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## Kaleva Heritage Days return, July 15-16

From **STAFF REPORTS**

**KALEVA** — No need to travel to Finland to watch the Finnish Wife Carrying Contest. This year's Kaleva Heritage Days will bring back the sport and many family-friendly activities dear to the hearts of this Finnish community during the July 15-16 event.

Food, a craft show, competitions, live music, a car show, pig roast, parade, fireworks and more will take place at various downtown locations as well as the Kaleva Roadside Park on 9 Mile Road and the Maple Grove Township Community Center at 9208 Kauko Street.

After several years' absence, the two-day affair was brought back to life with the enthusiasm and hard work of community members who organized several successful fundraising events here in the heart of Manistee County.

"The fundraisers along with a few generous donations got us almost to our goal," Kris Flaherty, one of the volunteer organizers, said. "We are still expecting a few businesses to respond to letters we sent out, so hopefully we will meet or exceed the \$15,000 we were aiming for. We're almost there."

Kaleva, established by Finnish immigrants in 1900, is named for "The Kalevala", a Finnish epic poem, according to information found on the village's website.

See the full schedule of activities for Kaleva Heritage Days on Page 8, and learn more about the village at: [kalevamichigan.com](http://kalevamichigan.com)

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Photos by Mark Videan

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**NORTHWOODS SAUCE BOSS**



## World Chocolate Day, July 7

Story and photos by **JOSHUA ELIE**

I grew up in a world where if you wanted something, you had to work for it or build it yourself. Food, even chocolate, didn't motivate me as much as other things did.

I got my first real job when I was 5 years old. There were these antique Tonka trucks about two miles away at the Wheeler Dealer, the local antique store, that I wanted for my sandbox. I asked my parents to buy them for me, and they said no. I think all they saw was rusted junk. What I saw was a front-end loader, a backhoe and a dump truck, and I had roads, jumps and cliffs to build for my Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars. I walked back to the store and asked if there was any work I could do to earn those toys. Sonny Siciliano, the owner,



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put me to work stacking bricks "nice and neat" around his miniature golf course. I walked back and forth every day for weeks. I might have been good for an hour a day — I was 5, after all — but I earned those toys. More importantly, I learned if I wanted something, I had to earn it.

When I was a teenager, my dad and I didn't see eye-to-eye on many things, which is common at that age between fathers and sons. I lived at Ducky's Restaurant in Cadillac, worked in my

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## MI BACKYARD

### Pitter-pat of critters that use the Riverwalk

By **JENNIFER DEVINE**

I was meandering with the kiddos on the Manistee Riverwalk on an unseasonably warm day in April. As we rounded the fish-cleaning station of the Manistee Inn and Marina, I had to tell the kids to stop because it looked like two small brown cats were chasing each other. I didn't want us to be in the middle of a possible tomcat fight. When they came closer to us, I knew these critters were not cats. I snapped a picture as one scurried past us and into the gap between the seawall and sidewalk. The other stopped and curled its body as small as it could next to one of the wooden pillars sticking out of the sidewalk. They were minks!

As we stood in awe, we turned to see the first one emerge from a sidewalk crack and skitter toward the Inn's marina. The second one took its shot and scampered past to join its friend. They snuck through the gate and down the steps to the docks before

disappearing from my sight.

I have heard many people say that we do not have any kind of wildlife here on the river channel, but I very much beg to differ! Mr. MI Backyard swears he's known about these critters since last summer. He said they must live in or near the water drainage spout that snakes its way from River Street to the channel. I mean, he was right about the ermine in the cabin last year, right? Other folks that frequent the riverwalk have not seen them and suggest they're muskrat. Muskrats these two were not. So, for another opinion, I asked a local couple who park their boat at the Inn's marina every August if they've ever seen the minks, and their eyes lit up! As the smiles spread across their faces, they confirmed they have seen mink on the docks and enjoy watching them every year while they visit their boat.

Mr. MI Backyard could be right, since the cutest member of the weasel family

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Startled but acting quickly, our writer photographed this pair racing down Manistee's Riverwalk.





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# Tribute Bands: The beat goes on



By **GORDON BERG**

Tribute bands are everywhere in the region this summer. At the Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts in Manistee are "Revival: A Tribute to the Allman Brothers Band" on June 29 and "The Gambler Returns: The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute Show" on July 14, followed by "The Insiders: A Tribute to Tom Petty" on July 28. The line-up at Interlochen Center for the Arts includes Dark Star Orchestra (a Grateful Dead tribute) and "The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA".

I recently spoke to Max Lockwood, a member of "The Insiders: A Tribute to Tom Petty" and the group's lead singer, about tribute bands and, particularly, The Insiders.

"We bow down to the feet of The Heartbreakers, one of the greatest bands of all time," he said of Tom Petty's band, adding, "It's a gift."

Lockwood shared his enthusiasm by offering an invitation to "... come out to the show and see how genuinely we love the music.

"... It's actually coming from a really pure place. We love playing music together and playing the songs and having a really great night with the people who love Tom Petty's music like we do."

According to Ticketmaster, tribute and cover bands sell an average of 1.7 million tickets per year in the U.S. ProTributeBands.com reported in a 2020 survey of more than 1,000 music fans that 79% would attend a performance featuring a tribute or cover band in their local area.

But while it seems like there's been an overnight explosion of tribute bands, it's a phenomenon that's been around for some time.

## Rock tributes go waaayyy back

The first recorded Elvis impersonator was Carl Nelson who got started in 1954, just a few months after Elvis himself began gaining traction nationally. Estimates now suggest there could be as many as 400,000 Elvis imitators worldwide.

In the late 1960s, Jackson, Michigan became a hub for garage bands. Good ones. Among them was a group named Toad. They came to our high school to play at a Saturday night dance. Like most bands of the day, they performed covers



Revival: A Tribute to the Allman Brothers. Courtesy photo.



The Gambler Returns: The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute Show. Courtesy photo.



The Insiders: A Tribute to Tom Petty. Courtesy photo.

of a lot of current popular songs. But when the three of them played Cream, they were on fire. They single-handedly transformed our high school cafeteria into Detroit's Grande Ballroom. When they performed, "Toad", "I'm So Glad", and "Sunshine of Your Love", the crowd went wild. They weren't just three kids from Jackson anymore. When the lights were down and the volume was up, they were Cream. Every guitar riff, every harmony, every drum fill – pure Cream. Years later I saw Eric Clapton play "Sunshine of Your Love" live and Toad's version was better. Hands down. No question. More raw. More power. More heart. Fifty-five years later the magic from that moment still echoes in my head.

## Music that carries on indefinitely

Members of a truly good tribute band can love an artist's music so deeply that performing it becomes their way of paying homage to it. In some cases, the artist has died or they're not recording any more, or they simply don't have it in them to deal with the grueling demands of touring. There is no way to see them "live" anymore. Should that music be allowed to become a distant echo?

The best music is timeless. It deserves to be kept alive. Entire symphonies are based on this premise. Some orchestras go to such pains as to fill their string sections with vintage instruments to more accurately

replicate the original sound. Or they might have their string musicians perform without vibrato if the piece was composed before that technique was popularized.

And what about classic jazz artists such as today's Count Basie or Duke Ellington orchestras? It's quite unlikely that any of those original members are still performing with them today, even if they're alive. Yet, these orchestras are still going strong.

So, who better to carry on an aging artist's legacy than those from a new generation who have a deep passion for the music they're re-creating? This can be a genuine and vital role a great tribute band can have — to keep the music alive for those hearing it for the first time and for those who grew up with it.

## Mood and magic artfully re-created

Enter The Insiders: A Tribute to Tom Petty. They're a group of seasoned musicians from Grand Rapids who began covering some of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' songs when Petty died in 2017. They loved playing Petty's music. Max Lockwood, Phil Barry, Eric O'Daly, Mike Lynch, Daine Hammerle and Joe VanAcker never intended to become a tribute band. It just happened. Over time, they dedicated themselves to more than just playing Petty's music. They homed in on his life through books, documentaries and podcasts. More importantly, they wanted to re-create Petty's sound in live performances. That

included playing a Rickenbacker guitar, a Ludwig Vistalite drum kit and even home-built Leslie speakers for the Hammond organ. Barry (lead guitar and vocals) even strives to replicate the tonal quality of The Heartbreakers' distinct sound.

"We just try to be six guys on stage playing rock 'n' roll the way it's meant to be played — really being there and being engaged with the audience in a clear and heartfelt way," Lockwood said.

In the end, there's no better tribute to tribute bands than that.

Tom Petty once said: "Music is probably the only real magic I have encountered in my life. There's not some trick involved with it. It's pure and it's real. It moves, it heals, it communicates and does all these incredible things."

The music we loved lives on in tribute bands. Tap into some of that magic this summer.

Tickets for Ramsdell performances are sold at: [ramsdeltheatre.org](https://ramsdeltheatre.org)

For tickets to Interlochen performances, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2axxf7m2>

Gordon Berg is a descendant of Manistee's Bergs, Swansons and Martinsons. His debut book "Harry and the Hurricane" is about his father's life as a young boy and how he survived the Miami Hurricane of 1926. Gord plays guitar, loves The Beatles, and has booked musicians for a concert series and his alma mater.



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# Whip-poor-wills

## Less heard, rarely seen

By VALERIE CHANDLER

I think back about 20 years, to quiet summer nights when fireflies blinked lights in the yard. I recall hearing the distinct, rhythmic call of a bird that also says its name: whip-poor-will. The Eastern Whip-poor-will is a medium-sized bird with large, dark eyes and a stout chest. It has a dark central stripe on the crown of its head, a blackish throat bordered by a white bib and silvery-gray shoulder patches. A gray-and-brown mottling camouflages this bird amongst dead leaves and tree bark. It has long slender wings when extended in flight. Males have white

corners on the tail; these same spots are a dull buff on the females.

The Eastern Whip-poor-will lives in leafy woodlands and belongs to the Nightjar family, known as medium-sized nocturnal birds. Particularly at dusk and dawn, they forage on insects using their wide, gaping mouth and swallow their prey whole. At night their eyes glow red when headlights catch them. During daytime hours, they will sleep on the forest floor or on a log or branch. This bird is more often heard than it is seen, though I've not heard it in several years where I live.



Photo: Chase D'Animulls. Adobe Stock

The courtship behavior of the whip-poor-will is not well known, but the male sings at night to defend its territory and to attract a female. The male will approach the female on the ground with head-bobbing, bowing and sidling. Often, the female will lay her eggs with no nesting material, but the parents ensure the location is well hidden. If the parents do build a nest, they will construct it on the ground in shady woods but often near the edge of a clearing, and they prefer sandy soil.

Breeding usually takes place from mid-May to the beginning of July. A whip-poor-will's eggs are whitish with marks of brown and gray. The incubation period is about 20 days. Both parents participate in this effort, with the female more often on the nest. Once the chicks are hatched, they are cared for by both parents, who feed them regurgitated insects. The nesting activity may be timed so that the adults are feeding primarily on nights when the moon is more than half full, making foraging easier. The chicks may take flight as soon as 20 days. The females raise one or two broods per year and may lay a second clutch while the male is still caring for the first brood.

Whip-poor-wills are migratory birds; they arrive in May and fly south starting in September to October. Their winters are spent in tropical and subtropical forests in Mexico and Central America.

Unfortunately, data has shown that the Eastern Whip-poor-will population has declined 60-70% in recent decades. It is suspected that the decrease is largely due to a reduction in the moths and beetles that they consume. The use of pesticides



The eyes of the whip-poor-will are normally black, but light from a flashlight is reflected in them. Photos: Linda Scribner.

greatly impacts the food availability for the whip-poor-wills because they are strictly insectivorous. The birds' habitat of an open-understory forest in many areas has been converted into pastures or planted with crops, become urbanized or evolved into dense understories from fire suppression.

Timber harvesting is beneficial for many species, including whip-poor-wills, because it allows for forest growth.

Eastern Whip-poor-wills are on the Partners in Flight Watch List and their habitat is protected by various Michigan Nature Association sanctuaries.

To hear the whip-poor-will's call, go to: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/eastern-whip-poor-will> and click the

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# Spirits of the Woods

## Part Two

By RAMONA DEGEORGIO-VENEGAS

Four groups of "spirits," all with the same first name, may be found near Manistee. Each is unique, with diverse members, purposes and goals. This is the second installment of a four-part series.

### Spirit of the Woods Garden Club

The Spirit of the Woods Garden Club is a non-profit group, organized in 1937 and incorporated in 1944 in Manistee. The 44-member, plant-loving club meets monthly. Their purpose is "to seek out, to preserve, to protect the beauty of nature."

I was able to join them for lunch in April and was impressed by the club's enthusiasm and organization. The speakers that month

were from Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses. They shared gardening tips and displayed several plants. Their presentation had everyone anxious for spring planting and looking forward to the club's garden tours.

The local club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Central Region and Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. They have access to training in gardening, landscape design, flower shows, conventions and national websites and quarterly magazines.

Locally, club volunteers actively maintain gardens along the Riverwalk and at the Manistee Medical Care Facility, the Gold Star/Veterans Memorial Park and a section of the Blossom Boulevard. In the

community, the group awards a "Garden of the Month," grows produce in raised bed gardens with the Armory Youth Project (used in their cooking classes), participates as a living flag during the Sleighbell Parade and more. Members provide educational programs for youth, submit entries at the county fair and promote National Garden Week.

The Spirit of the Woods Garden Club has two main fundraising activities each year: an auction at their October meeting and plant sales during Memorial and/or Labor Day weekends. Members bring plants from their gardens for the auction.

For more information or to join, email them: [spiritofthewoodsgc@gmail.com](mailto:spiritofthewoodsgc@gmail.com)

Ramona DeGeorgio-Venegas is a retiree of the Manistee Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forest, where she worked in recreation and as an outdoor recreation planner.



Poppies planted by the Spirit of the Woods garden club stand tall in front of the Veterans Memorial along the river in Manistee. Photo courtesy of SOW Garden Club/Facebook.



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# A visit to Nordhouse Dunes

Story and photos by **P.G. MISTY SHEEHAN**

My friend Pat, who loves to hike, came to see me and we decided to visit the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area south of Manistee. Following directions, we turned off U.S. Highway 31 and into the shade of a hardwood forest at Lake Michigan Recreation Area, several miles distant.

One of two federally designated wilderness areas in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, the Nordhouse Dunes span 3,500 acres and are a part of the Big Sable Dunes complex north of the Ludington dunes. Formed 3,500-4,000 years ago, some of these sand dunes stand tall at 140 feet. Both the Nordhouse Dunes and

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore were created from the dregs of retreating glaciers and formed by wind.

We found the developed campground, parked our vehicle and hiked over the dunes to Lake Michigan. On the beach, with blue Lake Michigan in front of me, I chose to lay on a towel while Pat hiked along the shore toward Ludington. Maybe she was beachcombing or identifying shore birds in this birder's paradise. The sun shone down on me, and I could hear gulls crying raucously.

Pat returned and we went into the forest to explore. About 10 miles of hiking trails traverse the wilderness area. We didn't explore the Nurnberg trail, which branches off the main trail heading south.

In the Lake Michigan Recreation Area, Porter Creek flows north of the individual campsites, south of the group campground, and into Lake Michigan. The creek was used by Michigan's Indigenous population from 600 to 1200 CE. Indigenous people from both the north and the south trekked through here, judging by recovered pottery pieces and stone points. They picked blackberries, gathered acorns, hunted waterfowl and used approximately 85 local plants for food and medicines.

Hiking trails link the Lake Michigan camping area, Nurnberg trail and other points in the Nordhouse Dunes. Wilderness camping is allowed, with restrictions. Groups of 10 or fewer hikers/campers are allowed. Rules and restrictions for both sites are found in the Nordhouse Dunes'



Trail down to Porter Creek beach at Nordhouse Dunes.



Nordhouse Dunes beach view.

brochure on the Huron-Manistee National Forest's website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf>.

Day use fees for Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area are \$5 per day and \$15 per week at both the Lake Michigan Recreation Area and Nurnberg Trailhead. America the Beautiful Interagency passes are accepted. Find information on passes at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits>. To make camping reservations, visit: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233714>.

We didn't get to explore the Nurnberg trail system but vowed to do that the next time my friend visits me. This wilderness area is a treasure.

Directions to Nurnberg Trailhead. Take US 31 to West Forest Trail Rd (about 7 miles south of Manistee). Turn west and follow for 2.5 miles. Turn south on Quarterline Road and follow for 1.5 miles. Turn west on Nurnberg Road and follow for 6.5 miles.

Directions to Lake Michigan Recreation Area. From US 31 turn west on West Forest Trail Road for 8 miles. West Forest Trail becomes FR 5629. Continue west to the campground.

Misty Sheehan is a retired professor of humanities and the former executive director of the Benzie Area Historical Museum.



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## Homesteading 101: fresh eggs and salsa

Story and photos by **JOSHUA ELIE**

This is part one of our homesteading series. Several of our writers have enjoyed this type of self-sufficient lifestyle, and we will share their stories in upcoming issues.

I am asked about homesteading so often that I want to share a more comprehensive point of view about my way of life.

According to Wikipedia: "Homesteading is a lifestyle of self-sufficiency. It is characterized by subsistence agriculture, home preservation of food, and may also involve the small-scale production of textiles, clothing, and craft work for household use or sale."

In my experience, this definition does not capture the actual concept at all.

Homesteading is anything you learn and do to make yourself less dependent on other people — more importantly, other people's money — without sacrificing comfort. This is the difference between farmers and homesteaders.

Before the industrial revolution, the U.S. food supply was supported by family farms. Families of 10 or more were commonplace because it takes many hands to work a farm. The work would often be supplemented by extended family. The kids would start planting and harvesting on the southernmost farm and work their way up to the northernmost farm. Larger farms, even to this day, usually grow one or two cash crops and are completely dependent financially on people to buy those crops.

Homesteading, on the other hand, is about saving rather than making money

and, don't forget, not sacrificing comfort.

Homesteading isn't just about growing, either. As a matter of fact, I don't have to grow anything at all. This is good because for the 10 years that I have really been trying, I have yet to produce a successful yield of vegetables, or even berries! The only plants that really love my soil are oak trees and grapes, but the way I see it, I will never run out of firewood or vino. I also do very well with chickens (laying hens). Have you seen the price lately for a dozen eggs at the store? There is nothing healthier or better tasting than "real" farm fresh eggs.

I had always thought about raising chickens, though I really didn't know anything about it or even how to get started. My brother Jason (not blood kin, though may as well be) came across some neighbors of mine that were moving away for work and unable to take their chickens. Next thing I knew, another neighbor of mine, Randy "Do-More", shows up at my place with a fishing shanty (coop) log-chained to his front-end loader and full of chickens. I set it up, including a caged-in play space (called a "run") for them. They were bantams, tiny chickens, but the rooster didn't know it. I named him the Colonel, and he was mean and loud. Roosters have spurs on the back of their feet and know how to use them. Starting out, I had to gather the eggs and give them all water and food every couple of days. Each time I opened that coop door, the Colonel would fly right at me. When they got too old to lay, I took the hens to be butchered. I had tried butchering a duck years prior, and it was a disaster!

I ordered some leghorns after that, a larger type of chicken with bigger eggs. Same problem with that rooster, only bigger! People were just laughing at me. Those who know chickens know you don't need a rooster at all unless you want to breed them. That is the only thing roosters are good for. Then you must buy and set up a separate incubator until they are big enough to be around the grown chickens.

Over the years I have gotten pretty good at this. My chickens no longer have a coop. I built them a castle with watering and feed systems that I only fill once a week. They no longer have a run; they have a



Chicks and ducklings raised by the author.



A breakfast favorite: fresh eggs and homemade salsa.

screened-in playground, complete with swing sets and everything. They had their own wading pool, though even with the drainage system I built for it, it was still too much work. I also learned how to butcher them, and it really isn't a big deal once you know what you are doing.

Some homesteaders are die-hard foragers who live completely off the land and without electricity or running water. I am not going without lights and hot showers, though I have read about many that live contentedly and very well this way.

Because I'm the Northwoods Sauce Boss, I can't help but include a recipe. Some people might not know that eggs and salsa pair well together. I still get strange looks, sometimes, when I order a side of salsa with my eggs. Or put your salsa on fried eggs and serve on a fried corn tortilla for some huevos rancheros.

## Summer Has No Doubts

By **Louisa Loveridge Gallas**  
Freshwater Reporter Poet In Residence

About her own body  
summer has no doubts  
pressing you close  
with her loose rhythms  
and wet loyalties  
while graciously the sun  
lets down its hair  
holding back nothing  
the light so strong  
buds break through  
trees' toughness  
to muscle  
fully into the world.  
You wonder,  
during winter's fierce grip,  
is summer a blossom's  
most luscious fantasy  
and do trees dream?  
Even the dirt  
is revealing itself  
as roots plunge deep,  
deeper, into the yielding dark.  
Once more,  
faith has bloomed  
in Earth's hips and lifted up  
its green and golden praise  
so even you begin  
to move again  
like any body of water  
towards its source.

Whatever the losses,  
you know  
summer comes  
and goes  
but will never leave you.

### Elie's Simple Mild Salsa

Serves: 1

½ pint canned tomatoes, well drained

2 tbs onion, chopped into ¼-inch pieces

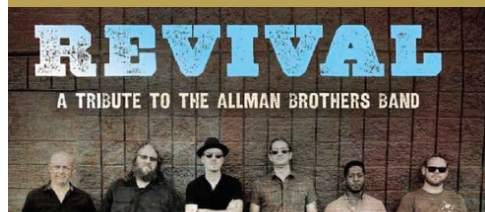
2 tbs pickled jalapeno, chopped to about ¼ inch

1 large garlic clove, minced

Fry all in a saucepan with a little corn oil to reduce juices. Allow to cool then transfer to a blender. Give 3-5 quick pulses. Makes a single serving. Double the recipe for two, and so on. Add your favorite hot sauce to taste. Pairs well with ... Hey, it's salsa!



## Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts 2023 SEASON LINEUP



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## Minks

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(Mustela vision) is often associated with water and has now been spotted several times — and not just by him. They can, however, live in drier woodland areas and urban settings if they have an area of dense vegetation to take cover and find food in. Mink are small, 2-3 pounds on average, but mighty carnivores. They feed on what's available each season such as frogs, fish, muskrats, mice, birds, chickens, rabbits, crayfish and sometimes ducks, which are in abundance on the river channel.

A mink's foot has five toes that are slightly webbed and help the animal swim fast and dive up to 15 feet. Retractable claws allow mink to grab fish and other slippery prey. Oily, coarse hairs help it shed water. The mink's furry tail accounts for about a third of its sleek 22-inch or so length, unlike the bare tail of the chunkier muskrat. Keen eyesight helps it capture its food on land. Mating runs from February to about April, and kits are born in late May. A female will have 1-8 kits per litter that stay with her until fall. They can breed at 10 months old. A mink's lifespan averages 4 years, making it possible that, yes, this channel between bridges is home to mink, and you just might catch a glimpse like we did!

Jennifer Devine has a passion for writing and plants. Living in cities and homesteading off grid has offered a myriad of experiences, memories and adventures with her family as they utilize the natural resources Michigan has to offer within their crafts, cooking and all-around lives.

## Sauce Boss

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recording studio and slept at school. Back then, at 16, you could get a full driver's license that enabled you to drive anytime, anywhere in the country. So, I focused on getting "wheels" that I could drive farther than 100 miles a day. For this I was going to need money to buy parts to shore up a vehicle for distance. I went to Larry, owner of Ducky's, and asked for a job. This man had been threatening to charge me rent for years. He just said, "Might as well clock-in Monday morning. At least I know you will always show up!" Crazy thing is, I was late because my car broke down. I had to replace the starter from the side of the road. When I arrived at Ducky's, the staff wanted me to begin washing dishes. I asked where I could wash the grease off my hands and they said, "Don't worry; they will get clean."

I must not have been particularly good at doing dishes because they quickly moved me to the fountain and basically had me scooping ice cream. The smiles and the joy I saw in people getting the treat they



Ludington sunset. Photo: Joshua Elie.

had been looking forward to all day, or all week, was priceless. I also met my first love there, and we worked side-by-side every day. It was the greatest summer of my life.

The "Duck" was originally a House of Flavors, very much like Ludington's, though after Larry bought the place and the adjoining laundromat, it became much more "earthy." It was open 24 hours, and I would often tell my parents I was spending the night at a friend's, though I was hanging out at the Duck to watch the

after-the-bar crowd and then the after-the-party, after-the-bar crowd. I realized how relaxing coffee and breakfast were while watching the sun rise before going to bed. I did a lot of this later in life: playing music until 2 a.m., loading the equipment in the truck until 3-4 a.m., then finding a 24-hour restaurant. Sometimes I would come across one with fresh pie or Danish, warm from the oven.

Even better is warm chocolate fudge on ice cream (tastes best after working) while watching the sun set on Lake Michigan, the most beautiful sunset in the world.

Happy July 7 ... World Chocolate Day!

Joshua Elie is a musician and retired building contractor. He now enjoys life as a homesteader.



Chocolate brownies, ready to serve. Photo: Patricia Elie

### Chocolate Fudge Brownies

- 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups flour
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups baking cocoa
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3 cups sugar
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups (3 sticks) melted butter
- 4 tbs milk
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 10-12 oz jar caramel sauce, heated

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, combine butter, sugar, eggs, flour, cocoa and baking powder. Mix slowly. Add milk sparingly, until just moist enough to coat evenly in a baking pan. Line 17" x 11" baking pan with parchment paper and tuck corners. Spread mix evenly and trim loose paper from edges. Trimming is important because loose paper will burn. Top evenly with hot caramel. Bake for 25 minutes then remove. Cool, then put in freezer for 1 hour. This makes it easy to cut. Pairs explosively with robust red wine. Boss's choice: Livingston Merlot. Prep time: 30 minutes Bake time: 25 minutes



# Community Calendar

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**To be included in our July 19 edition, please submit your announcements by July 10.** Be sure to include the address where the event takes place.

Email your events/press releases to: [editor@freshwater-reporter.com](mailto:editor@freshwater-reporter.com). Always check with the venue before attending as event dates may change or be canceled.

Despite our best efforts, errors may occur. For brewery/bar entertainment, see our online calendar: [freshwater-reporter.com/calendar-2](http://freshwater-reporter.com/calendar-2)

## FARMERS MARKETS

### Thursdays

#### Elberta Farmers Market

8am-12:00pm, Thru October 12. Dudley Penfold Memorial Marina Park, corner of M-22 & M-168

### Fridays

#### Onkama Farmers Market

12-4pm, Thru Sept 1. Parking lot 4850 Main St. Info: [patinamichigan@gmail.com](mailto:patinamichigan@gmail.com)

#### Ludington Artisan/Farmers Market

3-7pm, Thru September 22. Legacy Plaza Pavilion, 112 N. James St.

### Saturdays

#### Manistee Farmers Market

9am-12pm, Thru Oct 7. Wagoner Community Center, 260 St. Mary S. Pkwy.

#### Scottville Farmers Market

9am-12pm, Thru October. Miller's Marketplace, 202 N. Main St. Times may vary. Check: <https://nfmfd.org/mi/scottville/1011280>

#### Frankfort Farmers Market

9am-1pm, Thru October. Open Space Park, 832 Main St.

## ONGOING EXHIBITS/EVENTS

### Thru July 28

#### Annual Summer Member Art Show, Frankfort

Free. Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd.

### Thru Aug 4

#### Etchings: Escaping the Frame Art Exhibition, Scottville

Free. Artworks by Dorothy Anderson Grow. Manierre Dawson Gallery, Arts & Sciences Center, West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Rd.

### June 28-Aug. 12

#### Printmakers Art Exhibition, Manistee

Free. Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St. Artist reception July 1, 5-7pm

### June 29-July 4

#### Manistee National Forest Festival, Manistee

Activities, marketplace, midway carnival, arts & crafts show, fish boil, flag raising, parade, concerts, fireworks & more. Complete schedule: [manisteeforestfestival.com](http://manisteeforestfestival.com)

### July 3-17

#### "Po-ART-Ree" Pop-up Art Exhibition, Frankfort

Free. Writers will compose poems in response to artworks. Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd.

### July 7-28

#### 'The Colors of Summer' Exhibition, Ludington

With artwork by Epworth artists Elizabeth Powers, Julie Strabel and Helen Heddens in the main gallery, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison. [ludingtonartscenter.org](http://ludingtonartscenter.org)

### July 7-28

#### 'Scenes of Epworth' Exhibition, Ludington

Work from area artists featuring scenes from the Epworth Assembly grounds. In the Performance Hall Gallery, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison. [ludingtonartscenter.org](http://ludingtonartscenter.org).

### Mondays, July 3, 10, 17

#### Clam Lake Band Concerts, Cadillac

7pm, Free. Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion, 100 S. Lake St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### Fridays, July 7, 14, 21

#### Come Walk With Me, Thompsonville

10am. Executive Director Angie Quinn walks you through the park, focusing on a different sculpture each week. Check Facebook 1 hour prior for severe weather cancellation. Michigan Legacy Art Park, Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr.

### Saturday & Sundays, July 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

#### Drop-in Art Activities, Thompsonville

10am-1pm. Join artists/educators/staff/volunteers to create a "Michigan Blue" wood disk for our community art project, & other family-friendly activities at the Art Park entrance. Michigan Legacy Art Park, Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr.

### July 15-Oct 31

#### "See What You Feel" Art Exhibit, Arcadia

Paintings/prints by Ammy Amorette, Marsha Hales, Jamie John, Maggie Michael, Mel Watkin and Andrea Way at Pines of Arcadia, Bischoff Rd. Follow Pines of Arcadia on Facebook for info. Opening reception 7 p.m., July 15. Call 202-427-3088 for an appointment to see the exhibition.

## DAILY EVENTS

### June 28

#### Music in the Park: Michelle & Friends, Luther

6-8pm, Free. Purchase Pavilion, 209 State St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### LACA Summer Concert Series: Organissimo, Ludington

7pm, Free. Waterfront Park, 391 William St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Echo through the Timber Concert Series: Harper & Midwest Kind, Baldwin

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### June 29

#### 25th Annual Rotary Stride for S.T.R.I.V.E. 5k, Cadillac

8:30-10:30am, \$25. Fundraising run for a student mentoring program. Info/register: <http://cadillacrotary.org/sitepage/strive-5k-race>

#### Legacy Plaza Music Series: Merch & Miller, Ludington

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St.

#### Music in the Street: Bill Fray & The Frequency, Beulah

7-8:45pm, Free. Downtown.

#### UpBeat Cadillac Music Series: Organissimo, Cadillac

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion, 100 S. Lake St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Revival: A Tribute to the Allman Brothers Band, Manistee

7:30pm, \$20-50. Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St.

#### Jazz Nights at the Garden: Andrew Dost & Metal Bubble Trio, Frankfort

7:30pm, \$15. Garden Theater, 301 Main St.

#### Coyote Crossing Music Series: The War & Treaty with Bros. Elsey & Clint Park, Cadillac

7:30-11:30pm, \$44.52 ADV, \$30 DOS. Coyote Crossing Resort, 8593 S. 13 Rd. Info/tickets: [coyotecrossingresort.com](http://coyotecrossingresort.com)

#### Sunset Beach Bonfire & Live Music: Retrovibe Band, Ludington

8-10pm, Free. Music, bonfire & sunset. Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Dr. Bring beach chair/blanket.

### June 30

#### BioBlitz: Monitoring our Ecosystem, Onkama

9am-12pm, Free. All ages. Help evaluate the health of our ecosystem. Train to identify plants & animals using field guides, iNaturalist and Seek. North Point Park, 8999 Greenway St. Register: [OnkamaTwp.org](http://OnkamaTwp.org)

#### Rockhounding 101, Onkama

1-3pm, Free. Learn about Michigan's geology & rock collecting. Pierport Beach, 2801 13 Mile Rd. Register: [OnkamaTwp.org](http://OnkamaTwp.org)

#### Oliver Art Center Summer Celebration, Frankfort

4-8pm, \$20 Adults, \$8 Kids 3-11, Includes 2 drink tickets (soda or beer 21+). Celebrate the Center's 75th Anniversary. Fun family activities, BBQ pork dinner & music by The Dune Brothers. Oliver Art Center, 132 Coast Guard Rd.

#### Legacy Plaza Music Series: Eric Engblade Duo, Ludington

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St.

### June 30-July 2

#### Pop Up Artist: Sky Mage Ceramics, Onkama

Patina Designs, 4850 North Main St.

### June 30-July 4

#### 4th of July Carnival, Frankfort

5-10pm 30th; 12-10pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 10am-11pm 4th. Old-fashioned carnival with games, rides & food. Open Space Park, 800 Main St.

### July 1

#### Manistee Firecracker 5K

8am 1k Fun Run, 8:15am 5k Run/Walk. Manistee Middle School/High School. Register: [runmanistee.blogspot.com/2023/05/manistee-firecracker-5k-2023-information.html](http://runmanistee.blogspot.com/2023/05/manistee-firecracker-5k-2023-information.html)

#### 5k Fun Run, Thompsonville

9am, \$15 thru June 30, \$20 day of race. Begins at Mountain Center Road by Kinlochen. Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr. Register: [crystalmountain.com/event/July-4k/](http://crystalmountain.com/event/July-4k/)

#### Idlewild Parade, Idlewild

12:30pm, Free. Featuring the Scottville Clown Band. Event Center, Joy & Forman Rds.

#### 104th Birthday Pork Roast for the Community, Manistee

1-5pm (food service 1-4pm), Free food, live music, birthday cake, games, fun. Cash bar. American Legion Post, 10 Mason St.

#### Summer Sunset Music Series: Abbie Thomas, Manistee

6pm, Free. Rotary Gazebo, First Street Beach. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Music in the State Park: Olivia Kimes & Jacob Wolfe, Ludington

7pm, Free/donations. Park Amphitheater, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/blanket/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

#### Sounds from the Forest Concert Series: Organissimo, Baldwin

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Coyote Crossing Music Series: Clint Park with Cody & Nicolas, Cadillac

7:30-11:30pm, \$12.51 ADV, \$30 DOS. Coyote Crossing Resort, 8593 S. 13 Rd. Info/tickets: [coyotecrossingresort.com](http://coyotecrossingresort.com)

#### Concert/Cabaret, Idlewild

12:30pm. Event Center, Joy & Forman Rds.

### July 1, 2

#### West Shore Art Fair, Ludington

10am-5pm Sat., 10am-4pm Sun. Rotary Park, downtown.

#### Art Snake, Onkama/Arcadia

11am-4pm. Art studio tour around Portage Lake and north. 15 artists. Look for Art Snake signs and visit Yellow Dog Café or Handstand Studio in Onkama for postcard maps.

### July 2

#### Scottville Clown Band Concert, Manistee

1pm, Free. First Street Beach. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### July 3

#### Live Music: The Shrock Brothers Band feat. Peter Madcat Ruth, Onkama

7pm, Free/donations. Onkama Village Park. Rain venue: Onkama School, 5016 Main St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Jammin' Mondays Concert Series: Rodney Whitaker, Elberta

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Elberta Amphitheater @ Elberta Waterfront Park, 1120 Furnace St. Rain site: Waterfront Park Picnic Pavilion, 1110 Furnace St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Live at the Garden: Shelly Fairchild & Whiskey Wolves of the West, Frankfort

7:30pm, \$25. Garden Theater, 301 Main St.

### July 3, 4

#### Ludington Area Jaycees Freedom Festival

Event includes Children & Pet Parade, 1-Mile Fun Run, Parade, and Fireworks. Downtown Ludington.

### July 4

#### Firecracker 5k Run, Beulah

8am-2pm, \$20 per runner. Group pricing avail. 273 S. Benzie Blvd. Info/registration: [clcba.org/event/5k-firecracker-run](http://clcba.org/event/5k-firecracker-run)

#### Art in the Park, Frankfort

10am-3pm. Arts & crafts fair. 517 Main St.

#### S. S. Badger Shoreline Cruise, Ludington

8:30pm boarding, 9-11pm cruise. \$67, kids 4 and under free. Theme: Patriotic. Entertainment by Mike Lenich & Dan Mahynski. Cruises sail rain or shine. For info/tickets: [ssbadger.com](http://ssbadger.com)

#### 4th of July Celebration, Frankfort

9:30am Decorated Bike Contest (Graceland Fruit parking lot), 10am Parade, 3pm Sand Sculpture Contest, 10:30pm Fireworks over the Lake. Downtown.

#### Independence Day Celebration, Beulah

All day. Activities, parade, fireworks.

#### Shoreline Showcase: Rodney Whitaker, Manistee

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Gazebo, First St. Beach, Douglas Park. Rain/Cold/Wind Site: Orchard Beach State Park Shelter House, 2064 Lakeshore Rd. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### July 4-8

#### Cadillac Freedom Festival

Activities, 5k race, parade, classic car show, Fire on Water - Military Tribute, Pork in the Park BBQ Competition, vendors, kids' pet parade, movie night, farmers market, fireworks. Info: [cadillacfreedomfestival.com](http://cadillacfreedomfestival.com)

### July 5

#### Music in the Park: Mike Schmuck, Luther

6-8pm, Free. Purchase Pavilion, 209 State St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Historic Walking Tour, Elberta

7pm, Free. Reservations required: [benziemuseum.org](http://benziemuseum.org)

#### LACA Summer Concert Series: Rodney Whitaker, Ludington

7pm, Free. Waterfront Park, 391 William St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Music in the State Park: Nick Veine, Ludington

7pm, Free/donations. Park Amphitheater, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/blanket/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

#### Echo through the Timber Concert Series: Fremont John Trio, Baldwin

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### July 5-9

#### West Michigan RC Expo, Baldwin

10am-5pm, Free family event for spectators. 100+ remote controlled jets, prop planes & 'copters. Try a flight simulator. Fly a trainer plane. Race an RC car w/experienced racers. Food & bev avail. Baldwin Airport, 8140 M-37. Bring lawn chairs/sit in bleachers.

### July 6

#### First Person Stories & Songs, Manistee

10am, Free. "Recycling & Sustainability at Packaging Corporation of America" by Mike Carroll, superintendent of our local PCA. Old Kirke Museum, 300 Walnut St.

#### Block Party, Onkama

4-6pm. Decorated bike contest, bike giveaway, food, store sales, Cousin Curtis concert (6:30-8:30pm in the Village Park) and more. Along Main St.

#### Legacy Plaza Music Series: Greg Secor, Ludington

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St.

#### Roots on the River Concert Series: Harper & Midwest Kind, Manistee

7pm, Free. Jaycees' Bandshell in Veterans Memorial Park, 117 Memorial Dr. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

#### Music in the Street: Whiskey Wolves of the West, Beulah

7-8:45pm, Free. Downtown.

#### UpBeat Cadillac Music Series: Rodney Whitaker, Cadillac

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion, 100 S. Lake St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

### July 7

#### Legacy Plaza Music Series: Adam Knudsen Duo, Ludington

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St

#### Concerts in the Park: Full Stop etm, Frankfort

7-8pm, Free. Mineral Springs Park Pavilion, 630 Main St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.



# Community Calendar

July 7

**Summer Sounds Music Series: Mark Lavengood, Thompsonville**

7-9pm, \$15 ADV, \$20 DOS, 15 & under free. ¼ mile hike to amphitheater. Bring a chair pad/blanket. Michigan Legacy Art Park, Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr. Rain venue: inside the resort. Tickets/info: [michlegacyartpark.org](http://michlegacyartpark.org)

July 7-9

**Bear Lake Days**

Family-friendly activities including games, crafts, food, car show, parade, Scottville Clown Band & more. Various venues around Bear Lake.

July 8

**Beulah Art Fair**

10am-3pm. Beulah Park, 7122 Prospect Ave.

**Lake County History Day: Fishing – Old & New, Baldwin**

12-4pm, Free. Family-friendly displays, activities. Lake County Historical Museum, 915 N. Michigan Ave.

**Music in the State Park: Shari & Wyatt Knapp, Ludington**

7pm, Free/donations. Park Amphitheater, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/blanket/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

**Sounds from the Forest Concert Series: Rodney Whitaker, Baldwin**

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Coyote Crossing Music Series: Them Dirty Roses with Paradise Outlaw, Cadillac**

7:30-10:30pm, \$33.85 ADV, \$30 DOS. Coyote Crossing Resort, 8593 S. 13 Rd. Info/tickets: [coyotecrossingresort.com](http://coyotecrossingresort.com)

**Live Music: Blackberry Smoke, Manistee**

8-10:30pm, \$50-65. Little River Casino Resort, 2700 Orchard Hwy.

July 9

**Historic Walking Tour, Frankfort**

2pm, Free. Forest Ave. Reservations required: [benziemuseum.org](http://benziemuseum.org)

July 10

**Live Music: Jim Hawley, Onekama**

7pm, Free/donations. Onekama Village Park. Rain venue: Onekama School, 5016 Main St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Jammin' Mondays Concert Series: Howard Wilson & the Salt City AllStars, Elberta**

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Elberta Amphitheater @ Elberta Waterfront Park, 1120 Furnace St. Rain site: Waterfront Park Picnic Pavilion, 1110 Furnace St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

July 10

**Classical Concerts at the Garden: Reperio, Frankfort**

7:30pm, \$15. Garden Theater, 301 Main St.

July 11

**Weed the Park, Ludington**

10am-12pm, Free. Volunteers needed to identify/remove invasive plants. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts. Bring gardening gloves, garden trowel, water. Meet near the dog park at the end of Rath Ave. Cartier Park, 1254 N. Lakeshore Dr.

**Talks, Tunes & Tours, Manistee**

10am, Free. "120 Years at the Ramsdell" by former managing director Ruth Cooper. Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St.

**Live Birds of Prey in the State Park, Ludington**

7pm, Free/donations. Owls, hawks & more. Lake Michigan beach house, 8800 West M-116. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

**Historic Walking Tour, Beulah**

7pm, Free. Reservations required: [benziemuseum.org](http://benziemuseum.org)

July 11

**Shoreline Showcase: Howard Wilson & the Salt City AllStars, Manistee**

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Gazebo, First St. Beach, Douglas Park. Rain/Cold/Wind Site: Orchard Beach State Park Shelter House, 2064 Lakeshore Rd. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

July 12

**Music in the Park: TBD, Luther**

6-8pm, Free. Purchase Pavilion, 209 State St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**History in the State Park: Bill Jamerson, Ludington**

7pm, Free/donations. "Dollar-a-Day Boys CCC Program". Park Amphitheater, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/blanket/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

**LACA Summer Concert Series: Howard Wilson's Salt City All-Stars, Ludington**

7pm, Free. Waterfront Park, 391 William St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Northern Natural Concert Series: Peter "Madcat" Ruth & the C.A.R.M.A Quartet, Kaleva**

7pm, \$20. Northern Natural Cider House & Winery, 7220 Chief Rd. Bring lawn chair/blanket. Tickets: [mynorthtickets.com](http://mynorthtickets.com)

**Echo through the Timber Concert Series: Igor & the Red Elvisses, Baldwin**

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

July 13

**First Person Stories & Songs, Manistee**

10am, Free. "Jammin' at the Old Kirke" with The Old Kirke Band & Friends. Old Kirke Museum, 300 Walnut St.

**Legacy Plaza Music Series: Jason Hargreaves, Ludington**

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St.

**Roots on the River Concert Series: Plain Jane Glory, Manistee**

7pm, Free. Jaycees' Bandshell in Veterans Memorial Park, 117 Memorial Dr. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Benzonia Academy Lecture Series, Benzonia**

7pm, \$5 donation. "The Lowering of Crystal Lake" presented by Stacy Daniels. Mills Community House, 891 N. Michigan Ave. Info/Zoom link: [benziemuseum.org](http://benziemuseum.org) or 231.882.5539

**Music in the Street: One Hot Robot, Beulah**

7-8:45pm, Free. Downtown.

**UpBeat Cadillac Music Series: Howard Wilson's Salt City AllStars, Cadillac**

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion, 100 S. Lake St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

July 14

**Rockhounding 101, Onekama**

1-3pm, Free. Learn about Michigan's geology & rock collecting. Pierport Beach, 2801 13 Mile Rd. Register: [OnekamaTwp.org](http://OnekamaTwp.org)

**Legacy Plaza Music Series: Twyce the Band, Ludington**

5-7pm, Free. Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St.

**Summer Sounds Music Series: Seth Bernard & Jordan Hamilton, Thompsonville**

7-9pm, \$15 ADV, \$20 DOS, 15 & under free. ¼ mile hike to amphitheater. Bring chair pad/blanket. Michigan Legacy Art Park, Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr. Rain venue: inside the resort. Tickets/info: [michlegacyartpark.org](http://michlegacyartpark.org)

**The Gambler Returns: The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute Show, Manistee**

7:30pm, \$20-50. Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St.

July 14-16

**Pop Up Artist: Cindy Swan-Eagan Artsy Goods Jewelry, Onekama**

Patina Designs, 4850 North Main St.

July 15

**Lake Ann Homecoming Festival, Lake Ann**

9am-2pm at SS Burnett Park downtown. Flag raising, vintage car/tractor parade, live music, cake walk, children's games, craft vendors, pony rides, silent auction, hot dogs, Moomer's ice cream & more. Annual fundraiser for Almira Historical Society.

**MMI Taste of Soul Summer Festival, Idlewild**

12:00pm. Event Center, Joy & Forman Rds.

**Summer Sunset Music Series: Third Coast Swing, Manistee**

6pm, Free. Rotary Gazebo, First Street Beach. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Music in the State Park: Canopy Space, Ludington**

7pm, Free/donations. Park Amphitheater, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/blanket/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

**Sounds from the Forest Concert Series: Howard Wilson's Salt City AllStars, Baldwin**

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones' Ice Cream). Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Coyote Crossing Music Series: Kendell Marvel with Joe Stamm, Cadillac**

7:30-11:30pm, \$33.85 ADV, \$30 DOS. Coyote Crossing Resort, 8593 S. 13 Rd. Info/tickets: [coyotecrossingresort.com](http://coyotecrossingresort.com)

July 15,16

**25th Annual Jingtamok (Pow Wow), Manistee**

Free, public welcome. Host: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Dancing, music, arts & crafts, food vendors. LRBOI Pow Wow grounds behind tribal gas station, 2596 Loon Dr. First come/first served free camping with showers & bathrooms. No drugs/alcohol/violence/politics/dogs.

**Kaleva Heritage Days**

Family-friendly activities: games, contests, 5k fun run, arts & crafts, car show, food, music, parade, fireworks & more. [www.kalevamichigan.com](http://www.kalevamichigan.com)

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**Benzie Community Chorus Concerts: The Wonderful World of Color, Benzonia**

7:30pm, \$20. Mills Community House Theatre, 891 Michigan Ave. Tickets: [benziechorus.org](http://benziechorus.org)

July 16

**Benzie Area Symphony Orchestra Concert, Beulah**

4pm, Free. St. Ambrose Cellars, 841 S. Pioneer Rd.

July 17

**Live Music: The Benzie Playboys, Onekama**

7pm, Free/donations. Onekama Village Park. Rain venue: Onekama School, 5016 Main St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

**Jammin' Mondays Concert Series: Paul Nelson Band, Elberta**

7-9:15pm, Free/donations. Elberta Amphitheater @ Elberta Waterfront Park, 1120 Furnace St. Rain site: Waterfront Park Picnic Pavilion, 1110 Furnace St. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

July 18

**Talks, Tunes & Tours, Manistee**

10am, Free. "Through the Lens: Street Photography" by Steve Growcock. Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St.

**Music in the State Park: Cloe Kimes Band, Ludington**

7pm, Free/donations. Lake Michigan beach house, 8800 West M-116. Bring lawn chair/bug spray. MI Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry.

**Shoreline Showcase: Paul Nelson Band, Manistee**

7-9:15pm, Free. Rotary Gazebo, First St. Beach, Douglas Park. Rain/Cold/Wind Site: Orchard Beach State Park Shelter House, 2064 Lakeshore Rd. Bring lawn chair/blanket.

## Kaleva Heritage Days July 14-16 Events

### KALEVA TAVERN

#### Friday

4 p.m. All Class High School Reunion

### COMMUNITY CENTER

#### Saturday

9 a.m. Kaleva 5K Fun Run  
12-7 p.m. Open House  
4-7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

### DOWNTOWN

#### Saturday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Car Show

### Saturday & Sunday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft sale, Mojo's Coffee, Lunch in Kaleva Tavern (11am-3pm)  
Parking Lot on Saturday  
11 a.m. Finnish Story Time at Kaleva Library, Walta Street

### IN THE PARK

All weekend, Bounce Houses

### Saturday

12 p.m. Concession stand open 'til  
Fireworks begin  
12-3 p.m. Kids games, Hayride,  
Face painting  
1p.m. Pie-eating contest for kids & adults  
2. p.m. Water ball with the Fire Dept.  
3 p.m. Finnish Wife Carrying Contest  
3:30 p.m. Pokemon Party under the gazebo  
4-6 p.m. Kickball on the baseball field, back of park  
7 p.m. Parade  
8:30-11:30 p.m. Music from Decades Band  
Fireworks at Dusk

### Sunday

10 a.m. Worship in the Park with Salt City Dixie Jazz Band  
12 p.m. Pig Roast, Open Mic, Cornhole Tournament

## Whip-poor-wills

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Sources: Audubon Society (Audubon.org), Michigan State University Natural Features Inventory ([mnfi.anr.msu.edu](http://mnfi.anr.msu.edu)), Michigan Nature Association ([michigannature.org](http://michigannature.org)) and Ohio State University News ([osu.edu](http://osu.edu))

Photographer Linda Scribner said whip-poor-wills, "by nature present a photographic challenge!" She and her husband Chuck were in a truck on a two-track as night was falling. They heard a whip-poor-will's call grow louder and louder. Suddenly, the bird "flashed" across the front of their vehicle and landed on a nearby branch. Linda took its photo in the glow of a flashlight Chuck held.

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