Memorial Onekama Shakedown Fishing Tournament. But, there were some hitches.

For one thing, it took place so early in the season that a lot of people didn't have their boats ready, according to Tournament Director Scotty Mac, of Tournament Trails.

"The fishing wasn't at its best," said Mac, a local radio personality. "We had an opening in August, so we moved it there. This is the first year it's in August, and it's called the Onekama Fishing Tournament now.

"It's going to be out of Onekama Marine. It's a great little tournament, especially for teams that might just be getting started in tournament fishing. There's three different divisions ... five fish, three fish or just one fish."

Registration fees start as low as \$50 and go up to \$300 if you enter the 5 Fish Per Day division of the main event.

Participants are not limited to competing in just one division, either. They can enter two or all three if they like, depending on how much they want to spend and what they hope to take out.

Fishing starts Friday, Aug. 16 with the Ladies and Kids one-day event. Entry fee is \$100. Each team is required to have a minimum of two women and/or kids.

ONE FISH, THREE FISH...

The main event on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18 has three divisions ... 5 Fish Per Day with a \$300 entry fee, 333 (3 fish per two days) with a \$100 entry fee and Big Fish Only (one fish per day) for \$50.

Mac said it's difficult to say how much the pay-out is for 5 Fish, because it's based on registration numbers, but it will be a cash prize. The 333 has a guaranteed prize of \$1,000 for first place and about another \$10,000 in cash and prizes for any award other than first place. Big Fish pays out cash as well.

"Onekama has been maybe about a 30-boat tournament, probably," added Mac. "It could still be that, or it could turn out to



Catch the daily weigh-ins at Onekama Marine starting at 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Courtesy photo.



Team Almost Paradise shows off their hardware after winning both the Main Event and the 333 Championship Series at the 2018 Onekama Tournament. Courtesy photo.



The mighty King Salmon is the favorite target of anglers during the Onekama Fishing Tournament. Courtesy photos.

be a 40- or 50-boat tournament.

"If we have a bad weather day, it just really sucks. We had one in Frankfort. The date gets cancelled and it doesn't get made up. There's always that possibility. Weather can change things dramatically. We're not going to send boats out in dangerous conditions."

Mac says they can usually get enough fishing in to make it count.

The bulk of the registrations will take place at the 5 p.m. captains' meetings at Onekama Marine's Harris building. For the Ladies and Kids, the meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 15. The meeting for the main events is Friday, Aug. 16.

Anyone who wants to take part in the tournament can simply come to Onekama Marine Friday evening and sign up, as there

are no late fees.

Fishing takes place 6 a.m.-1 p.m., which means the boats need to be at the pier head by 1 p.m. and then at the scale by approximately 2:15 p.m. It's a multi-port tournament, with fishing out of Manistee as well as Onekama. Time is allowed for travel, since anyone fishing out of Manistee must return to that port and then transport their fish to Onekama to be weighed.

The public is welcome to view the weigh-ins each day and watch the awards' presentations on Sunday.

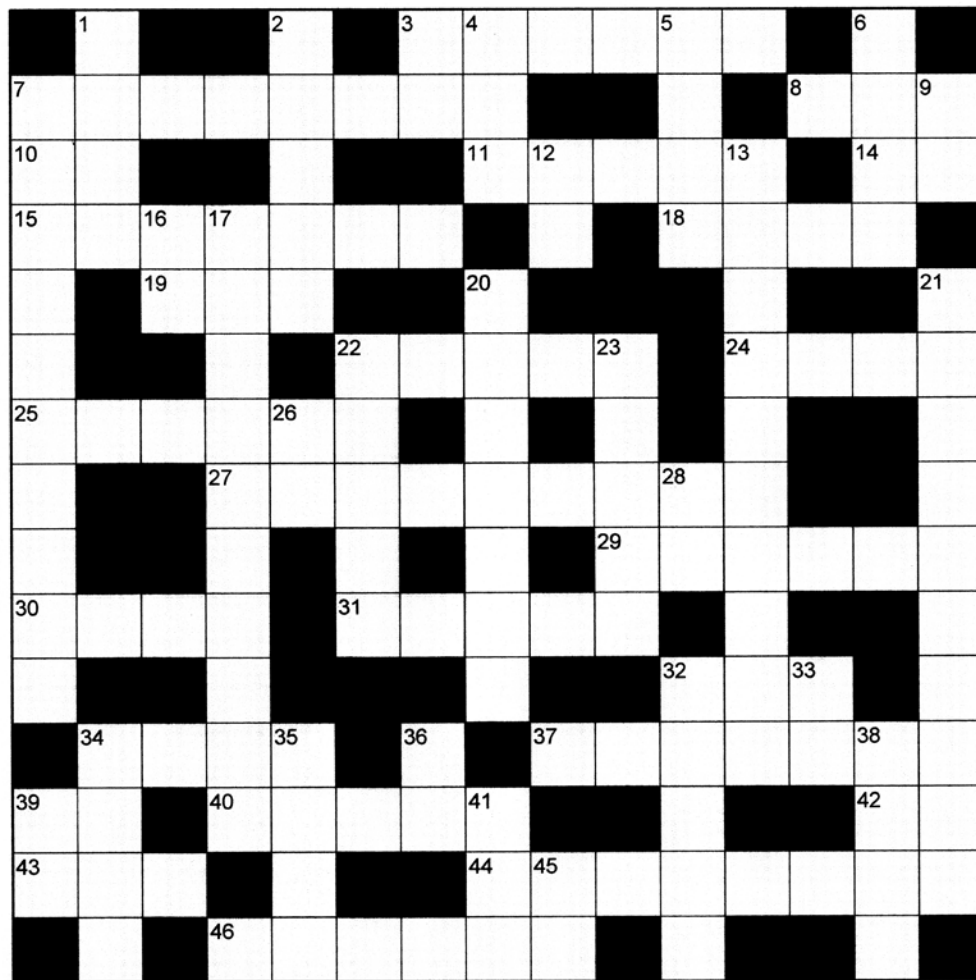
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Our Neck of the Woods

by Mark Videan

ACROSS

- 3. Village founded in 1900, named for the national epic of Finland
- 7. Lake Michigan is (usually) 577 feet above it
- 8. Spring in northern Michigan; ___ season
- 10. TV network whose name is derived from the first letters of its 2 parent corporations
- 11. Sci. of insects
- 14. Southern state (abbr.)
- 15. Site of the Manistee County fairgrounds
- 18. What you do if you bet odd and roll #34 Across
- 19. No point in Michigan is more than ___ miles from an inland lake
- 22. According to Cyndi Lauper, they "just want to have fun"
- 24. Type of #44 Across most widely grown in Michigan
- 25. Uncouth
- 27. Michigan governor from Manistee (1927-31)
- 29. Plying with pills
- 30. Firewood
- 31. Hungry and thirsty? Let's make ___ to Brethren
- 32. Like a fox



- 34. Describes only one prime number
- 37. Northern Michigan vacation lodging
- 39. Sixteenth U.S. president (init.)
- 40. Name again
- 42. Offensive pos. in American football
- 43. What #4 Down may be transported in
- 44. Michigan growers produce over 90,000 tons of them annually

- 46. Kaleva "Santa" with a highway named in his honor

DOWN

- 1. What #30 Across may be
- 2. What one may do while staying in #37 Across
- 3. Internet country code for Kenya

- 4. Principal thirst-quencher at Ludington Bay Brewing Co.
- 5. Early fiddle
- 6. Again, what #30 Across may be, on a special occasion
- 7. City named by the winner of a coin toss
- 9. ___ yoopers, eh?
- 12. Area in Michigan's lower peninsula where most of this puzzle is based
- 13. "When it rains, it pours"
- 16. Element 99
- 17. Royal angler?
- 20. Celebrating its 50th season this year is the Northern Michigan ___
- 21. Night watchmen?
- 22. ___ Lakes
- 23. Slang for snowmobiles
- 26. Inert gas
- 28. Two time winner of the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction and the world's leading expert on ants, biologist ___ Wilson
- 32. Back of the boat
- 33. Slang for you
- 34. Term for above or below #7 Across (abbr.)
- 35. He may have played #5 Down while Rome burned
- 36. Metal once mined in abundance in northern Michigan
- 38. Nature artist Frostic
- 39. America's last frontier
- 41. Pre-A.D.
- 45. High school, for short

History repeats: Saints win 20 games

By Greg Gielczyk

MANISTEE – Few amateur baseball teams in Michigan can make the claim they’ve been around for 85 years. The Manistee Saints’ team is one of them.

They began as a parish team for St. Joseph Catholic Church in 1934 and, except for a year or two when there wasn’t any Saints’ baseball, it’s been a historically consistent run right up to this season.

It was a special year to begin with, but the Saints made it even more so by posting their second straight 20-win season, only the second time in the team’s history that’s been done.

“The Saints being around for 85 years says something right there about our community,” Saints’ Manager Tyrone Collins said. “Whether it’s via donations or the businesses that advertise in the Game Day program.

“Our board goes out and sells all the ads, and the businesses contribute to it. You couldn’t do it for 85 years if you didn’t have the community support. And the community coming out to watch the games, buying brats and hot dogs. We had great crowds all summer. We can’t thank our fans enough.”

But the Saints’ chances of winning the Great Lakes United Baseball League title were spoiled when they were swept in four games by the defending champion, Oil City Stags, a team based out of Mt. Pleasant.

With the majority of last year’s team that finished 22-12 returning after going 11-21 in 2017, and a solid core of seasoned veterans, expectations were high as the Saints began the season.

The Saints got off to a hot 8-0 start before running into the Stags and losing all



Manistee Saints shortstop Trenton Smiley fires the ball to first base after fielding a ground ball on the infield in a game this summer. The Saints completed the regular season with a 20-7 record, after going 22-12 last year, and second in the Great Lakes United Baseball League. Photo by Greg Gielczyk.

four games over June 29-30. But the Saints quickly put their ship back on course, sweeping a shortened three-game series with Detroit Jetbox and steaming on from there.

“It was a very exciting year,” Collins said. “Great for the team and very good for the community as well.

We certainly appreciate all the support.

“A bunch of seasoned veterans back on the team, that really made the difference.

We added a couple pieces. Most of the guys are in their third and fourth years in college. That’s huge.

“It’s tough to win 20 games, especially nowadays, because now pretty much all of our games are in the GLUBL, which is a very, very competitive league. You look back at the history of the Manistee Saints, and I’m not taking anything away from some of those other times, but I don’t know if they’ve ever seen a more competitive

situation than we’re sitting in.”

Nicholas Brzezinski repeated as the Saints’ Player of the Year after hitting at a .372 clip with three home runs and 27 runs batted in, while Levi Irish was named Pitcher of the Year with a 2-1 record and 3.00 earned run average.

Irish stumbled a couple of times but always settled down and became almost unhittable. With their potent offense, the Saints frequently bailed him out if he had a bad inning.

Although not one player from Manistee graced this year’s roster, the Saints did have players from Onekama, Brethren, Scottville and Ludington on the squad and all of them contributed.

“We look in our backyard as much as possible to find good, competitive baseball players,” Collins said. “We will continue to do those type of things. As for this year, we’re very happy, and I’m proud of the guys and the way they responded throughout the year. Hopefully, I get a lot of them back next year. We’re working on those details almost as we speak.”

Greg Gielczyk was Sports Editor at the Manistee News Advocate for 36 years and currently covers Manistee and Manistee Catholic Central athletics for the Ludington Daily News. He also writes a weekly column for the TV 9&10 website, MISportsNow, encompassing a wide geographic area. We are excited to add him to the Freshwater Reporter roster of word wranglers.

Spend an afternoon with President and Mrs. Lincoln

From staff reports

History will come alive at Shining Light Inn Bed and Breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2-4 p.m., when “President and Mrs. Lincoln” will share the life and times of the 16th first family of the United States.

LUDINGTON – The event is free but donations are requested as a fundraiser for West Shore Family Support, of Ludington, a non-profit organization that equips parents, engages community, and empowers families.

Ron and Tina Carley will shed their present lives to become Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln for a “garden gathering” under the big, white tent in the backyard of the bed and breakfast at 2221 North Jebavy Drive. It is the second appearance for the pair at the Shining Light Inn.

Carin Orth, who owns Shining Light Inn with her husband, Luke, said they met the Carleys three years ago when the

pair reserved a room at the Orths’ bed and breakfast. The Carleys needed a place to stay after Ron’s appearance as Lincoln in the Pentwater Homecoming Parade, an event he participates in each year.

The Orths and the Carleys became good friends, Carin said, and last year the Carleys presented their program at the B&B as a fundraiser.

“Those that came really enjoyed it,” Carin said. “Ron Carley is a Lincoln presenter, not an impersonator, though he very much looks like Lincoln.

“He goes deep into the history and visits schools to try to bring history to life.”

Carley, who has been appearing in



“character” as Lincoln for over five years, calls himself a Lincoln presenter and living historian.

Light refreshments will be served during the event, which takes place in a garden

setting of flowers, a pond and waterfalls.

The event is family friendly and children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Attendees may wish to bring lawn chairs to guarantee seating.



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Contest to Find Michigan's biggest trees

From staff reports

Michigan residents can join the search to find the biggest tree in their county or the state by signing up for the Michigan Big Tree Hunt Contest, which ends September 3.

The contest is free and sponsored by ReLeaf Michigan, a 30-year-old nonprofit organization that offers educational workshops and community tree plantings.

Participants must make certain the tree they enter can be reached by others to verify its size. Measurements are taken around the tree trunk.

Prizes will be awarded for in two categories for the largest tree, one for a Big Tree Hunter 16 and over and another for a Big Tree Hunter 15 or younger.

Any age group may compete to find the largest specimen of Michigan's State Tree, the White Pine, as well as the largest tree in each county, or any tree species with a specimen larger than the current registered Michigan State Champion.

Big trees might be found in a park, a low-lying area, a hilltop or even a backyard.

The Michigan Big Tree Hunt began in 1993 to keep track of the largest of the state's living trees.

The organization calls it a celebration of our "living landmarks."

The biggest trees are nominated for



This Sycamore Maple at Lake Bluffs Audubon Center in Manistee Twp. is a State Champion Tree. Photo by Pat Stinson.

the State Champion Tree List and may be eligible to be entered into the official National Register of Big Trees, according to the organization's website.

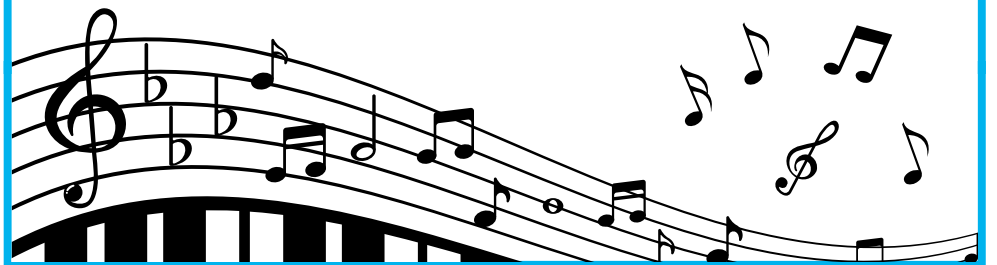
This is the 14th contest held by ReLeaf Michigan.

Visit www.bigtreehunt.com to find out more and to complete online entry forms. Email ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org or call 800-642-7353.

Music around the Region, 8/8 - 8/20

Check with the venue before you go. We surely missed some. Douglas Valley Winery has Sunday afternoon porch concerts.

- 8/8 Moxie Strings, Roots on the River, 7 p.m., Jaycee Bandshell, Memorial Dr., Manistee
- 8/9 Ingemar & Lisa, Music at the Log Cabin, 7 p.m., Kaleva
- 8/9 Organissimo, Northern Natural Tasting House, 6 p.m., Chief Rd., Kaleva
- 8/10 The Ragbirds, Summer Sounds Concert Series, 7 p.m., Michigan Legacy Art Park, Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville.
- 8/11 Benzie Playboys, Concerts in the Park, 7 p.m., Onekama Village Park
- 8/13 RPM, Concert Series, 7 p.m., Scottville Band Shell
- 8/13 James Armstrong, World-Traveled Blues & Soul, 7 p.m., Manistee Shoreline Showcase, Douglas Park, 1st Street Beach
- 8/14 Seth Bernard, Northern Natural Tasting House, 5 p.m., Chief Rd., Kaleva
- 8/15 Awesome Distraction, Roots on the River, 7 p.m. Memorial Dr., Manistee
- 8/16-18 Hoxeyville Music Festival, Wellston
- 8/16 Awesome Distraction, Music at the Log Cabin, 7 p.m., Kaleva
- 8/19 Jim Hawley, Concerts in the Park, 7 p.m., Onekama Village Park, Onekama
- 8/20 Scottville Clown Band Welcome Home Concert, 7 p.m., Scottville Bandshell
- 8/20 Cheryl Hodge Group (blues/jazz), Manistee Shoreline Showcase, 7 p.m., Douglas Park, 1st Street Beach.



AROUND THE COUNTIES

Each issue, we will feature photos of something fun or unusual around Manistee and Mason counties. Can you figure out where they are?

First correct answer emailed to editor@freshwater-reporter gets a \$5 gift certificate to the location.



Where in Mason County can you spot this rockin' tattoo?

See you at the Manistee County Fair August 11-17!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
10 am - 3 pm Open & Youth Horse Show

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
10 am - 7 pm Entry Day for All Exhibits & Animals Weigh-in/Pullorum Testing for Animals

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
Show Day
8 am \$3.00 Gate Admission Swine Judging
8:30 am - 1 pm JUDGING - Open Class - Pavilion & 4-H Exhibits - Merchant Building
NOON - 10 pm MERCHANT BUILDING
2 pm Sheep Judging
3 pm - 11 pm FAMILY FUN TYME AMUSEMENTS \$15 Wristbands All Day.
4 pm Cattle Judging
6 pm Goat Judging
6 pm Grandstand Opens
7 pm - 11 pm GRANDSTAND - HERITAGE HORSE PULLING \$3.00 Entrance Fee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
Kids Day / Public Safety Day
8 am \$3.00 Gate Admission - 10 and Under FREE
8 am Rabbit Judging
NOON - 10 pm MERCHANT BUILDING
NOON - 11 pm FAMILY FUN TYME AMUSEMENTS \$15 Wristbands All Day.
1 pm Poultry/Bird Judging
5 PM YOUTH EXHIBIT AREA - 4-H YOUTH LIVE PERFORMANCE EVENT
6 pm Grandstand Opens
7 pm - 11 pm GRANDSTAND - KING OF THE TRACK - TNT BUMP AND RUN \$3 & Up \$10 | 6-12 \$5 | 5 & Under FREE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
NOON - 10 pm \$3.00 Gate Admission MERCHANT BUILDING
NOON - 11 pm FAMILY FUN TYME AMUSEMENTS \$15 Wristbands All Day.
1:30 pm Pie Baking Contest
5:30 pm 4-H LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION
6 pm Grandstand Opens
7 pm - 11 pm GRANDSTAND - SJO PRODUCTIONS MOTORCROSS \$5 & Up \$10 | 6-12 \$5 | 5 & Under FREE | Pit Pass \$20

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
10 am \$3.00 Gate Admission LARGE ANIMAL BARN - PHOTO OPPORTUNITY DAY
All Best of Show (Open and 4-H Classes in Exhibit Building), Grand and Reserve, and 1st Place Winners (Animal Classes only) in Open and 4-H Classes. Photos taken by Manistee News Advocate. Families and cameras are welcome, too!
11:30 am 4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes Event
NOON - 10 pm MERCHANT BUILDING
NOON - 11 pm FAMILY FUN TYME AMUSEMENTS \$15 Wristbands All Day.
6 pm 4-H Companion Animal Interviews - Companion Animal Station in Merchant Building
6 pm Grandstand Opens
7 pm - 11 pm GRANDSTAND - WEST MICHIGAN PULLERS TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLING \$3 & Up \$15 | 6-12 \$8 | 5 & Under FREE | Pit Pass \$20

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
Kid's Day
FREE BIKES to be given away. Drawing starts at 3 pm. Register at the Old Heller Booth in the Merchant Building.
NOON - 10 pm MERCHANT BUILDING
NOON - 11 pm FAMILY FUN TYME AMUSEMENTS \$15 Wristbands All Day.
4:30 pm Grandstand Opens
5:30 pm GRANDSTAND - WHISKEY REBELS LIVE MUSIC
7 pm - 11 pm GRANDSTAND - TNT NIGHT OF SMASHING - POWERWHEELS MINI VAN DEMO DERBY, COMPACT FRONT WHEEL DRIVE DEMO DERBY, BIG CAR STOCK DEMO DERBY \$3 & Up \$15 | 6-12 \$8 | 5 & Under FREE | Pit Pass \$20

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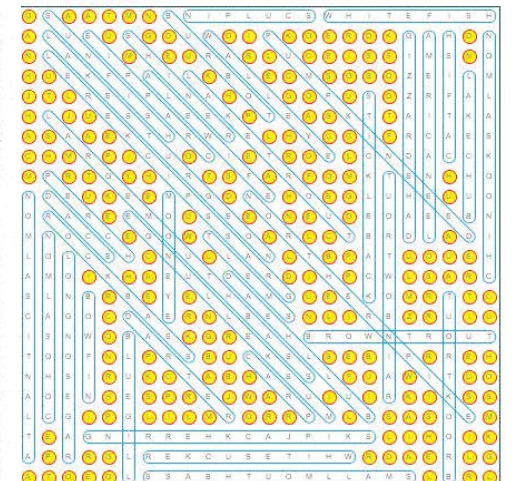
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