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Sailors and shipwrecks, 1861 and 2021

By STEWART A. MCFERRAN

Young Charles Slyfield looked out the window and counted more than 100 sailboats passing by his home at the Point Betsie Lighthouse, north of Frankfort, along Lake Michigan. Sails dotted the horizon on that day in 1861, and some tacked close to his perch in front of the Fresnel light. One October morning, he saw a barefooted man in ragged clothes walking on the beach toward the lighthouse. After hearing a knock, Charles let him in to warm himself by the fire. His sailboat had grounded on the beach.



Sailors Miguel and Moyses Vargas, the day after the wreck of their sailboat, the Even Keel, currently dry-docked at Veterans Memorial Marina in Arcadia. Photo by Stewart A. McFerran.

On August 8, 2021, Miguel Vargas and his brother Moyses were sailing from South Manitou Island. There was a storm and trouble with the headsail on their sloop. In the darkness of early morning, they could see the light shining from the brick tower of the Point Betsie Lighthouse. Their boat, the Even Keel,

struck the beach near the light and laid on her port side as waves crashed into the hull.

Miguel's brother abandoned ship as he attempted to pull the 8,000-pound fiberglass sailboat off the sandbar. Moyses had pulled on his life jacket before swimming through the surf to the beach. He huddled there

until his brother joined him at first light. The brothers were barefoot as they walked down the beach to seek help.

Account of the Comet

Alonzo Slyfield, M.D., had moved his
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Mason County's historic Amber Township

By CARMELITTA TIFFANY

"This township as a general thing is rather level, soil poor & sandy. The majority of the timber is Hemlock & Pine with some

Beech, Ash, Aspin (sic), Oak, Cedar & Tamarack ... There is a good share of Cedar and Tamarack swamp. The Lake in



The village of Amber was the first to have a railroad depot of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad, in 1871. The line made it to Ludington a few years later, and Scottville became a hub when right-of-way couldn't be procured south to Hart from Amber. Photo Courtesy of Mike Hankwitz.

the Southern part of this Town in which the Pere Marquette River runs through ... there is considerable timber in the lake but mostly dead."

Such was a description of Amber Township reported in 1838 by Sylvester Sibley, contracted by the federal government to survey the new territory of Michigan. Surveyors were compensated \$3-\$4.25 per mile, which covered payment of their crews and supplies. Crews were comprised of two surveyors, two axe men who trimmed brush and two chain men. They usually conducted surveys in winter, because their line of sight was improved, and they could walk across frozen lakes and ponds. It took about 20 days to survey a township.

As a result of the reports of vast timberlands, within a decade the region was taken over by lumber companies. In the 1860s, settlers arrived to turn land left barren by the harvesting into farmsteads. In 1868 Amber Township was formally established by settlers who arrived from a small community called Amber, New York. Their new home so resembled the place some had left behind in the Finger Lakes region that they decided to bring the name

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Listen to the radio

By RON SCHMIDT

I still remember well my first big purchase as a youngster, when I turned 13 and was beginning seventh grade. I had raised 100 Leghorn laying hens from day-old chicks and began selling eggs to my teachers. They craved fresh, farm-raised eggs and at 35 cents a dozen, they thought it was a good deal.

I had my first \$50 tucked away in a toy safe when my art teacher brought a battery-powered Toshiba transistor radio into our classroom. I knew I had to have one. So, I used \$35 from my savings and began a lifelong immersion into all the kinds of music I could hear on my radio. Back then rock 'n' roll was just taking off, and I couldn't listen enough to all the new songs and artists.



Photo by Alex Blajan, Unsplash.

I took that radio with me everywhere for about two years, until it accidentally fell into the toilet. By then, portable radios were smaller and less expensive, so I had the money to replace it. One day, as I was heading to the chicken coop for eggs, I discovered that as I walked past an electric pole, the radio station I had playing came in a lot louder and clearer. After checking for a cause, I found the ground wire running down the side of the pole was acting as a huge antenna for my radio. Instead of pulling in stations only 20 or 30 miles away, I could receive reception from stations 100 miles distant and even further. I could listen to more kinds of music, and to news of the rest of the world I knew nothing about.

As I grew older, I began listening to much different rock 'n' roll — The Beatles; The Moody Blues; The Rolling Stones; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; and so many more great groups. Then I began listening to Bob Dylan, Tom Rush and James Taylor, and I was hooked for life on folk music. I like the quieter voices folksingers use and the thought-provoking stories they tell. Now I look

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Community Calendar

Some events may change or be canceled due to weather, schedules or COVID-19. Always call ahead. **Email your October calendar events or press releases by September 24 to:** editor@freshwater-reporter.com. Or snail mail them to: Freshwater Reporter, P.O. Box 188, Manistee, MI, 49660. **Our online calendar is continuously updated at freshwater-reporter.com/calendar-2**

SEPTEMBER

Thru **Professors of NMU Visual Arts**

10 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 **Celebrating the Art of Ken Cooper:**

15 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

Thru **Annual LACA Members Art Exhibit**

30 11am-4pm Tues, Thurs, Fri; 11am-6pm Wed; 11am-2pm Sat, free, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

Ongoing **Grab a Piece of Ludington Second Annual Fundraiser for LACA**

10am-4pm Sat, 11am-4pm Tues-Fri, \$35 each, 8" x 8" artworks on canvas donated by area artists are for sale on a first-come-first-serve basis. 100% of proceeds will benefit the arts center. Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

8 Classic Film Series: "The Hunt for Red October" (1990)

10am & 7pm, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee

9 Elberta Farmers Market

9am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta

9 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Wink

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

9 Fall Migration Guided Bird Walk 1 with Brian Allen

7pm, North Point Park, Greenway St. (off Portage Point Dr.), Onekama. Registration appreciated: Parks@OnekamaTwp.org

10 Ludington Farmers Market

3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington

10 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Jake Frysinger

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

10 Live Music at the Brewery with Josh Field

6-9pm, free, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington

10 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Wink

6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

10 Live Music at Portage Point Resort with John Merchant

7-11pm, free, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onekama

11 Manistee Farmers Market

9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee

11 Downtown Scottville Farmers Market

10am-2pm, sidewalks of Main St., Scottville

11 Patriot Day in the Park

10:30-11:30am, free, a tribute walk to honor the fallen and first responders on the 20th anniversary of 9-11. Special gifts for veterans and first responders and crafts for kids North Point Park, Greenway St. (off Portage Point Dr.), Onekama

11 Annual Sturgeon Release

11am-12:30, free. Sturgeon viewing, rearing facility tour & activities, release ceremony and fish release at the Rainbow Bend United States Forest Service Manistee River Access. For details, call the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department at 231.723.1594

11 Planting for Pollinators

11:30am-2:30pm, free, learn about local pollinators and help plant host plants. Butterfly crafts for kids. All volunteers may take home a plant. North Point Park, 8001-8799 Greenway St., Onekama

11 Scottville Fall Celebration

12-5pm. Activities will include a farmers market, beer & wine tastings, pumpkin painting, corn hole tournament, bounce houses, hourly drawings, Scottville Choo Choo, Old Engine Club tractor pull, live music with Cats 'n Jammer and the Scottville Clown Band, a ceremony honoring Mason County first responders and more. The 100 blocks of S. Main St. and S. Blaine St., Scottville

11 Bus Day & Music: Big Sable Point Lighthouse

12-5pm bus transportation to the lighthouse, 1-3pm music with **Joe & Mark**. Ludington State Park, 8800 M-116, Ludington

11 Car & Truck Meet

3pm-dusk, All makes and models welcome. Downtown Bear Lake. For info, call 231.794.9370

11 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Chelsea Marsh

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

11 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Blake Elliott

6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

12 Ironman 70.3

Watch elite athletes compete in a triathlon, based in Frankfort. Racers will swim 1.2 miles around Frankfort Harbor, bike 56 miles around sections of M-22 and finish with a 13.1 mile run through the Frankfort area.

12 14th Annual Joe Schmidt Memorial Tough Man Big Hole Scramble at Crystal Lake Golf

10am Shotgun Start, \$50/person includes green & cart fees, scramble format (4-person teams), lunch & nonalcoholic drinks, dinner after the tournament. Prizes and awards. Proceeds go to S & S Foundation, half go to leukemia research, half to benefit local folks living with cancer. To register, donate or become a sponsor, call Tami at 231.383.3832. Crystal Lake Golf, 8493 Fairway Dr., Beulah

12 Rock for Vets featuring the band Saliva

1pm, \$20 in advance, \$30 at gate, \$5 for parking. Also performing are Damned by Dawn, Layne's Calling, Mud Creek and Here After Six. Osceola Fairgrounds, 101 Recreation Ave., Evart

14 Weed the Park

10am-12pm, free, join AFEW, North Country Cisma and the Mason-Lake Conservation District to learn to identify and help remove invasive plants. Wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves and pants. Bring garden gloves if you have them. Meet near the Bark Park off of Slagle Rd., Cartier Park, Ludington

15 Classic Film Series: "Airplane!" (1980)

10am & 7pm, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee

16 Elberta Farmers Market

9am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta

16 Live Music at St. Ambrose Cellars with Our Selves

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

17- Art Works by Hank Feeley and Nick Preneta

Oct 10am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat, free, Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd., Frankfort

17 Ludington Farmers Market

3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington

17 Test & Tune at the Northern Michigan Dragway

5-10pm, \$15 for spectators, 13991 Potter Rd., Bear Lake

17 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with Jake Allen

6pm, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva

17 Live Music at the Brewery with Kyle Brown

6-9pm, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington

17 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with McKenzie Rosin

6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

18 Big Cup Tournament at Manistee Golf & Country Club

9am, \$80, 18 hole par 3 scramble, 18 hole scramble, 36 holes of golf with cart, 4-person scramble, food and prizes. 500 Cherry Rd., Manistee

18 Manistee Farmers Market

9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee

18 Hops & Props on the River

10am-4pm Century Boat Show, free; 1pm-6pm Craft Brew Tasting Event, \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, \$5 for designated drivers. Ticket includes a Hops & Props glass and 6 drink tokens. Featuring over 100 beverages from 32 Michigan breweries, wineries, cider houses and distilleries. Food trucks on site. Downtown Manistee

18 Downtown Scottville Farmers Market

10am-2pm, sidewalks of Main St., Scottville

18 Northern Michigan Dragway

1pm Time Trials, 4pm Eliminations, \$15 for spectators, 13991 Potter Rd., Bear Lake

18 Live Music with Redux at North Channel Brewing Company

6-9pm, 86 Washington St., Manistee

18 Skid Row live in concert

8-10pm, \$30-45, event is for 18 and older. Little River Casino, 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee. **For tickets and details, go to lrcr.com**

18 Handcrafted and repurposed wooden furniture and more by Jeff Sanborn

10-4, Meet September's featured artist. Kaleva Art Gallery, 14449 Wuoski Ave., Kaleva.

19 26th Annual Blessing of the Animals

1:30pm, blessing is free, other activities ask for a \$5 donation. Circle Rocking S Children's Farm, 5487 Tuttle Rd., Free Soil. Everyone and all pets/livestock welcome. Pets must be on a short leash or in a carrier. After the blessing, there will be contests, silent auction, music, pie eating and more. For details, go to: circlerockingsfarm.org

19 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Rhett and John

3:30-5:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

21 Courtyard Concert series with Madeline Cooper

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/>

22 Classic Film Series: "Bicycle Thieves" (1948-Italian)

10am & 7pm, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee

23 Fall Migration Guided Bird Walk 2 with Brian Allen

7pm, North Point Park, Greenway St. (off Portage Point Dr.), Onekama. Registration appreciated: Parks@OnekamaTwp.org

23 Elberta Farmers Market

9am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta

24 Ludington Farmers Market

3-7pm, N. James St. Legacy Plaza, Ludington

24 Final Friday Experience

3-9pm, free, live music, safe activities, Baby Badger rides and more. Downtown Ludington

24 Live Music at the Brewery with Hank Mowery & The Hawktones

6-9pm, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington. An Oktoberfest fundraiser & celebration to benefit Lakeshore Food Club

24 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with The North Carolines

6pm, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva

24 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Chris Sterr

6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

25- Lake County Sesquicentennial

Oct 2 A weeklong celebration throughout the county. Events will include nature walk scavenger hunts, cemetery and schoolhouse tours, live music, Civil War reenactors, Native American programs, vintage car show, ice cream social and much more. For a detailed schedule of all events, go to <https://m.facebook.com/lakecountyhistoricalsociety/>

25 Grip 'n Rip Ace Run 2021 Disc Golf Tournament

7:30-8:30am registration, 9am shotgun tee off, \$40, West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Rd., Scottville

25 Baldwin Salmon Run

9am, \$25 in advance (closes Sept. 13), \$30 day of the race. There are 4 races: 10k Run, 5k Run, 5k Walk, 2k Stroll (untimed). The races begin and end at the Baldwin Village Hall, 620 Washington St., Baldwin. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in men's and women's categories in 12 age groups. For more info or to register, go to <http://racewire.com/register.php?id=12448> or contact Deborah Hanes at 231.330.0791

25 Manistee Farmers Market

9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee

25 Downtown Scottville Farmers Market

10am-2pm, sidewalks of Main St., Scottville

25 Scrap Tire Event

10am-2pm, \$2/tire, maximum of 10 tires, passenger & light truck tires only, Manistee County residents only. Bay Area Recycling for Charities, 14407 Industrial Dr., Kaleva

25 Octoberfest Festival in Legacy Plaza, Downtown Ludington

1-6pm, kids' games, chili walk, live music, German-themed food and beer, presented by Ludington Bay Brewing and Bell's Brewing

25 Scottville Optimist Club Sportsman's Banquet

6pm, \$30 adults, \$15 kids 6-17, free under 6. Tickets include dinner, drinks and entry into grand prize drawing. Other raffles, drawings and prizes throughout the night. Scottville Optimist Hall, 105 Green St., Scottville. Tickets available at Holden's Home Furnishings, Smith & Eddy Insurance and Squires Chiropractic in Scottville. For more info, contact Joe Knowles at 231.690.7374 or Mark Watts at 231.462.3623

26 Free Soil Gun & Knife Show

9am-4pm, \$5 adult, \$4 veteran/senior, free 12 & under. Free Soil Community Schools Alumni Association, 8480 N. Democrat St., Free Soil. 50/50 drawing. Food & beverages for sale. Doors open at 7am for vendor setup (8-foot tables \$20). To register for a table, call Greg at 231.464.5454

26 Ludington State Park Stewardship Volunteer Workday

12-2pm, free (recreation passport is required for vehicle entry), 8800 W. M-116, Ludington. Help remove invasive Japanese barberry from the dunes. No experience needed and all equipment will be provided. Long sleeves and pants are recommended. Meet at the main parking area near the beach house, north of the ranger booth at the park entrance. Register via email to LeslieE1@michigan.gov

26 American Violin: Contemporary Music of America

2pm, \$15-25 adults, \$10 under 18, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee. Internationally acclaimed violinist Hal Grossman and Jeffrey Gilliam present new works for violin and piano



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Lower Herring Lake: My final fishing place

By MILTON F. WHITMORE

I first fished Lower Herring Lake with my father, back in 1957. Dad and I had never given the lake a go but had heard it was a decent fishing lake for smallmouth bass and walleye. That first trip on Lower Herring was an exploratory one, and sometimes those efforts don't pan out for fish catching. This outing was different. Dad and I motored about the lake in our 14-foot Alumacraft boat powered by a trusty Johnson Seahorse 5 h.p. outboard motor. By chance, we found several spots that, to this day, are known to produce fish. Our catch consisted of a mix of smallmouth bass, walleye and northern pike. For me, as a teenage angler, it was love at first fish.

What's the catch?

Located between Arcadia and Frankfort in Benzie County, Lower Herring Lake lies in a wide valley/bowl a few hundred yards from Lake Michigan. Its surface covers 450 acres and its deepest point is 60 feet. The bottom is sand and gravel with very little soft bottom or large weed beds. Fish species include smallmouth bass and largemouth bass, with the former being far more prevalent; walleye; northern pike; bluegill; perch; rock bass; channel catfish; rainbow trout, in spring through early summer and again in the fall, when they are joined by salmon from Lake Michigan; and the occasional brown trout. Smallmouth bass and walleye are the most targeted species, and both can be had in eye-opening weights of more than four pounds for the smallies and an attention-getting 10-plus pounds for the 'eyes.

My favorite way to fish this lake is by wading. In waders, the angler is at the fish's level. Many times, I've had smallmouth bass jump out of the water at eye level and flash into the air above my head. It is just you and the fish.

Eastern shore

The eastern shoreline eases its way into the depths very slowly and the bottom is stony, offering perfect feeding grounds for all species, especially smallmouth bass. Body bait lures, such as Rapalas — and shallow diving crankbaits in perch, chartreuse, crayfish, and a gaudy blaze orange/yellow — work well. My favorite method is to cast with an inflated nightcrawler on a slip sinker rig and apply a slow retrieve. This shoreline offers its best fishing in the early morning and late evening, especially if westerly winds have been blowing. This pushes small tidbits of food that baitfish relish and they are, in return, relished by the larger prey species, including smallmouth bass and walleye.

Collins Cove, also on the eastern shore, is another area to note. The lake bottom drops more steeply, with the northern portion providing the best fishing. Largemouth bass and bluegill come into the creel in this area and while the 'gills are not hand-sized, they do stretch to 7-8 inches and are a taste treat in the fry pan. White Owl Road, off M-22 and also



Milt Whitmore with his smallmouth bass at Lower Herring Lake. Courtesy photo.

on the east shoreline, ends at the lake with a public access. This stretch of the lake consists of firm sand with scattered gravel. Plentiful reeds line the lake, and their bouncing, almost-frivolous stems are a delight to ponder. The offshore water is a bit deeper, and the drop is a bit steeper. Again, smallmouth bass and walleye. At White Owl Road, the lake begins to veer to the west and continues to do so almost to Lake Michigan. About halfway along this shoreline there is another public access site, and it is here that a little-known hole juts its way from the depth and almost to shore. While it can be fished in waders, in this area a boat serves well. Fish slowly and with some care. The depths have given up every species of fish found in Lower Herring, and the action can come quickly and nonstop when things are right. From a boat, fishing with live minnows near the bottom in 20-foot depths can bring the big boys into action, and it's action that the knowing angler gets.

The rest of the shoreline, past the famed Watervale Inn, is an excellent fishery with prime times in early morning and evening.

Western shore

The lake's western shoreline is sandy and drops steeply to depths of 40-50 feet. In these dark, clear deeps lurk the big boys during the day. Again, a boat comes in

handy, as does a depth finder. Try slow trolling at the bottom of the drop-off, using a single hook crawler harness. Chartreuse is my favorite; rigged with a walking slip sinker, it is a fish getter. This is the lair of big walleye. My best was a dandy at 12 pounds. Herring Creek's outflow into Lake Michigan interrupts the drop into the depths, but once you get past this point, the slide into dark water continues.

Highest recommendation

Lower Herring Lake offers a cornucopia of fish. My most prolific outing came one evening many years ago when my buddy Bob Carlon and I took fish, including bass of both species, catfish, walleye, a rainbow trout of about two pounds, freshwater drum, often called sheepshead, and a few larger perch which are not plentiful in this lake. We kept some fish and had a great fish fry with beer later that evening at home.

From my first outing on the lake, Lower Herring has always been a favorite of mine. If I had one last lake fishing trip before I pass, it would be on this lake.

Milton F. Whitmore moved to the Onekama/Arcadia area with his family and taught middle school science at math at Onekama schools until his retirement. He is active with the Arcadia Lions Club.

'First Americans' exhibition looking for artists

By PAT STINSON

A call for artwork by Native American artists living in Michigan concludes on Sept. 10, the deadline for applying to the "First Americans" art exhibition to be held in November at the Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts in Manistee.

Planned to coincide with National American Indian Heritage Month in November, the Nov. 8-Dec. 31 art exhibition in RRCA's Hardy Hall will honor and celebrate the artistry of Native Americans working in all types of visual media. An artists' reception will be held 6-8 p.m., Nov. 13.

In a release, organizers stated: "We are looking to honor and celebrate the broad range of artistic expression by Native American artists. This includes painting,

sculpture, photography, prints, ceramics, fashion design, poetry, storytelling, music, dance, video, and installation, which might include several categories of expression."

Artwork does not need to directly reflect the artist's cultural heritage.

A local Native American artist and the Manistee Area Racial Justice and Diversity Initiative approached the Ramsdell with the idea for the exhibition. Co-chairs of the event are Lisa Allen and Judy Jashinsky.

"I was so pleased to be asked to help organize and participate in 'First Americans', Jashinsky said. "As a recent member of the Stockbridge-Munsee (Mohican) Tribe, I have a special appreciation of the role Native Americans have in this country."

Jashinsky is a visual artist and owner of Pines of Arcadia, an artist residency studio and gallery in the Arcadia area. A double portrait of her great-grandmother will be included in the exhibition.

"The image of her in Native American clothing is based on research of what she would have worn had she not been removed from her tribal life to be educated in the ways of the white man," Jashinsky said. "The other image is based on a photograph of her that hung on the wall in the farmhouse on the reservation."

The Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts is located at 101 Maple Street, on the ancestral land of the Anishinaabe people, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

For information and an application, go to <https://ramsdelltheatre.org/call-for-art-2>



Ash basket with carved wooden handle by Thomas L. Chandler. Photo by P. Stinson.

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Left and above. Scenes from the Point Betsie Lighthouse. Photos by Stewart A. McFerran.

Sailors

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family, including sons Charles and Ed, to the newly built lighthouse on Point Betsie on September 9, 1861, after serving as lighthouse keeper at South Manitou Island. During the 20 years his family was at Point Betsie, there were many shipwrecks, including the Comet, a schooner filled with 23,500 bushels of oats.



This portrait of Alfonzo Slyfield, lighthouse keeper at South Manitou Island and Point Betsie, can be seen at the Point Betsie Lighthouse. Photo by Stewart A. McFerran.

In his memoir, "A Brief Sketch of the Life of Charles B. Slyfield," Charles told of adventures he and Ed had while tending the Point Betsie light, as their father tended to the medical needs of Benzie County residents. About the shoeless man on the beach, Charles wrote:

He said that he was from the schooner Comet aground at the point and that was all he could say, he was so near frozen. I had him come in and set him by the fire while I called the rest of the family. Father got him some dry clothes and as he warmed up he told us of their sad experience in that terrible gale. It seemed that they were bound north and when near the Manitou Island the wind which had been east shifted suddenly to the northwest and in her sails jibing, broke her forepeak-halyard so their foresail was useless and they could not keep her clear of the point as they were trying to run before the gale up the lake.

Account of the Even Keel

The Brothers Vargas started from Muskegon Lake on August 4, 2021. Miguel said it was "36 hours nonstop shift sailing" to South Manitou Island, where the brothers stayed overnight.

MIGUEL: That is a nice harbor, there. The

flies are pretty bad right now; we had some bug gear, net jacket, net hat. They were relentless; they would come in like clouds. It was great sailing out of there. (We) left, it must have been, Saturday morning (and) set sails; it was perfect conditions. (We) cruised toward Sleeping Bear, and ... the wind died out a little bit as we were approaching Frankfort. And then that night the storm came up. We didn't make it to Frankfort. The wind kicked up; we were trying to hightail it into Frankfort during the night, and that's when we wrecked on the sandbar. The people that morning (at) the lighthouse could probably look down the beach and see the boat wrecked on the shore.

MOYSES: We abandoned ship right as the sun was coming up. You couldn't see much; it was dark, stormy. I just kind of knew the direction of land. Right as the storm was getting worse, we pulled out the lifejackets, just in case. I was sleeping, and right as I woke up, we hit the sandbar.

MIGUEL: That was right around 5 a.m. We even got this (glancing toward his wrecked vessel) turned around. I went around the front and was pushing with all my might. We got it to spin in place 180 (degrees). We threw up the jib again, hoping it would fill with some wind, so it would pull us out of the sandbar. But the waves were coming ashore, pushing us back that way. We battled it for another hour-and-a-half.

MOYSES: In the morning, he walked two miles up to the (Crystal Downs) country club, so he could get (cell) service, so he could call the Coast Guard and the towing boat.

MIGUEL: I got ahold of the towing guy, but he said the storm was too bad. He couldn't get near it. He couldn't pull it out.

MOYSES: Then (Miguel) came back, and we took the seven-mile hike to Frankfort. We didn't have shoes on, because we grabbed a tent, a sleeping bag and a few clothes off the boat. We found a motel and stayed at the motel overnight until the towboat could get there in the morning. We walked down the road to where they were launching. We hitched a ride back to our boat.

MOYSES: (Miguel) was on the boat, and I stayed on the towboat.

MIGUEL: I was bailing and trying to clear the cabin. Everything dumped from all the storage compartments. All the hatches opened up. There was water down inside,

just sloshing back and forth. Our cleaning supplies were kicked up; sailing supplies, lifejackets were floating. Cushions were floating. I tried to clear the cabin as best I could, so we could get the water out of there."

MOYSES: After we got it free, he swam back to shore to grab our dingy that we had up on shore.

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Epilogue

None of the marinas at Frankfort had the capacity to haul the Even Keel out of the water, so the brothers traveled with their towed boat to Arcadia Harbor, where Jim Stoops of Arcadia Marine met them with his hydraulic lift trailer. Soon enough the wounded sailboat was high and dry but leaked water out of the crack in the port side.

On the afternoon of August 9, I talked to the brothers as they pulled their belongings from the boat. A friend had come to pick them up and take them back to Muskegon. Recently, I spoke to a friend at Arcadia Marine who said that the Even Keel was a total loss.

All these years later, Point Betsie, which marks the entrance to the Manitou Passage, sees boats of all sizes passing. The stormy waters of Lake Michigan still toss ships about in the darkness and some, sad to say, still wreck on the beach at the point, as happened in the early morning of August 8.

The Charles B. Slyfield memoir resides at the Benzie Historical Museum. Thanks to Andrew Bolander and the BHM staff for their help. Copies of Dr. Alonzo Slyfield's 1868 diary are available through the Empire Area Historical Museum.

The historic Point Betsie Lighthouse offers tours. (Always call ahead.) Entry is \$5 per person. Museum hours for September 6-October 17, 2021, are: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Thursday-Saturday; Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Find the lighthouse at: 3701 Point Betsie Road, Frankfort. For information, call (231) 352-7644 or email: director@pointbetsie.com.

Stewart A. McFerran had a rowboat named Mighty Mouse when he was a kid. One of his earliest memories is sailing with his father, who also read him stories like "Captains Courageous". Later he bought a C&C 29-foot sailboat and had his own adventures on Lake Michigan.

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I spy with my little eye

Smooth Yellow False Foxglove

Story and photo by **JENNIFER DEVINE**

A foot off the beaten path in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, I ran into the native perennial smooth yellow false foxglove (Aureolaria flava). We will call it SYFF from here on.



Close-up of smooth yellow false foxglove by Jennifer Devine.

Nestled under white oaks, the plant was almost imperceptible until I caught the 1- to 2-inch-long yellow trumpet flower out of the corner of my eye. Turning, I noticed yellow buds atop shiny dark-green leaves running opposite the stem. The leaves felt smooth, almost plastic-like. SYFF is a 1- to 4-foot sprawling plant with a slight purple tint on the stem. Blooms start appearing in late summer.

SYFF is nicknamed “oak leach” and is hemiparasitic, meaning some of its nutritional requirements come from tapping into white oak tree roots underground. No harm is done to the tree. In fact, research shows this process is helpful to the white oak (symbiosis!) and is a sign of a mature, diverse and healthy ecosystem. SYFF contains chlorophyll and uses photosynthesis for the rest of its nutrition.

Hummingbirds and bumblebees are primary pollinators for the plant, which also hosts buckeye butterflies. In late fall, the plant dries up and turns brown. What was once a bright-yellow flower is now a 1/2-inch brown capsule containing 2-millimeter flat oval seeds ready for spreading. If you do grab a few for replanting, be sure to sow them near and under white oaks for the best results. What a beautiful, beneficial addition to your garden they would be! You could also buy seeds and start them yourself. You have a much greater chance of getting this plant to grow than starting or transplanting Sweet Fern or Indian Pipe, which are best left to nature.



Common buckeye butterflies eat nectar from smooth yellow false foxglove as well as peppermint, tickseed and asters. Photo by Marlic38, Pixabay.

A Forest Service website page describes the Idlewild Barrens off U.S. Highway 10, and how you can find a ton of smooth yellow false foxglove amongst all the other wildflowers there. To learn about the area and find roads leading to the wildflowers, go to: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/regions/eastern/IdlewildBarrens

Note that different seasons will have different wildflower patches.

False Foxgloves were first discovered in 1753 by Carl Linnaeus. In the centuries since, some descriptions and scientific names were changed. This led to many mistakes and wrong identifications until 1935, when “The Scrophulariaceae of Eastern Temperate North America” was published by Frances W. Pennell. He sorted out the confusion. After that, corrections were made to the names we see and use today. However, there is still a lot of misidentification and confusion around False Foxglove plants.

There are eight recognized species of Aureolaria (false foxglove) native to the eastern woodlands of North America. Those eight have long been considered members of the foxglove family but were moved to the closely-related parasitic broomrape family.

The look-alike downy yellow false foxglove leaves have lobes or teeth. The upper leaves are fuzzy, long and slender, and come to a point at the end. Then there is the fern-leaved yellow false foxglove, but I think we can all imagine what its leaves look like. Those two are very often mistaken for SYFF. Downstate you will find more of the Aureolaria species, such as the slender purple false foxglove on Belle Isle.

If you find yourself exploring MI Backyard, keep an eye out for the yellow trumpet flower, and maybe take a drive over to Idlewild.

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 and their children live off grid and have chickens, ducks and rabbits, a large garden and a lot of woods.

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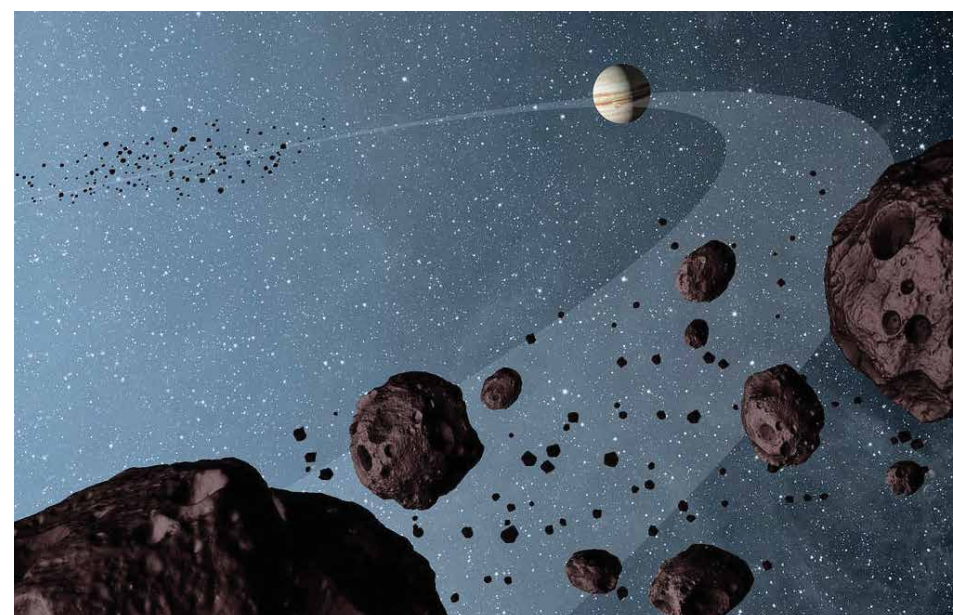
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An artist's illustration of the Trojan asteroids as they follow and lead Jupiter in its orbit. In October, the Lucy spacecraft will embark on a 12-year mission to discover their secrets. Image by: NASA/JPL/Caltech

Lucy in the sky with asteroids

By **BROOKE EDWARDS**

At 5:34 a.m., EDT, on Oct. 16, the Lucy mission will depart from Cape Canaveral's Space Launch Complex 41. Its 12-year mission: to observe never-before-explored targets known as the Trojan asteroids.

In all, Lucy will boldly explore eight asteroids: seven Trojan asteroids and one asteroid in the asteroid belt located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. This will be the first time a spacecraft has visited the Trojans, which lead and trail Jupiter as the planet follows its orbital path.

“No other space mission in history has been launched to as many different destinations in independent orbits around our sun,” NASA declared, in a statement on the mission's website.

These asteroids are remnants of the formations of the outer gas planets, as well as mixtures of material from other celestial bodies. What makes them so fascinating is they offer a window to the past. Studying them will provide clues to the solar system's origins (and Earth's). For all we know, these tantalizing, carbon compound-packed bodies may harbor water beneath their surfaces.

Lucy's 12-year path will include two close Earth flybys, using our planet's gravity to slingshot the spacecraft between the Trojans. Lucy will reach the first asteroids in 2027. The Trojans are as far from Jupiter as Jupiter is from the sun. It is mind-blowing how vast space is!

During the next dozen years, many fascinating details will be revealed. The plan is for Lucy to continue flying between the asteroids after the mission ends. As in past missions, data might still

be transmitted once the main objective is completed.

The mission was named for an early human skeleton dubbed “Lucy” found in Ethiopia in 1974. The mission's name was also inspired by the famous Beatles song, “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”. An interesting aside: an asteroid known as 4150 Starr was named for Ringo Starr, the Beatles' drummer. His namesake is in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Onboard the spacecraft will be a time-capsule plaque containing inspirational messages by poets and artists meant for future space-faring humans. The time capsule will be displayed in a creative way, showcasing the coordinates of the solar system on the mission's launch date. At the rate space technology is advancing, those finding the plaque may include the great-grandchildren of today's Millennials.

While anticipating the launch and arrival, you can stay up to date by following @NASA and @NASASolarSystem on social media or by subscribing to the agency's daily newsletter. Live coverage of the launch will likely be shown on NASA TV, and mission updates will be provided on social media. In the coming years, we undoubtedly will know more about how we came to our place in space.

For more: www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/lucy/main/index or www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/lucy-mission-faq

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A boat dock, sandy swimming beach, playground and camp store are all centrally located. Photo courtesy of Crystal Lake Campground.

Crystal Lake Campground: A beauty caught in Amber

By **CARMELITTA TIFFANY**

John Purcell and his family have owned Crystal Lake Campground in Amber Township for 26 years.

"The campground has been around a long time," Purcell said. "It was started a century ago by renting out steel-hulled row boats and evolved into a campground."

CLC campers are devoted. Purcell explained that some campers who rent sites by the season have returned every year for 35 years. Some current seasonal campers are third-generation Crystal Lakers. And some who camped as children in the 1950s return every season.

The campground includes 160 forested campsites adjacent to 130-acre Hackert Lake, (aka Crystal Lake, to locals). Sites are rented by the night or the season. The lakefront includes a sandy beach for swimming and a boat dock, where campers can rent paddle boats, row boats and canoes. The lake is known for excellent fishing, including largemouth bass, bluegill, rock bass, crappie and northern pike, with an occasional catch of walleye stocked by the DNR. Those bringing their own boats can use a nearby public access.

Yesterday's campers might be shocked by today's campground amenities, including RV sites with full hookups, sites with water and electric, Wi-Fi, showers and restrooms, lighted camp roads, a camp store, an activities' building, an ice cream parlor and a playground.

For fresh air and exercise, campers make use of a sand volleyball court, a basketball court and miniature golf.

Located 7-8 miles from Lake Michigan, Crystal Lake Campground is a destination, yet it's also close to area dining, shopping and entertainment. Be forewarned: Leaving the beauty and serenity of the campground may be hard to do.

Camping season is May 1–October 15, and seasonal sites are offered. To make a reservation, call the campground daily, 9–9, at 231-757-4510 or visit CrystalLakeCamping.com. The campground is located at 1884 W. Hansen Road, Scottville.

Amber

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along with them.

The list of settlers (Chilberg, Chinnery, Conrad, Dennis, Gordon, Hansen, Neil, Pittard, Towns, etc.) resembles the map of the township, as roads were named after them. Remember that, at that time, wagons and horses were the mode of transportation, and roads were pretty much glorified driveways that led to the settlers' homesteads.

These white settlers, numbering about 50 in the beginning, lived alongside the Native Americans of the Odawa (Ottawa) and Potawatomi tribes, who resided along the Pere Marquette River.

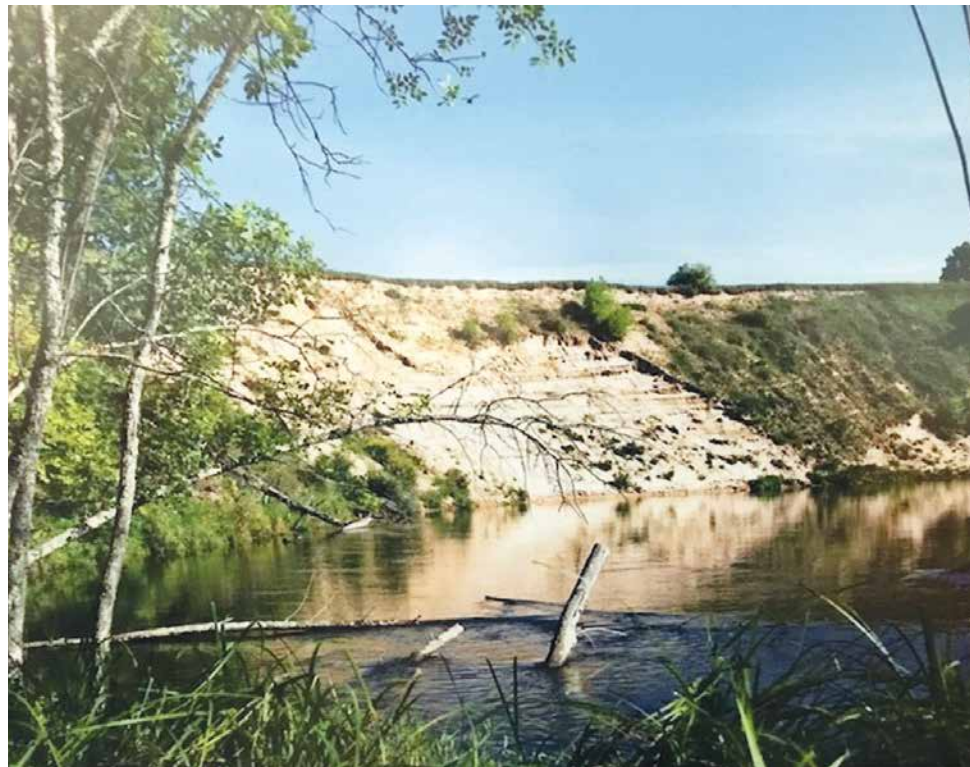
One noted individual among the settlers was Jesse J. Penfield, who served with the Fourth Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He was one of 20 chosen to serve under Colonel Pritchard in the capture of Jefferson Davis, leader of the southern rebellion.

As of the 2017 census, the township's population was 2,600, including those who carry on farms that originated over a century ago.

Present Amber Township Supervisor Jim Gallie is a descendant of the Conrad family. His family found its way to Amber Township, Michigan from Steuben County, New York by way of northwest Missouri and then to the Traverse City area.

"My mom was a Conrad, and I had always hoped to settle on the family farm," Gallie said.

His family — wife Loretta, son Jim Jr. and daughter Tracey Barnett — all enjoy the beauty of the land that his family once traveled thousands of miles by horse-drawn wagon to settle. After serving eight years in the military, he became a DNR conservation officer and has spent the last years of his 23-year career here.



The Chinnery Rollway, located along the Pere Marquette River, was used to transport logs to lumbermills downstream in the late 1800s. Recently, the Mason-Lake Conservation District and the Conrads, whose farmland includes the rollway, have worked to restore the eroding bank. Photo courtesy of the Mason-Lake Conservation District.

One of his descendants, Ann Conrad, recounted a history of the township in 1969:

In the early days, when lumber was of prime importance, Amber's timber was plentiful and of good quality. As yet there were no roads, so the nearby Pere Marquette River was an important factor in the growth of Mason County. The lumbermen who owned mills on Pere Marquette used the river to float logs down to their mills... Chinnery-Rollway was used to roll their logs into the river.

The lumbering era continued until about 1910 before the land was cleared and roads were built. By that time, farming and small industries necessary to the economy were flourishing and the railroad was providing transportation for people and products.

During its history, Amber had a grocery store, general store, post office, schoolhouse, library, two steam sawmills, town hall, hotel, gristmills and a wooden bowl factory.

Today, Amber Township is home to more than 100 businesses, many of which are located along the U.S. Highway 10 corridor between Scottville and Ludington. Crystal Lake Campground on Hackert Lake is close to U.S. Highway 31 and has its own history. (See accompanying story.) New businesses have experienced success off the beaten path, including Amber Elk Ranch (Freshwater Reporter, October 2019) and Starving Artist, a craft nanobrewery



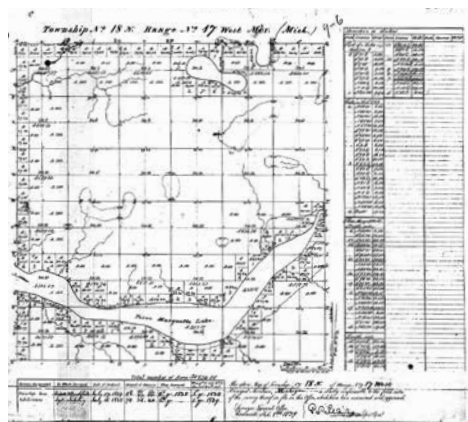
The Chinnery Rollway, beside the Pere Marquette riverbank. Photo by Kerri (Conrad) Bowditch.

(Freshwater Reporter, January 2020).

Gallie, as township supervisor, enjoys promoting Amber. He and other members of the township board work to maintain the beauty of the Pere Marquette River, one of the area's most sought-after recreational attractions, while bringing new businesses and residents into the township.

"Amber Township is a welcoming and family-oriented place," Gallie said. "We hope to see lots of visitors in the future."

Carmelitta Tiffany resides in Riverton Township, Mason County, where she has spent the past 30-some years enjoying the blessings of rural life. She is a semi-retired journalist and owns West MI Editorial Services, which serves those needing "wordy" advice.



Surveyor's sketch: This sketch was the first to be reported by surveyor Sylvester Sibley and his crew in 1838. The team spent decades documenting the region that eventually became known as Michigan. Photo of sketch courtesy of Morris Thomas.



Collin Trouslot didn't catch anything but had a strong pull for two seconds.



This gang showed up down the road.

Backroads to Baldwin

Story and photos by **KEVIN HOWELL**

When I was a kid, my parents would pack my brother, me and the dog into the family car for a Sunday afternoon outing. Those drives included a bucket of fried chicken and all the trimmings. We would dig into them at some lonesome picnic table along a two-lane road. Those were great adventures along backroads, exploring to be exploring, something I've carried into adulthood.



I had no idea Maple Leaf River Access was so close to home!

Taylor Road

My latest adventure followed the back ways to Baldwin. It started from my own backyard east of Walhalla and north of U.S. Highway 10, on paved Taylor Road. South of the highway, Taylor turns to gravel. Wondering where that goes, I, of course, followed it. Calling it a gravel road is stretching it. Taylor becomes a sandy two-track through Manistee National Forest.

A quarter mile or so off the highway, the road narrows. Maple Leaf River Access, not advertised on the highway, suddenly appears. The access is to the Pere Marquette Scenic River, one of about 20 access points between Baldwin and Custer. The road ends at a parking area with pit toilets, a sign board of rules and Fisherman's Trail, a narrow footpath leading through woods to the river.

Hoping to find a fisherman to talk to, I ventured down a slight hillside to the riverbank. Note: mosquitoes are getting thick right now, so I sprayed myself with a natural repellent beforehand. Looking upstream and downstream on this peaceful, remote stretch of river, I spotted two fishermen — one in either direction. Far enough away and obscured by bank foliage, they couldn't see me. I heard the guy downstream holler something like, "Oh, wow!" and I considered heading his way. By then my natural repellent had attracted about 50 mosquitoes. After 30 bites in 15 seconds, I re-thought that idea and retreated to my truck.

Back to the highway.

South Branch Road

Another backroad to explore is a couple miles east, just past Branch Grocery — a quick stop for beer, groceries, a Freshwater Reporter and a pretty good pizza! North of US-10, the road is called Tyndall, and to the south it's named South Branch. It's confusing because Tyndall reappears later from another direction. South Branch has been closed for several years. Signs and partial barricades reinforce that notion, but I wanted to see WHERE it was closed and why.

This was my second time driving along this road. My wife Jean and I had ventured a little way down it previously. On this solo journey, I went further. A sign indicated it was 3.5 miles to the next river access — I was paralleling the river — so I traveled on. The road turned left, becoming Stevenson. Another "road closed" sign appeared, as did a gang of turkeys. Wait! Back up. Okay, gotta try for a photo ... Got it!

Further down, and back on South Branch, I encountered another sign: "Open to river access". At the access, I found a young man hanging out by the riverbank near a boat.

"Any luck today?" I asked him.

The young fisherman, Collin Trouslot, was waiting on his dad to fetch the truck and trailer.

"We had a hit for about two seconds, but otherwise nothing," he told me.

They put in at Rainbow Rapids, which Collin noted was nice but hot.

Down the road, I think I found the problem spot. A sign said "Bump" and a



Found a fisherman on the Pere Marquette and wondered why he yelled, "Oh wow!"

rough patch about 15 feet long stretched across the road. I "Bump"-ed across the rough stretch, where a "Road Closed" sign was aimed in the other direction.

Dilemma of the so-called road closure solved.

On our previous voyage, we stopped at a KOA campground stuck in the middle of the "closed" road. Jean chatted with the manager, who said the road repair has been in limbo due to some disagreement between highway entities over responsibility. (Editor's note: We used to deliver copies of Freshwater Reporter to the campground, until the signs warned us to turn back.)

We're not sure of the details, but the manager commented, "It's not helping my business any."

The rest of the way was smooth. I enjoyed driving through forested, rolling backroads. After several miles, I was back on paved 56th Street and turned east toward Baldwin. For future reference, a sign on the corner states Papa John is selling Sweet Corn for \$5 a dozen.

Taking backroads west of Baldwin can



Gotta remember to stop and see Papa John next time.

get you twisted up pretty quickly, and cell phone connections for GPS are iffy. From prior experience, I kind of knew what road I was looking for. Nearly sliding by it, I found Evergreen Road running south (sort of) among several small lakes. Evergreen Cemetery marks the right turn, and across the road is the former site of Evergreen Covenant Church.

The road winds through woods and past ("No Motors Allowed") private Gifford Lake, Lake Cecilia and, finally, Big Star Lake.

Stomach growling by now — no bucket of fried chicken on this trip — I turned east at 76th Street toward Baldwin. On the way, I spotted another future diversion, the 76th Street Trailhead of the North Country National Scenic Trail. The trail stretches 4,700 miles across eight states, from North Dakota to Vermont. Michigan offers the most trail miles. The path traverses the Upper Peninsula and crosses the Mighty Mac before heading down into Ohio.

A chili dog in Baldwin and I'm headed



Found the turnoff landmark to the land of lakes west of Baldwin.

home. But another wonder-what's-down-this-road struck. I turned off the main drag and took Sixth Street west, on a whim. Figuring I'd get lost, I rolled past more river access points, including Rainbow Rapids, curved south, west, north and back to west, finally spotting a familiar landmark — Evergreen Cemetery. I wasn't lost after all!

Now in familiar territory, rather than taking South Branch Road again, I followed the next road north, Tyndall, which turns into Landon. I guess Tyndall finds its own way back.



Someone must have missed the road to KOA.

Down Landon, I happened on one more notable sign on a side two-track. (Remember the KOA?) It read, "Not the way to KOA." Someone evidently tried the back way, and it didn't turn out well.

So, here's to the next backroad adventure, wherever it may lead. And don't forget to bring the chicken!

Kevin Howell is a transplanted freelance writer from Indiana residing in Mason County. He loves the Michigan woods, lakes and especially Michigan craft beers, not necessarily in that order! Contact him at kevin@ytci.com.

Radio

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forward to the Folk Aire show on my local college radio station, WNMC 90.7-FM, from Traverse City.

With the advent of streaming, I can listen to my favorite stations on my cell phone when I'm away from the area, where radio reception does not work. I also wake up each morning to listen to Interlochen Public Radio for the weather forecast and news of what is happening locally and around the world during the last 24 hours. Sometimes I check out country music also, and I've come to like many country songs. As one of my favorite folk musicians, Adair Corell, sings, "It helps me unwind and eases my mind." It's been that way for me for many years.

A lot of songs have been written about listening to the radio. You might remember them or want to check out songs by Joni Mitchell, Don Williams and Nanci Griffith, who sadly died way too early last month. She is probably my favorite female singer-songwriter. You can't go wrong with her songs, like "Love at the Five and Dime," "From Clare to Here," "Across the Great Divide," and last, but not least, "Listen to the Radio." She left us a dozen or so fantastic songs, so if you are not familiar with her, check them out when you have a chance.

Good listening to everyone.

Children's author Ron Schmidt lives in the north woods with his Leader Dog Lila and enjoys long walks and listening to birdsong and folk music.

Community Calendar

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26 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Patty Pershayla
6:30-8:30pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

28 Pesticide Jug Recycling Day
11am-12pm, Acres Co-op, 709 W. US-10, Scottville. For more info, call the Mason-Lake Conservation District at 231.757.3707, ext.5

28 Weed the Park
6:30-8:30pm, free, join AFFEW, North Country CISMA and the Mason-Lake Conservation District to learn to identify and help remove invasive plants. Wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves and pants. Bring garden gloves if you have them. Meet near the Bark Park off of Slagle Rd., Cartier Park, Ludington

29 Classic Film Series: "Duel" (1971)
10am & 7pm, \$2, The Vogue Theatre, 383 River St., Manistee

30 Elberta Farmers Market
9am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta

30+ Le Cirque Esprit
Oct 7:30pm each night, \$25-35 adults, \$10 under 18, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee. Breathtaking acrobatics and live music. For details and tickets, go to: ramsdelltheatre.org

OCTOBER

1 Live Music at the Brewery with Jimmy Dodson
6-9pm, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington

1 Live music at Northern Natural Cider House & Winery with Seth Bernard
6pm, 7220 Chief Road, Kaleva

2 Manistee Farmers Market
9am-12pm, parking lot on the corner of Memorial Dr. and Washington St., Manistee

2 Beulah Fall Festival
10am-5pm, free, Beulah Park. Events may include classic car & motorcycle show, horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, chalk art, face painting, mask and trick or treat bag decorating

2 Live Music at Iron Fish Distillery with Sturtz
6-8pm, free, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville

2 Melissa Etheridge live in concert
8-10pm, \$60-75, event is for 18 and older. Little River Casino, 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee

For tickets and details, go to lrcr.com

3 Mostly Mozart with the Benzie Area Symphony Orchestra
4pm, suggested donations: adults \$15, seniors \$10, 17 and under free. Benzie Central High School Auditorium, 9222 Homestead Rd., Benzonia

5 Courtyard Concert series with Evan Allen
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/>

7 Elberta Farmers Market
9am-noon, Waterfront Park, Furnace St., Elberta

7 Onekama OneFifty Grand Finale Gala
6-10pm at Portage Point Resort, 8567 Portage Point Dr., Onekama. \$35/person, \$300/table of 10. Tickets on sale now. Festive evening of food, live music and tributes to Onekama's past 150 years. Guest speaker Loreen Niewenhuis, author and Great Lakes adventurer. Email Onekama150th@gmail.com or go to: Onekama.info/Onekama-onefifty

8 Live Music at the Brewery with Gabriel James
6-9pm, Ludington Bay Brewing Co., 515 S. James St., Ludington

8 The Swon Brothers live in concert
7:30pm, \$25-35 adults, \$10 under 18, Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee. For details and tickets, go to: ramsdelltheatre.org

8 Rusty Fish 100 Gravel Bicycle Race
8am, \$115 for men, women, teens 15-17, \$195 for tandem, registration is limited to 250 cyclists must be done by Oct.1, and includes: T-shirt, socks, water bottle, cycling cap and more. Race starts and finishes at Manistee National Golf & Resort, 4797 Grant Hwy., Manistee. Halfway point is Iron Fish Distillery, 14234 Dzuibane Rd., Thompsonville. For details, route map, registration, go to: rustyfish100.com

9 Frankfort Fall Festival Craft Fair
10am, free, Open Space Park, 727 Main St., Frankfort. Crafts and/or booths are fall-themed

Cryptoquotes by Mark Videan

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Woodworker is featured artist

By PAT STINSON

KALEVA – A self-taught woodworker, Jeff Sanborn will bring some of his larger pieces to a Sept. 18 featured artist meet-and-greet, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Kaleva Art Gallery, 14449 Wuoski Ave. Sanborn, of the Bear Lake area and Florida, delved into woodworking in his retirement. While wintering in Florida, he learned to make and turn bowls.

"I added on to woodworking by graduating to larger items like dining tables, benches and coffee tables," he said.

His original work includes the transformation of a "gorgeous" ash tree stump into a bench.

Sanborn enjoys repurposing wooden objects, turning a cabinet door into a

tabletop, for instance. Born in Traverse City, Sanborn lived in many places as the son of a naval officer. After high school graduation, he attended Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City before joining the Marine Corps and working on jet aircraft. He is a Vietnam veteran.

"My best job was as a science teacher for eighth-graders — great kids, kind of crazy, like me," he said.

Located in a historic building, Kaleva Art Gallery displays works by area artists and craftspeople and is open 10 am.- 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, follow them on Facebook @ Kaleva-Art-Gallery.

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