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SWIMMING IS ELEMENTAL



By STEWART A. MCFERRAN

Swimming is elemental, the joy of it and the fear of it. The danger of it can be existential for those without the training to enter the water. As one who has taught "Safety Around Water" at Grand Traverse Bay YMCA for the last five years, I have assisted numerous young students. I have kept my students safe while in the pool. We instructors hope to give kids skills that will keep them safe while swimming in lakes and rivers, as well as in the pool.



Beginning swimming class at Bellows Beach on Crystal Lake. Photo courtesy of Diane Tracy, Benzie Aquatics Center.

The YMCA Safety Around Water program is supported by donations from the community. Students from area schools attend the five-week session which includes pool safety, beach safety and boating safety. Some students step off the bus and enter the pool already afraid of the water. If those students can learn a few things and forget their fear, they can swim. If they refuse to enter the pool, I feel I have failed.

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MI BACKYARD

When is a mushroom not a mushroom? When it's an Indian Pipe

By JENNIFER DEVINE

Rising in June under oak, beech or pine trees and blooming through September amongst decaying leaves and plant matter is a pure-white, sometimes translucent or pink-tinged flower that stands 3-10 inches tall. The plant's stem bends over like a cane from which hangs a single bell- or bowl-shaped flower, thus giving the flower its many names: Ghost Pipe, Ghost Plant, Ice Plant and Indian Pipe, (*Monotropa uniflora*). In Latin, mono means single, tropa stands for turn, uni is one and flora is flower. Do not confuse it with the Ghost Flower, (*Mohavea confertiflora*).

Those unfamiliar with Indian Pipe most often come across this alien-looking flower on hikes. Since the flower lacks

chlorophyll and sucks the nutrients out of nearby sources, it is often mistaken for a fungus. What a twist that this mistaken mushroom is a part of the blueberry (*Ericaceae*) family! With all the rain we've been having, interspersed with dry heat, the growing conditions have been perfect for popping up Indian Pipes!

Its leaves, or lack thereof, are described more like scales or bracts, reminiscent of an asparagus stalk. While you could technically eat it raw, it would have no flavor. If you fry it, Indian Pipe supposedly tastes like asparagus. Indian Pipe has been used for centuries for its healing and natural properties. However, I believe this is one of those "take only photos" plants, especially because of its

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Area Events

Some events may change or be canceled due to weather, schedules or COVID-19. Always call ahead.

AUGUST

Thru Aug 27 **More or Less. VanWyck: Generations of Creative Expression**

Showcase of works by one family. Prints, paintings, sculptures, mixed-media, photography and writing. Free (donations gladly accepted), Main Gallery, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington. Opening reception 5-8pm, Aug. 6

Thru Aug 27 **My Backyard: Paintings by Judy Peters**

Artworks in watercolor, acrylic, collage and mixed-media showcasing the natural beauty of Hamlin Lake and the Nordhouse Wilderness area. Free (donations gladly accepted), Performance Hall Gallery, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington. Opening reception 5-8pm, Aug. 6

Thru Aug 28 **Small Works, Big Impact community collage project**

Sale of 200 6"x6" donated canvases done by local artists to benefit Art Center operations impacted by Covid-19. Finished canvases may be purchased for \$40/each. Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd., Frankfort.

Available for purchase online at oliverartcenterfrankfort.org

Thru Sept 10 **Professors of NMU Visual Arts Department Art Exhibit**

10am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat, free, Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd., Frankfort. Featuring the work of Taimur Amin Cleary, Brian Kakas, Christine Lenzen, Michael Letts, and Jason Schneider

Thru Sept 15 **Celebrating the Art of Ken Cooper: A Fifty Year Retrospective**

12-5pm Tues-Sat, opening reception 6-8pm Aug. 6, free, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee

10-14 **Western Michigan Fair**

Mason County Fairgrounds, Ludington. Featuring animal showings, amusement rides, demo derby & more. For info, call 231.843.8563 or go to <https://masoncountyfairgrounds.com>

11 **Classic Film Series: "Swing Time" (1936)**

10am, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee

11 **Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Bill Frary**

5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah

11 **Summer Music Series with the Oak Grove Band**

6-8pm, free, Purchase Pavilion, 301 N. State St., Luther

11 **LACA Summer Concert Series with Planet D Nonet**

7-9pm, free, Waterfront Park 300 W. William St., Ludington

11 **Friends of Ludington State Park Summer Music & Adventure Series: Kevin Skipsky Magic Show**

7pm, free, Ludington State Park, Lake Michigan Beach House, 8800 West M-116, Hamlin Township

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Indian Pipe pop from the forest floor in June.

Community Calendar

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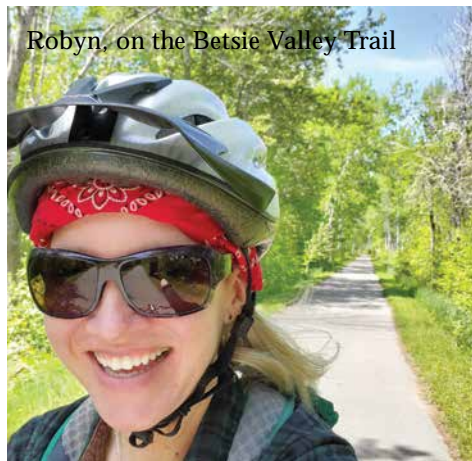
AUGUST

- 11 Echo Through the Timber. Live blues music with Motor City Josh and the Big 3**
7-9:15pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin
- 11 Meteors & S'mores**
8:30-11:45pm, free (recreation passport required for vehicle entry), Ludington State Park. Enjoy s'mores followed by an interpreted guided tour of the night sky: moon, planets, Satellites and the Perseid meteor shower. Meet at the Lake Michigan Beach House patio. For more info, contact Alan Wernetta at wernetta@michigan.gov or call 231.843.9261
- 12 Adult Paper Mosaic Art, Arcadia Library**
All day. Drop in. 3586 Glovers Lake Rd., Arcadia
- 12 Elberta Farmers Market**
8am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta
- 12 First Person Story and Songs: "Seeing Something New" by Andrew Skinner**
from the Ludington Area Center for the Arts. 10am, free, Old Kirke Museum 304 Walnut St., Manistee
- 12 Macrame Plant Hangar class for adults**
1pm, Manistee Public Library, 95 Maple St., Manistee. Fee and registration required. Call 231.723.2519
- 12 Music Live in the Plaza with Bret Maynard**
5-8PM, free, Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington
- 12 Roots on the River Music Series with Fremont John**
7pm, free, Jaycees Riverwalk Bandshell, Memorial Dr., Manistee. Rain location is the 5th Avenue Beach House
- 12 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Luke Woltanski & Dalton Sala – dueling guitars**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 12 Live Music with The Ol' Microtones**
7pm, free, Downtown Beulah (not in the park)
- 12 Ann Arbor Railroad: The Diesel Era, 1958-1982**
7pm, free, Frankfort United Methodist Church, 537 Crystal Ave., Frankfort Audio-visual presentation by Andy Bolander, Benzie Historical Society, on railroad and car ferry history. For more info, go to: benziemuseum.org or call 231.882.5539
- 12 Movies in the Park: "Frozen 2"**
7:30pm, free, Rotary Park, 500 W. Ludington Ave., Ludington. Baby Badger land flotilla rides until movie time (after dusk). Bring lawn chairs.
- 13- Hoxeyville Music Festival. Sixteen bands/performers in Welston. Headliner Billy Strings!**
Adults 16+ \$225, kids 5-15 \$75. Tickets are for the whole weekend. Adult tickets include 1 car/tent campsite for 1 adult (on a first come basis). Covid restrictions required. **For info and tickets, go to hoxeyville.com**
- 13 Ludington Farmers Market**
3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington
- 13 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with The Loftteez**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 13 Live Music at the Brewery with The Wildwoods**
6-9pm, free, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington
- 13 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Jabo Bihlman**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 13 Folk Fridays Performance & Concert Series with Joel Mabus**
Contemporary folk music. 7pm, free, Lake County Historical Museum grounds, 915 N. Michigan Ave., Baldwin
- 13 Log Cabin Concerts. Acoustic old-time country, folk and swing music with Drive South and special guest Mark Schrock.**
7pm, free, donations gladly accepted, Log Cabin Theater at the corner of Walta & Panu Sts., Kaleva. Bring a lawn chair.
- 13 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with Hawks & Owls Stringband**
7-10pm, free, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva
- 13 Live Music at Portage Point Resort with John Merchant**
7-11pm, free, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onokama
- 13 Star Party: Moon and Planetary Viewing**
9:30pm, free, Fifth Ave. Beach, Manistee. Join NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Brooke Edwards in front of the concession pavilion as she guides you to look through her Orion telescope. In case of clouds/inclement weather, the viewing will be Aug. 20.
- 14- Gold Coast Artisan Fair**
15 10am-5pm Sat, 10am-4pm Sun, free, Rotary Park, 100 N. Harrison St., Ludington. Over 170 artists and crafters. Food & drink vendors.
- 14 Manistee Farmers Market**
9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee
- 14 Pine Forest Freedom Market**
9am-4pm, free to attend, \$6/space to sell. Crafters, bakers, makers, food trucks, etc. Pine Forest Campground, 10169 M-37, Irons. For more info, call 231.742.6934 downtown Baldwin
- 14 Downtown Scottville Farmers Market**
10am-2pm, sidewalks of Main St., Scottville
- 14 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Ted Alan**
2:30-5pm, and **Brett Mitchell** at 5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 14 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Blake Elliott**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 14 Friends of Ludington State Park Summer Music & Adventure Series: Salt City Dixie Land Band**
7pm, free, Ludington State Park, Lake Michigan Beach House, 8800 West M-116, Hamlin Township
- 14 Sounds from the Forest**
Live big band, pop, jazz, roots music with Planet D Nonet. 7-9:15pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin
- 14 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with The Antivillians**
7-10pm, free, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva
- 14 Happy Together Tour**
8-10pm, \$50-60, Little River Casino, 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee. Headlining and hosting are The Turtles (featuring Flo & Eddie), with Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, Classics IV, The Vogues, and The Cowbills
- 15 Lord of the Gourd Watermelon Carving at St. Ambrose Cellars**
1-4pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 15 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Pete "Big Dog" Fetters**
3:30-5:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 15 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Chelsea Marsh**
4-7pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 16- 150th Manistee County Fair**
21 Fairgrounds, 7587 First St. (M-22), Onokama. **For info, go to manisteecountyfair.org**
- 16 Honey Bee Market**
1-7pm, free. Numerous arts, crafts, and other goodies for sale by local vendors. On the grass at St. Ambrose Cellars, 841 S. Pioneer Rd. Beulah
- 16 Yoga in the Barn at Iron Fish Distillery**
5:30-6:30pm, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 16 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Troy Graham**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 16 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Drew Hale**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 16 Onokama Concerts in the Park with Feral Cats**
7pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Village Park, Onokama. Rain venue is Onokama Community Schools Cafetorium
- 17 Talks, Tunes & Tours: "Native Plants as Part of Your Home Landscaping"**
by Matt LaMore, owner, Black Cap Nursery, 10am, free, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee
- 17 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Monte Klein**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 17 Courtyard Concert series with Fremont John**
7pm, \$5, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington
Outdoors in the courtyard. Bring your own chair. Tickets available at the LACA Box Office or call 231.845.2787 or go to <https://ludingtonartscenter.square.site/>
- 17 Manistee Shoreline Showcase Summer Concert Series with Chris Foreman's Soul Message Band**
7-9pm, free. Douglas Park Gazebo at First Street Beech, Manistee. Wind/rain site: Armory Youth Project, 555 First St., Manistee
- 18 Classic Film Series: "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977)**
10am, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee
- 18 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Bill Fray**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 18 Summer Music Series with Frankie Rock**
6-8pm, free, Purchase Pavilion, 301 N. State St., Luther
- 18 Beach Sweep/Green Drinks at Stearns Park, sponsored by AFWEW**
7-8pm & 8-9pm, Enjoy the beach and sunset while cleaning up and pulling Glossy Buckthorn. Bags & gloves will be provided. Afterward, meet to chat and enjoy green drinks. BYO (no glass).
- 18 Echo Through the Timber with the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra**
7-9:15pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin
- 18 LACA Summer Concert Series with Chris Foreman's Soul Message Band**
7-9pm, free. Waterfront Park 300 W. William St., Ludington
- 19 First Person Story and Songs: "Rural Life in the Danish Settlement" by Dr. Bill Anderson**
10am, free, Old Kirke Museum 304 Walnut St., Manistee
- 19 Elberta Farmers Market**
8am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta
- 19 Live music in Ludington State Park with Ruthie & Frank**
1pm, free, Big Sable Point Lighthouse, 5611 N. Lighthouse Dr., Ludington
- 19 Music Live in the Plaza with Gabriel James**
5-8PM, free, Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington
- 19 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Wink**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 19 Live Music with Dig a Pony (Beatles Tribute Show)**
7pm, free, Downtown Beulah (not in the park)
- 19 Movies in the Park: "Raya & the Lost Dragon"**
7:30pm, free, Rotary Park, 500 W. Ludington Ave., Ludington. Baby Badger land flotilla rides until movie time (after dusk). Bring lawn chairs.
- 20- Frankfort Art Fair**
21 1-7pm Fri., 10am-4pm Sat., downtown Frankfort
- 20 Collector Car Show**
8am-1:30pm, Mineral Springs Park, Frankfort
- 20 Suds on the Shore Craft Beer and Wine Festival**
Afternoon, \$45, \$5 for designated drivers. Must be 21 to enter. No babies, children. Craft beer, wine, mead, cider tasting. Live entertainment and food. **For info and tickets, go to: [Sudsontheshore.com](https://sudsontheshore.com)**
- 20 Ludington Farmers Market**
3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington
- 20 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with DeDe Alder**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 20 Live Music at the Brewery with Redux**
6-9pm, free, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington
- 20 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Chris Sterr**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 20 Folk Fridays Performance & Concert Series with Common Chords.**
"Music that Matters" American roots music celebrating diversity 7pm, free, Lake County Historical Museum grounds, 915 N. Michigan Ave., Baldwin
- 20 Log Cabin Concerts with Ruth & Max Bloomquist**
7pm, free, donations gladly accepted, Log Cabin Theater at the corner of Walta & Panu Sts., Kaleva. Bring a lawn chair.
- 20 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with The Strapping Owls**
7-10pm, free, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva
- 20 Live Music at Portage Point Resort with Grayson Barton**
On the deck. 7-11pm, free, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onokama
- 20 Mercury: the music of Freddie Mercury and Queen, featuring Terry Barber**
7:30pm, \$30-35, \$10 for 18 and under, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee
- 20 Chubby Checker and The Wildcats**
9-11PM, \$30-45, Little River Casino, 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee
- 21 Up North Bike Fest**
Tour de Pie road races of 30, 45 and 62 miles through Benzie and Manistee counties, Men's and Women's Team Time Trial of 45 miles, and the Gonzo Gravel men's and women's gravel backroads races of 20 or 36 miles. Registration fees: Tour de Pie and Gonzo Gravel \$50, 3 member women's team \$120, 4 member men's team \$160. Registration ends Aug. 19. Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr., Thompsonville. **For info, go to bikebenzie.org**

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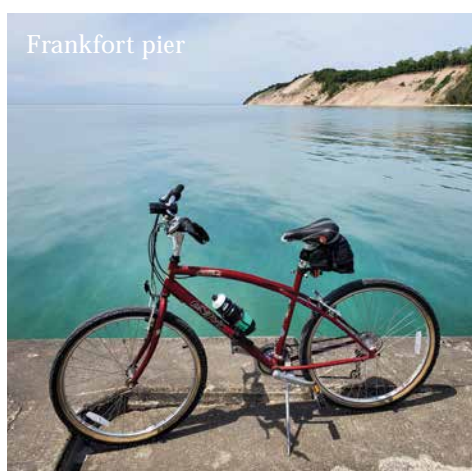
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Robyn, on the Betsie Valley Trail



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Story by **VELA UNIVEGA**.
Photos by Robyn Schmidt.

I took my summer vacation early this year, in June. That's when seasoned cyclist Robyn and I dusted off her borrowed gear and mine and rode like our days were numbered. And they were. Vacation always includes two countdowns: the days before a vacation and the days before vacation ends.

Unlike the short spins I usually took at home, Robyn and I took long bicycle rides to places I had never visited. An experienced long-haul bicyclist, she mapped our routes. She was my inspiration, my power, and I worked hard to match her strength and speed.

We began our day trips on Zimmerman Road, northeast of Benzonia, where her father lives. His home in the woods served as our weeklong vacation getaway. Robyn flew here from Portland, Oregon, and I was driven here (oh-la-la) from Manistee. (I know; I cheated. I was saving myself for what was ahead.) Rather than ride back-and-forth to Manistee, I parked myself at her dad's place for several nights.

Every day was sunny and 70 degrees, perfect biking weather.

We began our cycling adventures the day after Robyn landed. She was a bit jet-lagged from her red-eye flight, so she decided we would ride on the nearby Betsie Valley Trail. We took a quick spin to where the trail crosses Zimmerman Road, south of Homestead Road. Heading east, we bicycled several miles on the unpaved former railroad grade through the Pere Marquette State Forest. We crossed over Dair Creek and interesting wetlands on our way to Thompsonville. The trail is level and lined with pine trees and hardwoods. My nubby tires easily rode over the hard-packed stone surface. It was thrilling to think about locomotives following this route so many years ago. When we reached the Betsie River, we lingered. I didn't complain. A refreshing light breeze from the west washed over us on the return trip. Riding this section of the BVT was a great way to ease into our week of cycling.

Westward, ho!

Robyn's agenda included pedaling west to Elberta and Frankfort. She was keen to see Lake Michigan again after so many years. Like the previous trip, we picked up the trail on Zimmerman south of Homestead and rode on the unpaved, aggregate surface into Beulah. We traveled along the south side of

Crystal Lake to Railroad Point, where we discovered a beach access. We rested here at the county-owned park, mesmerized by the waves, before continuing our journey on the now-paved, much more popular section of the Betsie Valley Trail. We rode through sunshine and shade, hearing songbirds and catching glimpses of the Betsie River, snakes and turtles, before finally crossing the river as we approached Elberta.

Robyn steered us onto Frankfort Avenue to Elberta's Historic Waterfront Park, where we took a short break. She thought we could make it up the hill to the Elberta dunes/Lake Michigan overlook. When she began pedaling, I took it like a trooper. We chugged up the hill slowly, in lo-o-ow gear, until we couldn't pedal any farther. The view and breeze at the top were well worth the struggle.

"The hardest climbs lead to the best views," she later observed.

She didn't realize there was a road down to the beach from the lookout. No other cars were driving there to point the way, so we retraced our path then headed to Frankfort pier. (We returned another time and made it to the Elberta beach.) Robyn and I rested a long time beside her beloved Lake Michigan in Frankfort. As she took snapshots of the lake, I was thinking I could get used to this gypsy way of life.

To market

After a full day of rest, we hit the road again, this time forsaking the trail to visit some fun shops along River Road west of Benzonia. We conquered a mighty hill to reach Benzonia. You might know the



Sweets stand

one. Case Road crosses Zimmerman at the bottom of the incline. From here, it's an impossibly steep grade to the top, or as Robyn said: "I will never forget that hill heading west on Homestead Road into Benzonia, the one everyone warned me about. It feels too steep, even for a car."

We were rewarded on the west side of U.S. Highway 31 with a long, steep downhill grade on Traverse Avenue as it turns into River Road. Before reaching the Betsie River valley, we braked for Bedazzled, the beeswax candle and soap makers' shop. The gardens are gorgeous, and a napping golden retriever guarded the front porch when we visited. After filling her senses with the aroma of soap and candles, (I couldn't smell a thing!), Robyn wanted to continue traveling west on River Road to the home of Gwen Frostic. The home, print shop and retail store of its artist-naturalist namesake (now deceased) is located beside the Betsie River. I waited patiently as she looked through every bin of notecards, stationary, books and gift wrap. To wander through this low-slung stone building — with its organic design, interior fountain, old Heidelberg printing presses and interesting library — is a complete delight.

Big day

Our day trip to Empire was our longest, at 15 miles one way. We mainly traveled on Marshall and Indian Hill roads, taking sideroads to them and, eventually, to M-22. An admitted chocoholic, Robyn planned the trip around her proposed destination. Grocer's Daughter Chocolate would please her tastebuds and fuel the return trip. The beautiful ride north through farmland, forests and National Lakeshore property soothed us and made one of us hungry. Unfortunately, the destination was not our reward. The chocolate shop of truffles, bars, cocoa nibs, frozen treats and more was closed. The lesson? Always call ahead or check a business's Facebook page before heading out.

We rode to the Empire Village beach on Lake Michigan to take the edge off

her disappointment. If you've never been, Empire Bluff rises to the south and South Bar Lake offers a nice picnic area. By the time we left, hunger had descended. We stopped first at Tiffany's on Front Street then spotted a stand of homemade sweets several doors to the east. Racing over, we parked, and Robyn's eyes soon watered at the sight of freshly made scones, jars of jam and honey, banana bread, chocolate-covered cherries, sour cherry candies and cookies. It was a feast for the eyes ... and belly. She managed to keep three giant bear-shaped cookies intact (and uneaten!) on the ride back to her dad's.

Kickstand down

I can't tell you how hard it was to go back to my sedentary life in Manistee. No one rides me for miles like Robyn did. I'm proud to say she told my owner that I can handle



Relaxing on the porch at Robyn's dad's house

chunky gravel, loose sand and super-steep grades. Robyn also told her that I'm a great climber and "such a happy, capable bike."

I hope she's listening, 'cause I'm tired of spinning my wheels at home. I'm ready for the road!

Vela Univega is a hybrid Activa bicycle assembled in the U.S. She has lived with her current owner for an uneventful 20-plus years.



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Indian pipe

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mild toxicity.

Bumblebees are this ethereal beauty's main pollinator. After pollination, the perennial wildflower points skyward for a few more weeks, waiting for its seeds to be carried away on the wind. The whole thing starts turning black when dying, hence, its other name: Corpse Plant. You won't want to confuse it with the Corpse Flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*) which is huge and smells like rotting garbage. Indian Pipe has either a slightly herbal/woody scent or none at all.

Propagating Indian Pipe is another matter altogether. The flower produces several seeds, but few will germinate and grow to become mature plants. This is because they need exact conditions: decaying matter, deep-dark shade and contact with its food source, the appropriate mycorrhizal fungus. For these reasons, the flower is

most often seen in older forests, especially those with rich soils.

According to Cherokee legend, Indian Pipe plants came into the world because of human selfishness. Read the story here; <https://www.angelfire.com/ny5/spiritsong/IndianPipePlant.html>

The Indian pipe plant was created to remind people to smoke the pipe only at the time they make peace.

Today, myth has it that the flowers grow only where quarrels and differences still need to be resolved.

There is still time to hunt this hauntingly fascinating plant. Take the time to reflect inwardly and make peace while mesmerized by this Fairy Smoke in MI Backyard.

Jennifer Devine is a homesteader living on 20 acres. She and her husband are licensed to sell black cherry, white oak and white pine trees. They live off grid and have chickens, ducks and rabbits, a large garden and a lot of woods.

Cleanse your soles by Aug. 27

By PAT STINSON

Way back when, I bought a boot brush. Not the hand-held kind. This foot-long brush with a wooden frame and stiff black bristles rested on the ground. It kept the soles of my boots clean after a hike through our mucky marsh. I recently rediscovered our boot brush, hidden beneath the thick forest of "stuff" growing inside our storage shed. I didn't remember that bristles on the sides of the frame also brush the sides of our footwear, as well as the soles.

Boot brushes mysteriously appeared during the last year or two in Manistee County at the trailheads of some of my favorite hiking spots — Michigan Audubon property and Orchard Beach State park along Lakeshore Road in Manistee Township, and Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club beside Coates Highway near Brethren. The Invasive Species Network placed them there, and reportedly at dozens of trailheads in Manistee, Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties, and other places throughout northwestern Michigan.

These boot brush stations, as the organization calls them, help prevent invasive plant species from traveling on your shoes or boots from one trail to another.

"Boot brushes play a key role in stopping the spread of many invasive plants," ISN Outreach Specialist Emily Cook said. "Hikers, bikers, and other people recreating often unknowingly pick up seeds in the treads of their boots or on equipment. The simple act of transporting a seed to a different area can create an entirely new

population of an unwanted species. Taking a few moments to kick the debris off your shoes can prevent that spread."

Also, in this writer's experience, it's quick and satisfying to watch the trail dust rise from your hiking boots as you wipe your soles clean.

This summer, QR codes at the boot brush stations lead smartphone users to a short online survey. Survey answers will help the organization as it decides how to manage invasive species in the various natural areas.

"Many of the boot brushes have been in place for years, but we never had a good way of determining how often they were getting used," Cook said. "We could see if the brush bristles were wearing down, but that was just one piece of information. By applying QR codes on each station, the Invasive Species Network and its partners can now tell how often the boot brushes are getting used, at what locations, and if the signage has encouraged behavior change."

Each survey completed by Aug. 27 will be entered into a drawing to win ISN swag, such as boot brushes, field guides



Invasive Species Network boot brush station at the Michigan Audubon trailhead on Lakeshore Road in Manistee Township. Photo by P. Stinson.

and apparel.

"The giveaways are a fun way to incentivise people to take the short survey associated with the codes," Cook added.

Surveys received after that date will continue to inform ISN.

In addition to places already mentioned, the codes can be found at properties managed by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Leelanau Conservancy,

Grand Traverse Conservation District, GOREC, Traverse City Parks and Recreation, the Au Sable Institute, and more.

For more information, contact ISN Outreach Specialist Emily Cook at: ecook@gtcd.org. To find out more about ridding yourself, your gear and/or pets of invasive species while outdoors, go to www.playcleango.org.



Above left. This photograph of singer Natalie Cole (middle row, on left), one of many successful people that attended Camp Martin Johnson, is on display at the Martin Johnson Heritage Museum. Photo by M. Videan. Above right. Martin Johnson enjoyed music and played guitar.

A pioneer's camp legacy

By PAT STINSON

What do singer Natalie Cole, playwright/director David Mamet and sportscaster Bryant Gumbel have in common? As youngsters, they attended the YMCA-owned Camp Martin Johnson on Big Bass Lake in northwest Lake County. More than 100 young people attended one of two month-long summer camp sessions held each year, and many returned to repeat the experience.



Tom Curtin, Jr., the museum president. Photo by M. Videan.

Tom Curtin, Jr. is a camp alumnus. He lives in Baldwin and grew up in the camp, where his father Tom Curtin, Sr. was director in the 1950s. Tom, Jr. became a camp counselor in the '60s and cherishes memories of his camp experiences. Other camp alumni feel the same and attend reunions held every 5-10 years.

"It was our Camelot," Curtin said. Many campers were from the Hyde Park area, on Chicago's south side, so the camp was integrated, according to Curtin. Girls weren't invited until 1957 or '58, when a new camp director with three daughters was hired.

After earning a living in the Chicago area, Curtin retired to Lake County. One day, while driving with his wife, Jill Engleman, past Skinner Park in Irons, he spotted a familiar house under some tall pine trees. It was the home of the camp's namesake and benefactor, Martin G. Johnson. Curtin had

entered the building many times when it was operated as a museum on the grounds of the camp, which had closed by 1980.

Curtin and Engleman discovered the home was still a museum. They heard the story of how seven women in the Big Bass Lake area, some of whom knew Martin Johnson, had raised funds to save his house when developers wanted to raze it. The Irons Area Tourist Association owned the home and provided a two-and-a-half-acre site for it in Skinner Park. The home was moved there in 1989 and continued operating as a museum.

One thing led to another, and Curtin found himself voted president of the group that managed the home and owned its belongings. That was 15 years ago.

Today, the Martin Johnson Heritage Museum owns Martin Johnson's home and contents, a one-room schoolhouse moved to the site, and the two-and-a-half acres at the

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Martin Johnson built his own camera and used a homemade shutter release to take this "selfie" inside his home.

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Major ISS mishap: Starliner's launch dates scrubbed

By BROOKE EDWARDS

As previously reported in Freshwater Reporter, the Boeing Starliner was scheduled to launch on July 30 for a second uncrewed test flight, the final step toward its certification to ferry astronauts between Earth and the International Space Station. Space enthusiasts looked forward to the big day.

A bit more than 24 hours before Starliner's scheduled launch, five astronauts and two cosmonauts onboard the ISS were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Nauka, a 22-ton Russian science research module. All seemed to go routinely; the docking went smoothly.

What happened next was entirely unexpected.

A short time after Nauka docked with the ISS, its thrusters fired without warning. With little room for error in space, the situation quickly took a serious turn. At first, it was reported that the force of the mishap slowly tilted the ISS 45 degrees, sending it out of its controlled orbit for 47 minutes. NASA officials said the tilting happened gradually and no shaking or vibration could be felt by the astronauts. Communication between the ISS and Mission Control was lost twice during the incident. Eventually, crew members and ground control were able to work together to correct the attitude (orientation) of the ISS. One can only imagine what went through the minds of all involved.

NASA quickly took to social media to report the situation was under control, and there was no need for the public to be concerned. Later that afternoon, NASA sent out another notice stating that, because of the mishap, the Starliner test flight would be delayed until Aug. 3, as the situation was investigated.

There is still minimal information



Russia's "Nauka" Multipurpose Laboratory Module is pictured on July 29, shortly after docking to the Zvezda service module's port on the International Space Station. The Brazilian coast is 263 miles below. In the foreground, is the Soyuz MS-18 crew ship docked to the Rassvet module. NASA courtesy photo.

about why the thrusters on the Russian laboratory module misfired, though the Russians investigated and stated it would not happen again. Also, the tilting of the space station was much greater than the initial 45 degrees reported. In fact, the ISS tilted 540 degrees, according to an Aug. 3 post by NASA on Twitter, and was left in an upside-down position.

On Aug. 3, the launch of the Starliner Orbital Flight Test 2 (OFT-2) was once again delayed and rescheduled for Aug. 4. During the afternoon of Aug. 3, Boeing announced the Aug. 4 launch was scrubbed and would not be rescheduled until it could thoroughly investigate a problem in the propulsion system. Though the delays are disappointing, when dealing with rocket science it is better to be safe than sorry.

When the investigation is complete and any anomalies corrected, OFT-2 will be launched on a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket. Onboard will be Rosie the Rocketeer, a test device dummy developed by Boeing. During the first successful test

flight (OFT-1), sensors on Rosie measured stress placed on the human body during flight. In the second test flight, 180-pound Rosie will be used as ballast and her sensors will monitor movements of the astronaut's seats. After its second successful flight, the space capsule will land in the U.S. desert.

If every detail of the second flight meets standards, the first crewed test of Boeing Starliner will be launched later this year.

Meanwhile, there are plenty of other exciting missions to follow at NASA.gov.

Brooke Edwards is Manistee's NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador. You can contact her at brookeofstars@gmail.com and follow Manistee space activities @Brooke Edwards - Solar System Ambassador on Facebook. Weather permitting, the next Stargazing Party at the Fifth Avenue Beach House is scheduled to take place 9:30 p.m., Aug. 13. The moon and Mars will be observed. In case of rain or cloud cover, the event will be Aug. 20.

Museum

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Martin Johnson in his workshop

entrance to Skinner Park. Curtin remains the nonprofit organization's president.

Who was Martin Gustave Johnson?

By the time the Irons post office was established in 1910, Martin Gustave Johnson had already built a log cabin and was 30 when he constructed a log home on acreage he purchased on Big Bass Lake. Born in 1859, Johnson and his parents came to the U.S. from Sweden. He attended the Chicago Art Institute and became a painter and illustrator, working in oils, pastels and other media. During his time in the Windy City, Johnson is said to have stayed at a YMCA, which may have led to his decision to sell some of his acreage (said to be anywhere from 30 to 60 acres) to the organization to use as a camp. After

traveling around his home state, he decided to settle on Big Bass Lake in the northwest corner of Lake County.

One of the area's early settlers, Johnson had to be self-sufficient. He taught himself taxidermy and made his own tools. He invented and built a camera, built a transit — a tool used in orientation and surveying, on display in the museum — and constructed cabinetry in his kitchen and workshop. He reportedly was the first person in Michigan to put a window in the ceiling of his two-story home, for natural light while painting and drawing.

Curtin said this early pioneer maintained a small orchard but mostly hunted and fished. He helped get the first school built. He played guitar, and Curtin said he wouldn't have been surprised if he played with others around the lake, though in his community he was considered a "hermit."

"I think he just did what he had to do," Curtin said. "Like, 'the only way I'm going to get this is if I do it myself' — and he did it. I've seen a lot of pictures of him reading, but I don't know that he had any books that told him how to do any of this."

Curtin said Johnson sold his original paintings, mostly landscapes, for income.

"People would commission him to paint something," Curtin said. "He wasn't making a whole ton of money, and I don't think he cared. He had what he wanted, and he could make damn near anything he wanted."



Martin Johnson's home on Big Bass Lake, before it was moved to Irons. Photo courtesy of Martin Johnson Heritage Museum.

In his later years, Johnson bought a Model T or A that, after he died, was brought out of a shed in summer and used as a piece of playground equipment for the campers.

"He seemed to have gotten by fairly well," Curtin said, pointing to a photo of Johnson wearing a smart-looking black suit. "He's fairly advanced in age, and it looks like he's doing fine."

Curtin said he would like to acquire more of Johnson's paintings and effects. He would like to see the museum get electricity to better conserve the items. The second floor of the museum mainly houses camp memorabilia, such as photographs, camp jackets, canoe paddles (decorated by campers each summer) and signs.

The stories of camp and Johnson's home



A "built-in" cabinet in the kitchen was made by Martin Johnson. Photo by M. Videan.

are tightly interwoven. It seems one cannot exist without the other. Curtin wrote in a blog post on bigbasslake.mi that he feels both histories are important to preserve, so the campers' future family members know "how we became who we are" and to "gain a historical perspective of a man who was a true pioneer in Northern Michigan"

The museum is located on 10-1/2 Road, in Skinner Park, on the east end of Irons. Museum hours are Saturdays, 12-3 p.m., in July and August, or by appointment. Call Tom Curtin, Jr.: (231)745-8505 or email him: lumberjacklodge@msn.com. The museum's mailing address is P.O. Box 363, Baldwin, MI, 49304.

Swimming

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Learning water safety essentials

Forgetting your fear can be dangerous, but, at the same time, is required to learn to swim. There is a group we call “clingers,” and it is amazing how hard a small hand can cling on to a big arm. At the point where I am told in no uncertain terms, “I don’t need help,” I have succeeded. Yet, that is the time when the instructor needs to be most watchful.

“Reach, throw, but don’t ever go” is our mantra. Certified lifeguards can jump in the pool to help someone in trouble, but when they do, a flotation tube comes with them. Non-swimmers who attempt to help someone in the water can themselves get into trouble. That is the first lesson of safety around water. Students are taught that they can reach out with an object to help someone in the water, or they can throw something that floats to the person in trouble. But don’t ever go.

Asking for help is a key lesson. However obvious it might seem, students need to know how to ask for help. Very few beaches have lifeguards. In that case, one would hope any adult would help.

Wearing a life jacket is the central topic when addressing boating safety. It is most important to find a personal flotation device that you like and that fits well. If you do, you will be more likely to wear it while on the water, and it may save your life.

Area pools and water safety

I surveyed six area pools to find out if any offer swimming lessons and/or water safety. While doing so, I discovered the challenges they face.

Corey VanFleet, director of aquatics for the **Paine Aquatic Center of Manistee**, said that as part of the youth swimming program they address safety-around-water issues. This summer the program saw 75 kids at the pool, which is owned and managed by Manistee Area Public Schools and located at Manistee High School on Twelfth Street.

“We just finished our summer swimming program; those kids are age 5-19,” VanFleet said.

The swimmers were recently treated to a picnic as the summer program was wrapping up.

Aquatics Director Erin Brown, of the **West Shore Community College Recreation Center**, located on Stiles Road between Ludington and Scottville, said that learning to swim and water safety are extremely important due to the number of drownings in Ludington last year.

“It’s crazy how many people don’t know how to swim, and we are right next to Lake Michigan,” Brown said.

She also indicated that they currently aren’t offering swim classes and may not offer them when school resumes.



A family prepares to swim in Portage Lake at the Onekama Village Park on Main Street. Photo by Stewart A. McFerran.



“Safety Around Water” instructors (from left): Ian, Chris C., Stewy, Chris B., and Tylus at the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA West pool. Photo courtesy of GTBYMCA.



Aquatics Director Ryan Slade and the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA aquatics staff at a recent training session. Photo by Stewart A. McFerran.

“Every fall we struggle with (hiring) lifeguards,” she said. “It’s going to hit us hard this year; it sounds like our (swim) instructor wants to come back this year. But, at this time, we are not sure if we are going to bring back classes yet, because of our lifeguard situation.”

Brown said West Shore’s pool schedule is completed month by month. Currently, the pool is closed Saturdays and Sundays in summer but open weekdays for lap swimming “most of the time,” with a 4-7 p.m. open swimming period on Fridays.

The Pere Marquette River flows beside the campground of the **Riverside Park in Scottville**. The park’s municipal pool is open to campers and Scottville residents. Swimmers like to use the park’s outdoor

heated pool during the summer months. Jennifer Faris, the park manager, said three sessions of swimming lessons were offered this summer by instructor Tess Hallead-Versluis.

“My main goal in teaching is focused on basic water safety,” Hallead-Versluis said. “We live in an area surrounded by water, therefore, it is important to me that kids know not only how to swim but also know what to do in an emergency.”

Aquatic activities will resume when the **Donald C. Baldwin Community Pool in Ludington** reopens, which is expected to happen by September. The pool, located on Tinkham Avenue, closed in April due to mechanical issues. Funds for pool maintenance were included in a bond voters approved several years ago, according to Brent Gillette, the recreation director. A statement on the pool’s website indicated that the American Red Cross offers swimming lessons through the city’s recreation department.

Diane Tracy has a background in development and is spearheading efforts to create a **Benzie Aquatic Center**. The project has engaged experts from the Isaac Sports Group for a feasibility study. The Benzie County Aquatics Center group is finding support for a year-round indoor pool, but pools are expensive to build and even more expensive to maintain and staff. The need is there, as evidenced by the response that Tracy and a group of volunteer swimming instructors are getting this summer. They offered a young persons’ swimming program on Mondays and Fridays at Bellows Beach on Crystal Lake. The program filled right away, and they had to turn away prospective students.

Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Aquatics Director Ryan Slade has also seen a high

The mindfulness of lifeguards

By **STEWART A. MCFERRAN**

Have you seen a lifeguard at a beach on Lake Michigan lately? I think not. Around the time “Baywatch” was being shown on TV, lifeguards were being pulled from public beaches all along the big lake. But that decision has had consequences.

Dave Benjamin, of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, said that there have been 22 drownings on Lake Michigan so far this year.

“Last year was the deadliest year on Lake Michigan,” he said. “We are right on pace to have another record year for drownings in Lake Michigan.”

Benjamin contends that lifeguards are cost effective when compared to the expensive proposition of body recovery.

Manistee’s Paine Aquatic Center director Cory VanFleet said each spring the center trains lifeguards and this year trained 32.

“We need adults that want part-time lifeguard jobs during the day, when the kids are in school,” he said. “We used to have a full lifeguard staff on the Manistee beaches, but that was years ago.”

Erin Brown, aquatics director for the West Shore Community College Recreation Center, said she recalls there always being lifeguards at Stearns Beach in Ludington when she was younger.

“They got rid of the lifeguard stand they used to have and instead they put posts with little buttons on them and life rings, and if there is an emergency, I guess you are supposed to hit the button.”

“They do have a beach cop that goes around,” she added. “It is usually someone in his late teens who walks around. He is obviously not a lifeguard. That’s the direction they have gone since getting rid of their lifeguards.”

There is no better way to practice your “mindfulness” than to become a lifeguard and scan the water for your fellow humans who might need help. If you want to support your local pool, get trained and work a few shifts at the pool as a lifeguard. You are required to swim, practice lifesaving skills and assist swimmers.

Please support your local pool.

demand for swimming lessons, and he struggles to retain lifeguards. He has, himself, been working 80 hours a week just to keep the pools in Traverse City open.

Aquatic programs create community. Regular visits to an aquatic center can lead to fitness and a sense of well-being. Swimming is a lifelong pursuit that brings joy to those who immerse themselves in the activity. Maximizing safety in and around bodies of water should be a priority for all, not just for those living near the lakeshore.

S.A. McFerran learned to swim at the public beach in his hometown of North Muskegon. He swam laps in the lake in all weather, while his swimming instructors sat in a rowboat. He is currently a certified swimming instructor and part of the aquatics team at the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA.

Water-Safety 101: Lifesaving Tips

Excerpted from Munson Medical Center’s Healthcare Blog post, June 28, 2021. REPRINTED BY PERMISSION.

- Learn how to swim.
- Swim in designated areas.
- Don’t swim alone or allow others to do so.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Beware (of) rip currents.
- Stay out of the water during thunderstorms and other severe weather.
- Don’t exceed your swimming ability.
- Check the water level before diving into any body of water and learn how to dive properly when entering unknown waters.
- Think twice about open-water swimming.
- Stay clear of chilly water.
- Learn what to do when someone is (in danger of or) drowning.

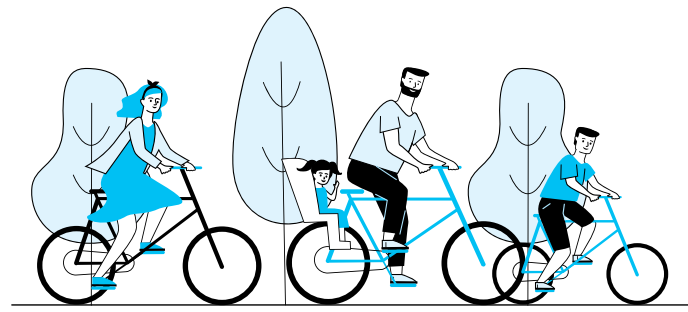
Read the entire water-safety blog post at:

<https://munsonhealthcare.org/blog/water-safety-101-lifesaving-tips>

Community Calendar

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- 21 Manistee Farmers Market**
9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee
- 21 Petunia Parade Weeding, Ludington**
Sponsored by AFFEW. Begin anytime on the 21st. Bring a trowel or cultivating tool, if you have them. West end needs the most attention. Volunteer coupons available to: House of Flavors (Junior Cone, to be used after Labor Day) or Bookmark (Drink of Choice). If you help, please let Brenda know how many hours, for future petunia grants. If interested contact Brenda Begnoche: at hummon2003@hotmail.com or call 231-613-0085
- 21 Household Hazardous Waste Day – Mason County**
9am-1pm. Suggested min. donation: \$10. Mason County Road Commission, 510 E. State St., Scottville. AFFEW partners with the Mason-Lake Conservation District to collect hazardous waste. Participation for Mason County residents is free. Visit Mason-LakeConservation.org for a list of accepted items or to donate or volunteer.
- 21 Annual Manistee County Hazardous Waste Collection**
9am-1pm, suggested minimum donation \$10, Manistee County Road Commission, 8946 Chippewa Hwy., Bear Lake. For more info, go to www.manisteecd2.org/hhw.html
- 21 Pine Forest Freedom Market**
9am-4pm, free to attend, \$6/space to sell. Crafters, bakers, makers, food trucks, etc. Pine Forest Campground, 10169 M-37, Irons. For more info, call 231.742.6934. Downtown Baldwin
- 21 Downtown Scottville Farmers Market**
10am-2pm, sidewalks of Main St., Scottville
- 21 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Ted Alan**
from 2:30-5pm, **The Pistil Whips** from 5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 21 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Patty Pershaya**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 21 Friends of Ludington State Park Summer Music Series with Uneven Ground**
7pm, free, Ludington State Park, Lake Michigan Beach House, 8800 West M-116, Hamlin Township
- 21 Sounds from the Forest with Chris Foreman's Soul Message Band**
7-9:15pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin
- 21 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with Breathe Owl Breathe**
7-10pm, free, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva
- 21 Live Music at Portage Point Resort with Grayson Barton**
On the deck. 7-11pm, free, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onekama
- 21 S.S. Badger Shoreline Cruise**
8:30-11pm, \$42/person, children 4 & under are free. Cruise will sail rain or shine. Bon Voyage to Summer
For more info and tickets, go to: ssbadger.com
- 23 Honey Bee Market**
1-7pm, free. Numerous arts, crafts, and other goodies for sale by local vendors. On the grass at St. Ambrose Cellars, 841 S. Pioneer Rd. Beulah
- 23 Yoga in the Barn at Iron Fish Distillery**
5:30-6:30pm, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 23 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Andylynn & John G**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 23 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Matt Gabriel**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 23 Onekama Concerts in the Park with Awesome Distraction**
7pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Village Park, Onekama. Rain venue is Onekama Community Schools Cafetorium
- 24 Talks, Tunes & Tours: "American Mosaic: A 78 rpm Roadshow: A Vintage Music Experience at 78 rpm"**
by Alex Tank, Communications and Program Officer, International Affairs Forum at NW MI College, 10am, free, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee
- 24 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with The Duges**
On the porch stage. 5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 24 Manistee Shoreline Showcase Summer Concert Series with U'Neek Soul**
7-9pm, free. Douglas Park Gazebo at First Street Beech, Manistee. Wind/rain site: Armory Youth Project, 555 First St., Manistee
- 25 Classic Film Series: "Victor, Victoria" (1982)**
10am, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee
- 25 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Bill Frary**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 25 Summer Music Series with Guitar Group**
6-8pm, free, Purchase Pavilion, 301 N. State St., Luther
- 25 LACA Summer Concert Series with U'Neek Soul**
7-9pm, free. Waterfront Park 300 W. William St., Ludington
- 25 Echo Through the Timber with the Headwinds Blues Project**
7-9:15pm, free, donations gladly accepted. Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin
- 26 Elberta Farmers Market**
8am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta
- 26 First Person Story and Songs: "Jammin' at the Old Kirke" with The Old Kirke Band & Friends**
10am, free, Old Kirke Museum 304 Walnut St., Manistee
- 26 Music Live in the Plaza with Nick Veine**
5-8PM, free, Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington
- 26 Autumn Olive Community Workshop**
5:30-7:30pm, Orchard Beach State Park, Lakeshore Drive, Manistee. Learn to I.D. invasive autumn olive in all life stages. Discover mechanical/chemical removal methods. Review landowner assistance programs. To register: ecook@gtcd.org Presented by the NW Michigan Invasive Species Network.
- 26 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Wink**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 26 Live Music with The Accidentals**
7pm, free, Downtown Beulah (not in the park)
- 26 Sunset Beach Bonfire with Sunset Groove**
8pm, free, Stearns Beach Park, Stearns Outer Dr., Ludington
- 27- Forest Trail Music Festival**
29 \$50/person full weekend, \$20/person single day, \$10/12 and under--weekend admission includes overnight camping. Over 20 bands/performers. 352 W. Forest Trail Rd., Freesoil
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- 27 Music Live in the Plaza with Road Less Traveled**
3-6PM, free, Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington
- 27 Ludington Farmers Market**
3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington
- 27 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Keith Scott Blues**
5:30-8:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
- 27 Music Live in the Plaza with Eric Engblade Band**
6-9PM, free, Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington
- 27 Live Music at the Brewery with Lynn Callihan**
6-9pm, free, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington
- 27 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Blair Miller**
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
- 27 Log Cabin Concerts with Awesome Distraction**
7pm, free, donations gladly accepted, Log Cabin Theater at the corner of Walta & Panu Sts., Kaleva. Bring a lawn chair.
- 27 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with Fauxgrass**
7-10pm, free, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva
- 27 Live Music at Portage Point Resort with Soulpatch**
On the deck. 7-11pm, free, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onekama
- 27 S'Wonderful: an Evening of Gershwin featuring Karen Curlee**
7:30pm, \$12-20, \$10 for 18 and under, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee
- 28 Big Bear Butt Cruise**
Big Bear Sportsman's Club's Annual Bike Ride through Benzie and Manistee Counties Registration fee \$65/person includes breakfast and dinner on race day, T-shirt, campsite. Four rides available: 70, 130, 170, 210 kilometers. All rides start and end at 8927 Puustinen Rd., Kaleva. For schedule, route maps, registration and details, go to bigbearbuttcruise.com
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- 28 Music on Bear Lake with The Real Ingredients**
1-4pm, free, Bear Lake
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from 2:30-5pm, **Delilah DeWyld** from 5:30-6:30pm, free, 841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
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6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
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- 29 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Keith Scott**
3:30-5:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville
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