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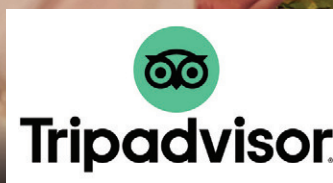
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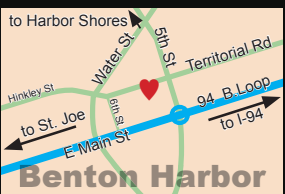
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MUSEUMS TO EXPLORE

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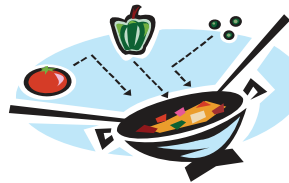


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All tours and open hours are weather, wave and wind dependent. You must sign a liability release and be at least 48 inches tall to climb the tower.

Closed-toed walking shoes are best; no thong-type sandals. Make sure to dress for the weather. A tour may be conducted in light rain. Dresses and skirts are not advised, but sunscreen and sunglasses are.



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Makers Trail Festival attendees can try new and go-to-favorites from local Southwest Michigan craft beer, wine, cider and spirit makers using beverage tickets purchased when they arrive. Music will be heard throughout the day starting with DJ Mark Durocher, followed by live bands the JR Clark Band, Size Matters and the Crawluppies.

But it doesn't stop there. Guests can try local favorite food trucks, which will be dishing out fresh, summer flavors that taste great with their craft beverage choices. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase.

Those interested in attending should buy tickets ahead of time. Advanced entry tickets are \$10 each for ages 12 and up. Tickets purchased at the gate on festival day are \$20 each. Children under 12 years old get in free, making this a perfect event for friends and family. Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. on



Saturday, April 1 online at makerstrailfestival.org.

This is a cash-only event, so guests should bring cash money to buy drink tickets at \$1 each and to purchase food directly from vendors. There will be free parking with free shuttles. Shuttles will run continuously throughout the event so guests can come and go when they want. Parking locations will be close to Weko Beach and exact locations will be posted closer to the event. There will be no parking available at Weko Beach.

Come rain or shine — there will be plenty of room for everyone under the big tents. Guests are welcome to bring their own camping chairs, too. However, pets, coolers, drinks and food should be left outside the gates – they're not allowed on the festival grounds. No smoking is permitted, either.



JUNE 10



**LOCATION:
Weko Beach**

5239 Lake Street, Bridgman

Sat., June 10, 1-7pm

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Kim Scott (6:00 pm – 6:50 pm)- From her 2011 debut album, “Crossing Over”,

to her #1 Billboard charting 2019 album, “Free to Be”, Innervation Records label recording artist Kim Scott has impressed audiences across the globe in performances and on the airwaves.

Alex Bugnon (7:10 pm - 8:10 pm)- Is a prolific, energetic force on the contemporary music scene for almost three decades.

Vincent Ingala (8:30 pm- 10:00 pm) - Vincent Ingala burst on the Contemporary Jazz scene in 2010 with the release of his critically heralded debut North End Soul. Two years later he was crowned Billboard “Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year” and Sirius XM Watercolors’ “Breakthrough Artist of The Year” in 2013.

It is an event of rich and diverse musical talent accented with food and drink. We blend the traditional with the new wave.



JULY 8

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LOCATION:
Shadowland Pavilion
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Sat., July 8, starting at 6pm
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2023 BLOSSOMTIME GRAND FLORAL PARADE

Saturday May 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. EST.

The Grand Floral Parade is the Crown Jewel of the Blossomtime Festival and will be celebrating its 117th year in 2023. The Parade begins in St. Joseph and continues its way through the city, across the Bicentennial Bridge and into Benton Harbor. St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have been the host cities since the Parade's inception in 1923.

The Grand Floral Parade features over 120 units including bands, floats, clowns, costumed characters, antique cars and tractors, unicycle teams, equestrian units and the famed Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team.

You are invited to visit Southwestern Michigan to observe the beautiful bounty and participate in the day's activities. Come join Miss and Mr. Blossomtime and their Courts of Honor, and the lovely community Queens as they preside over the Grand Floral Parade.

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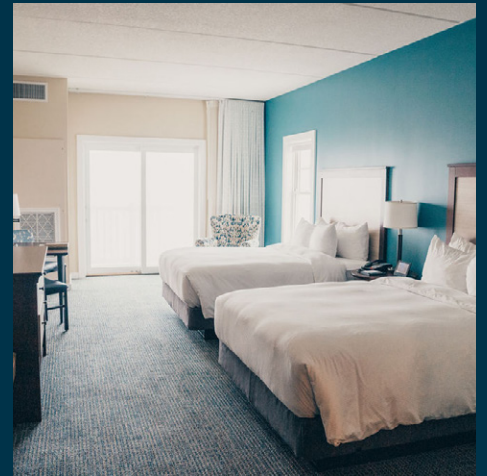
LOCATION:

The Parade begins in St. Joseph and continues its way through the city, across the Bicentennial Bridge and into Benton Harbor
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Market-goers will enjoy fresh finds at the weekly St. Joe Farmer's Market. Vendors will offer a variety of products including homemade goods, locally grown produce, potted and cut flowers, meats and cheeses, coffee and more! This event is held Saturdays in the scenic Lake Bluff Park, overlooking Lake Michigan. Farmers Markets have grown in popularity as the demand for fresh, locally sourced produce and goods has increased. "Take the time to chat with vendors who will share recipes, planting recommendations and cooking tips." said Amy Zapal, executive director, St. Joe Today.

The St. Joe Farmers Market will be held in the scenic Lake Bluff Park on Saturdays, May 28 through October 8 from 9:00a-2:00p. Extended market hours will be offered on June 4, July 16, August 20 and September 3; these dates coincide with the Lake Bluff Artisan Fair. The Benton Harbor Farmers Market is open seasonally every Wednesday during the summer months in the heart of downtown Benton Harbor. The market offers a wide variety of delicious, locally-grown produce at affordable prices. Help support local farmers, economy and community by shopping at the Benton Harbor Farmers Market. It is located in Dwight P. Mitchell City

Center Park. The market will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting June 21 and will run through September 13.

The Bridgman Open-Air Market is an eclectic European-style farmers market by the lake in Southwest Michigan. It was founded in 2017 by a local farmer and his wife who wanted a way to sell produce to their community. The market is open every Sunday May - October from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to shop for the best locally grown produce, flowers and hand-made arts and crafts.



Typical Crop Availability - When to Pick in Michigan

Fruit/Veg	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	December
Apples								X	X	X	X	X
Asian pears								X	X	X	X	X
Asparagus				X	X	X	X					
Beans					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beets							X	X	X	X		
Blackberries						X	X	X				
Blueberries							X	X	X			
Broccoli			X	X	X					X	X	X
Cabbage			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Cantaloupes							X	X	X	X		
Cherries							X	X	X			
Chestnuts										X	X	X
Christmas Trees											X	X
Cucumbers							X	X	X	X		
Eggplant							X	X	X	X		
Greens				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fruit/Veg	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	December
Herbs				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nectarines							X	X	X			
Peaches						X	X	X	X	X		
Peas					X	X						
Peppers							X	X	X	X		
Plums										X	X	X
Potatoes					X	X	X	X	X			
Pumpkins										X	X	X
Raspberries							X	X	X	X		
Rhubarb					X	X	X					
Squash					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strawberries					X							
Sweet Corn								X	X	X	X	
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The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council invites you to explore the Natural Route, Southwest Michigan's Cannabis Collective. Given Michigan's legal recreational cannabis status, you can safely explore different strains and products here.

Our budtenders man the dispensaries along the Natural Route. Each of them are trained to know the effects of each product and will guide you through the selection process regardless of if you're new to recreational cannabis or well-versed with a preferred strain. All you have to know is your desired outcome. Across the Natural Route, an impressive array of products promote the new R&R: Remedy and Relaxation. Maybe you're looking to relieve stress, pain or insomnia. Perhaps you need help maintaining focus or boosting creativity. Do you want to calm your traveling nerves? You're already well on your way by coming to Southwest Michigan, let us help with the rest. Enhance sightseeing, beach days, nature viewing and more.

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FOR THE ART LOVER

Southwest Michigan has some terrific sites for those who love art in its many forms. A stroll along the St. Joe River in St. Joseph, as well as along Silver Beach, offers not only beautiful scenery, but a wonderful array of modern sculptures. But there are a few places for art lovers where you'll want to spend time browsing and taking in the diversity and giftedness of both local and nationally-acclaimed artists.



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The beauty and vibrancy of Lake Michigan, the serenity of our countryside and the rich stories of our past inspire us. Now you can connect with the artists, actors, musicians, and dreamers that call this area home.

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HOW TO PLAY THE CREATIVE CONNECTIONS GAME:

1. Get your brochure

Visit any of the Creative Connections destinations or the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council to get a game brochure. Use the Creative Connections brochure to keep track of where you have traveled and collect destination stamps. (You must be 18 years or older to play.)

2. Collect stamps

Whenever you visit a participating destination, make sure to get your brochure stamped by an employee. Each destination has a unique stamp. The more stamps you collect, the more prizes you can earn. (Duplicate stamps are not allowed.)

3. Complete levels

Level 1: Collect 3 different destination stamps to complete.

Level 2: Collect 6 different destination stamps to complete.

Hotel Level: Stay in one of our hotels after completing Level 1 or 2.

Complete ALL the levels for entry into the Grand Prize drawing.

4. Earn prizes

In order to redeem your prizes, fill out the creative license form and mail your entire brochure to the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council. This program runs May 1 through April 30th annually. (This offer is good while prize supplies last.)

Prizes you can earn:

Level 1 - \$15 gift card to a Creative Connections destination of your choice

Level 2 - Autographed Joshua Nowicki Photo Print & Creative Connections tee

Hotel prize - 14 oz Creative Connections Mug & \$50 gift certificate to The Market

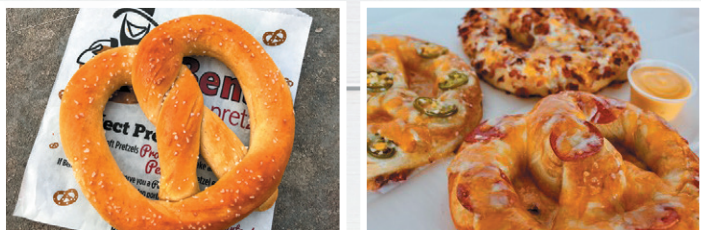
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LOCATION:

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Since 1995, the Berrien Artist Guild, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, has owned the Box Factory for the Arts, a historic building which originally manufactured fancy boxes under the name of Williams Brothers Paper Manufacturing. Remnants of its industrial past have been kept as artifacts throughout the building.

The three floors of the building offer much to explore -- four galleries, artist studios, office spaces, a gift shop with items by local artist members, a performance area, library, conference room and more.

The Box Factory is located just four blocks from the corner of Main and Broad Streets in downtown St. Joseph. Ample parking is available both adjacent to the building and directly across Broad Street.

Admission to the galleries is free while donations are appreciated. Nominal fees are charged for special events. To learn about up-to-date happenings at the Box be a friend on Facebook or visit the website at boxfactoryforthearts.org.



"Birds of a feather, flock together" is the title of the colorful mural created by local artist Kimberly Wood that wraps the entrance to the Box Factory for the Arts. It is a visual invitation to enter and explore the gallery exhibits, artist studios, Art Market and large performance area – all free and open to the public.

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BENTON HARBOR ARTS DISTRICT



Another spot you won't want to miss on your visit to Southwest Michigan is the Benton Harbor Arts District. The Benton Harbor Arts Association (BHAA) is dedicated to the revitalization of the Benton Harbor Arts District with a firm belief that "Art Builds Community."

Every four months, the Arts District presents its Art Hop when business members open their doors, inviting the general public to come in to showcase local artists. You'll enjoy checking out the multiple venues along the walkable Arts District streets.

Art Hop events are family-friendly and offer the opportunity to view truly impressive art, as well as speak with local business owners. As you wander in and out of the galleries and shops in the arts district, you'll discover a wealth of creative talent and a passion that's contagious! On Friday evening, BHAA plays host to a friendly evening filled with an entertaining mix of art, music, dance, theater, culinary arts and more.

On the first Monday of every month, local musicians, poets and storytellers are invited to step up to the mic on BHAA's Open Stage at The Livery. The Livery is a local brewery and

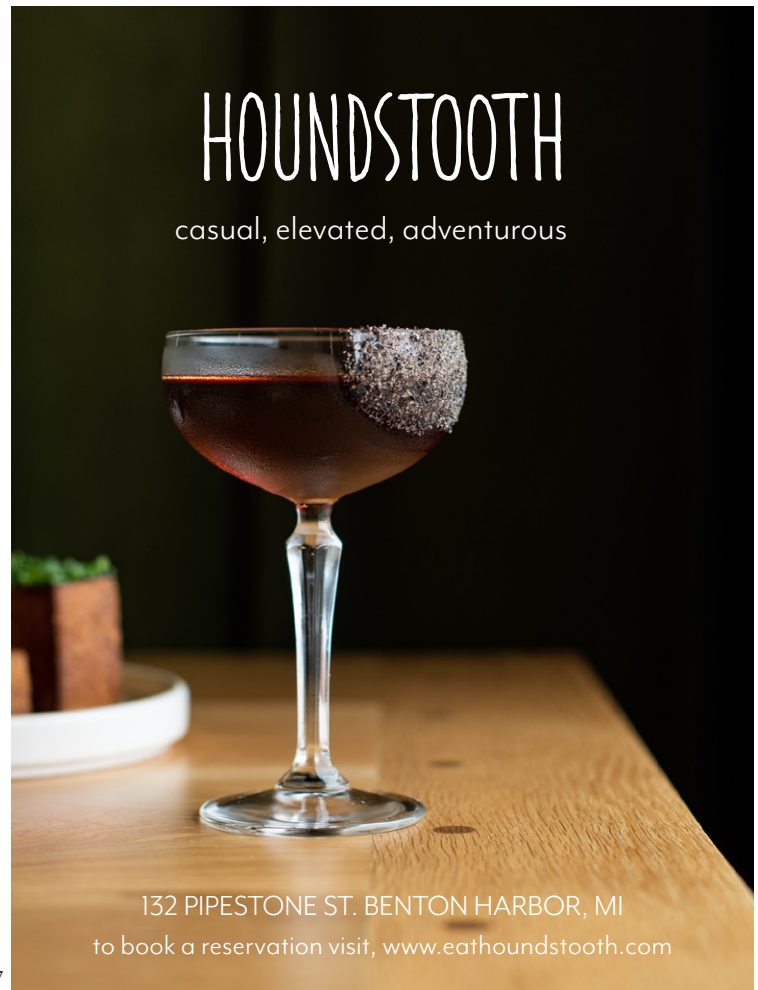
pizzeria in the arts district of Benton Harbor. Its professional sound and lighting systems and a history of bringing some of the best live music to the region make Open Stage one of the best free live performance events in the area. Artoberfest is a unique combination of local artists, musicians, food and drink that shows the world what makes Benton Harbor great. Even better, this event helps fund experienced professionals who prepare young artists and musicians who are given the chance to publicly perform.

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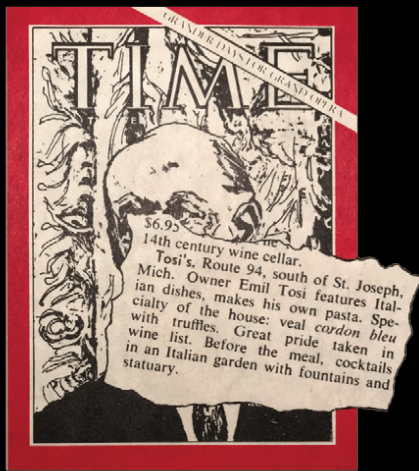
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THE GHOSTLIGHT THEATRE

The GhostLight Theatre is a new theatre performance venue in the Benton Harbor Arts District that seeks to illuminate the arts and culture of the area. It creates events where children and adults are more than observers, and become active participants in creation and exploration of a variety of performance media.



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Sarett offers live animal displays, a butterfly house during the warm months, a nature play area for kids, and informational displays. Sarett requests that you enjoy the trails without pets, picnicking, picking wildflowers, biking, or other disturbances to the natural setting.



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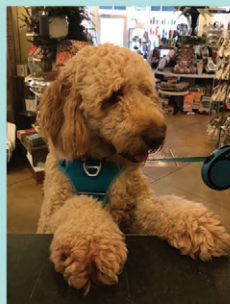
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Love Creek offers outstanding cross-country skiing, with groomed trails for both classic and skate-style skiing. Rental equipment for classic-style skiing is available in youth and adult sizes. Love Creek also provides mountain bikers with access to a 3.5-mile beginning/intermediate level mountain bike trail from spring through fall. The mountain bike trail is groomed for fat tire biking and fat bike rentals are available.

Love Creek has a Nature Center Building (check website for times open) and the Trillium Room, an inviting space for your next event, meeting or gathering.

LOCATION:

9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center, MI

Nature Center Building open:

Wed.-Sun., 10am-5pm

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BIKING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Southwest Michigan is a known destination for outdoor enthusiasts, and cyclists aren't to be excluded. If you are looking for a fun or challenging ride with beautiful scenery, below are some of the best local mountain bike trails in Southwest Michigan to add to your itinerary.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking doesn't need to be an extreme adventure until you're ready for it — and we have the perfect easy, but fun, trails on which to get started.

Kal-Haven Trail State Park

Bailey St, South Haven, MI

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ROAD BIKING

With such scenic roads in Southwest Michigan, it is the perfect place to log some road miles. Riding from New Buffalo up Lake Michigan's coast to South Haven is an exhilarating 53-mile ride. There are also weekly opportunities to join in one-hour group rides that are open to the public and feature different groups based on the speed you wish to ride. Check the groups' Facebook for start times because it changes based on available sun light.

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BEACHES

Beautiful, majestic Lake Michigan is a major draw to this area, with visitors enjoying splashing and swimming in its waters, boating, fishing, surfing, windsurfing or parasailing. The power Lake Michigan displays in storms is something to behold; and in winter, as ice piles up along the shoreline and drapes the lighthouses in glistening ice, the Lake presents yet another kind of breathtaking beauty, making a perfect photographic opportunity. But the lazy days of summer and early autumn entice most visitors to the shores of Lake Michigan. The sandy beaches are perfect for enjoying the sun, picnicking, or building sand castles. Breezy days are ideal for flying kites on the beach, a delightful sight as they soar high against the backdrop of a clear blue sky. Many beaches have volleyball nets in place, making it easy to organize or pick up a game of beach volleyball. And everyone agrees that sunsets along the shores of Lake Michigan are truly breathtaking, a photographer's dream.

When enjoying the beaches of Southwest Michigan, we want you to keep in mind that alcohol is prohibited on all Berrien County beaches.

Here is a list of beaches from south to north along Lake Michigan's sunset coast:

New Buffalo Public Beach offers visitors a refreshment stand, a small play area for children, restrooms, a dune stairway, overlook and boardwalk, beach chair and game rentals, bicycle parking, and eight boat launch ramps. The dune can be used for sledding in winter. No pets, fires or glass containers are allowed. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer months.



Warren Dunes Beach is three miles of gorgeous Lake Michigan shoreline. Visitors can swim and picnic and the beach and enjoy six miles of hiking trail near by. The dune formation rises 240 feet above the lake.

Weko Beach features a modern beach house with concession stand, grills, camping, changing areas, restrooms, a cold outdoor shower, a boat launch directly into Lake Michigan and volleyball nets. There is also a beautiful boardwalk, two dune overlooks and the playing of "Taps" at dusk on summer evenings, as well as free summer concerts.

Lincoln Township Beach and Nature Center is a small, quiet beach of sand and stone mix. It features an attractive boardwalk and easy access to the beach. Restrooms and a picnic area are available.

Lions Park in St. Joseph offers three sheltered pavilions, parking, sidewalks, a playground, grills and restrooms; however, no lifeguards are on duty and swimming is discouraged. This beach offers a superb view of St. Joseph's piers and lighthouses.





Silver Beach is a popular beach that provides a 600-space parking lot off Broad Street, men's and women's bathhouses, park office, visitors' center, pavilion, south pier, bike racks, playground equipment, volleyball nets, concession stand and a 1,600-foot beach for swimmers. A lifeguard is on duty during the summer. Grills are available.

Tiscornia Beach is a family-oriented park located on sixteen acres along the shoreline of Lake Michigan at the northwest corner of the St. Joseph. Amenities include the North Pier Lighthouse and walkway that is a popular spot for fishing and watching sunsets, restroom facilities, sandy beach and a pavilion that will accommodate about forty for picnics. Non-

residents may purchase a seasonal parking permit from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Jean Klock Park features a paved lot, boardwalk, volleyball courts, observation tower, pavilion, bathhouse, concession area, playground and picnic shelter.

Rocky Gap Park has three acres and 1,100 feet of lake frontage. It's a great beach for finding sea glass. There are no lifeguards or restrooms.

Hagar Township Beach has a paved parking lot, picnic tables, a shady walkway to the beach, slides, and portable toilet facilities. Picnic tables and grills are available. Dogs are allowed and a bag dispenser is provided.



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HIKING THE SOUTHWEST MITTEN

If you want to connect with nature, you don't have to travel to the mountains, deserts or springs of the west coast — instead, journey to these state parks in Southwest Michigan. Climb towering sand dunes along Lake Michigan's shoreline for a stunning view of the freeing freshwater below. Stroll over the Galien River and Marsh on the overlook tower. Endless trails under a canopy of trees await, each leading to a beautiful view. They just may be a closer drive for you, too!

Warren Woods State Park

Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, MI

Wrapping along the Galien River, this state park is in Three Oaks. It offers 311 acres of nature preserve that is just seven minutes away from Warren Dunes State Park. You can easily do both in the same visit! Meander through a towering beech and maple forest and don't miss the half-mile trail following, and crossing, the scenic Galien River.

Warren Dunes State Park

12032 Red Arrow Hwy, Sawyer, MI

Warren Dunes State Park provides 1,952 acres of recreational opportunities along Lake Michigan. The rugged dune formation rises 260 feet above the lake, offering spectacular views and is excellent for hang gliding. The park is home to 3 miles of shoreline and 6 miles of hiking trails and is open year-round.

Grand Mere State Park

7337 Thornton Dr, Stevensville, MI

Grand Mere State Park is characterized by magnificent sand dunes, deep blowouts and half a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline, accessible by the park's two trails. Two inland lakes lie behind the dunes in the undeveloped natural area. The canopied trails make the park popular with hikers and runners.

Van Buren State Park

23960 Ruggles Rd, South Haven Charter Twp, MI

In the northernmost portion of our region, you'll find yet another dune-filled escape at Van Buren State Park. Walk along woodland trails or enjoy a picnic watching the sunset. This is also a popular spot for beach glass hunting, cross-country skiing and bringing your dog to enjoy the view.

Van Buren Trail State Park

23960 Ruggles Rd, South Haven Charter Twp, MI

57th Ave. & Prospect St., Hartford, MI

The 14-mile-long Van Buren Trail which makes up this state park runs between South Haven and Hartford. This multi-use trail has a dirt and gravel surface. Parking is available at the Hartford trailhead located on Prospect Street across from the high school. In South Haven the trail can be accessed via a spur from Van Buren State Park.

Kal-Haven Trail Sesquicentennial State Park

Bailey St, South Haven, MI

If you're looking for a long hike to really get those steps in, then journey from South Haven to Kalamazoo without having to switch trails once. This 33-mile trail used to be a railroad bed, but now it's a route through several small towns and historical sites.



ST. JOSEPH PIERS

The first two lighthouses on Lake Michigan were built in 1832: one in Chicago, the other high on a bluff in St. Joseph, Michigan.

The St. Joseph lighthouse was a 40-foot-tall circular stone tower which guided vessels to safety along the southern edge of Lake Michigan's eastern shore for 28 years.

In 1846, a wooden tower was built on the North Pier, which is the site of today's historic and beautiful North Pier Lighthouse. Set in this deep-water port, today's white structure with its distinctive red roof, has guided ships to safe harbor and access to twin cities St. Joseph and Benton Harbor for over 150 years. It was selected to be one of the featured lighthouses in a series of U.S. postage stamps issued in 1995. The current lighthouse consists of two structures: the larger, square-based building housing the inner light and a smaller, circular steel tower containing the outer light. The inner light is a lighthouse with keeper's quarters, a facility constructed with the intention of employing a full-time resident keeper to tend the light daily. The outer light is a minor light, such as a tower or pole light, but with interesting daymarks of historical interest. A catwalk



remains as a reminder of winter's harsh conditions, when it served as an elevated walkway through high snow and ice mounds, allowing light keepers' access to keep the oil lights burning.

Lighthouse access is from Tiscornia Park and beach across the St. Joseph River north of town. While Silver Beach and the adjacent South Pier no longer welcome steamers from Chicago to what was once Silver Beach Amusement Park, they welcome visitors to the sugar-sand beaches adorned with talkative seagulls and graced by unique sculptures rising high against spectacular sunsets.

(See page 41 for information on guided tours.)



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LEST WE FORGET

THE COLD WAR

Lest We Forget has chosen The Cold War as the theme for 2023. On June 17 - 18 activities will return to the St. Joseph river site at 275 Upton Drive. In anticipation of the June weekend the public is invited to attend five sessions on Cold War topics at Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor campus, Fetting Hall Room D-105. There is no registration fee. On Tuesday evenings, March 28, April 11 & 25 and May 9 & 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm different presenters will discuss the state of political hostility that existed between the Soviet bloc countries and the US-led Western powers from 1945 to 1990.

Activities continue Saturday and Sunday, June 17 - 18, 2023 at the St. Joseph River with military vehicles and weapons displays and battles by the 2nd Marine Reenactors from Chicago. They will be joined by Charlie Hobson with his flamethrower. Mr. Hobson is the author of "The Illustrated Manual of US WWII Flamethrowers". He is currently the only accepted source for training, testing and certifying WWII Flamethrowers. Charlie has trained over 900 operators for over 4000 firings.



Returning this year are three World War II landing craft that have been restored and are available for the public to ride. One is an LTV "Water Buffalo" that is a dual track amphibious vehicle. The 2nd is a 2-1/2 ton amphibious wheeled truck called a Dukw or "Duck" and the 3rd is a Higgins boat, most often associated with the D-Day landings at Normandy in World War II. Take a free ride in these treasures of the past in the St. Joseph River. Also giving rides is a Robinson helicopter. The fee to ride is \$50 per person. A 32' Climbing Wall and a Zipline will be on site giving attendees the opportunity to climb the Berlin Wall and to Zip from East Berlin to freedom in West Berlin. Jerry Sawatzki, a retired teacher from the Eau Claire school



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JUNE 17-18


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Saturday evening The Spaniels Forever, a R&B and doo-wop group consisting of band members Patrick Pitre, Phil Ratliff, Daniel Porter and Billy Shelton, 89, who is the only original member of the band will perform a free concert at 7:00 pm. The concert will include a lineup of classic '50s and '60s covers. Concert-goers will hear songs by the bands The Temptations, Four Seasons, the Beatles and the Bee Gees. The Spaniels Forever will perform their 1953 hit, "Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight." For a full schedule of events visit www.LestWeForgetUSA.org.



Attendees are encouraged to join Lest We Forget on site. One year membership dues are \$10. Lifetime membership is \$50 and over 80 years old is free. You do not have to be a veteran to become a member of LWF. Membership meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport starting at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts at 9:30.



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Planning early is encouraged, as well as considering the off-season when your guests will not be competing with summer tourists for accommodations. Availability should be higher then and prices lower.

The Tourist Council can also provide you with free hotel-bid service in St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Stevensville, remembering that space may be extremely limited in summertime. They'll get you started and provide local information for out-of-town guests.

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KRASL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF

Planning for the 61st Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, presented by 1st Source Bank Wealth Advisory Services, has been underway since October when artists were able to apply for the nationally-renowned event. On February 15, five jurors virtually reviewed and juried 422 applicants to determine the final 172 artists invited to Krasl Art Center's largest fundraiser. Invitations have been sent, and the acceptance messages began pouring in as plans for the 61st Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff continue for July 8 & 9, 2023.



JULY 8-9

Every year, a unique panel is assembled to score artists invited to the Krasl Art Fair. Jurors are invited based on their careers, relationship to the arts, and expertise in their respective fields. Jurors review and score each artist's application, allowing for unbiased acceptance from year to year. Artist personal information including name, race, gender, and address is also not shared with the jury to eliminate any biases in selection. From the images presented, jurors rank the artists on a 1-7 scale to determine a final score.

Tickets to the event will go on sale May 1. Advanced ticket purchases are encouraged, and the process for complimentary admission will be announced on this date.

Daily admission:

General Admission (guests age 13+): \$5

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Day-of tickets: Walk-up available


General admission tickets are good for one day of the event, and same-day re-entry is accepted.

Collectors' Experience packages offering VIP opportunities will be released on May 1. The package includes weekend long access to Art Fair with a commemorative badge, plus special benefits including VIP lounge, early admission, and parking. Limited availability.

Art Fair proceeds support year-round access to the arts.

As you plan your art-filled weekend, don't forget to add the Friday night Block Party to the agenda! Socialize with participating artists while enjoying live music, a cash bar supported by Round Barn Winery and The Livery, and get dinner from The Brick House and Don Chepe food trucks. More details and ticketing will be announced in May.





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LOCATION:
On the Bluff
Downtown St. Joseph, MI
July 8-9, 2023
www.krasl.org/art-fair





HOOKED ON FISHING

Southwest Michigan is an angler's heaven. You can enjoy everything from deep-water fishing for 20-lb. salmon to smelt dipping. And there's always an excuse to go fishing, for you can fish all year 'round.

The variety of fish is what hooks many anglers on the area. If you just want to enjoy the ride and the fresh catch, or if you like the sport of deep-water fishing on Lake Michigan but don't have the gear, the area has a number of licensed professional fishing charter captains. A charter association survey indicates that 92% of the anglers catch fish, which means you'll probably bring home more than great stories.

Lake Michigan and the rivers that open into it are well-known for their coho, salmon, steelhead, Chinook salmon, and brown trout. Most catches range from 5-20 lbs., although Chinook salmon can weigh in at 30 lbs. Other catches include smallmouth bass, perch, smelt, walleye, pike, catfish, crappie, sucker and bluegill. Inland lakes and streams are favorite fishing sites for panfish, northern pike, bass, musky, and brown trout. A fishing license is required and is available at most sporting goods stores and bait shops.



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DOWNTOWN

AUGUST 5-7

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St. Joe Today is excited to celebrate the 2022 Chalk the Block. This family friendly festival showcases both amateur and professional chalk artists, using the quaint downtown of St. Joseph, MI as their backdrop. Attendees can watch as both amateur and professional artists prepare their squares on Friday evening, work all day Saturday and enjoy the completed chalk masterpieces on Sunday.

This free event brings in regional, national, and international artists who create chalk masterpieces downtown on Broad St., between Lake Blvd. and State St. Attendees can also vote for their favorite artist renderings in the People's Choice vote. Tickets will be sold at the People's Choice Tent on Broad St. for one dollar each throughout Saturday and Sunday. One dollar equals one vote towards the favored artist; the artist with the most tickets by the end of the weekend wins the People's Choice Award.

Additional weekend activities include a farmers market, Antiques on the Bluff, a Sunday concert, Movie in the Park and much more. This weekend celebrates our beautiful city, said Amy Zapal, executive director, St. Joe Today. Not only can you see awesome chalk art around town, folks can shop at beautiful boutiques and stores, walk to Whirlpool Compass Fountain and downtown beaches, jam to live music or catch a movie outdoors by Lake Michigan.

More information available at stjoetoday.com/chalktheblock or the Welcome Center at 301 State St. in downtown St. Joseph.

LOCATION:
Downtown St. Joseph, MI
stjoetoday.com

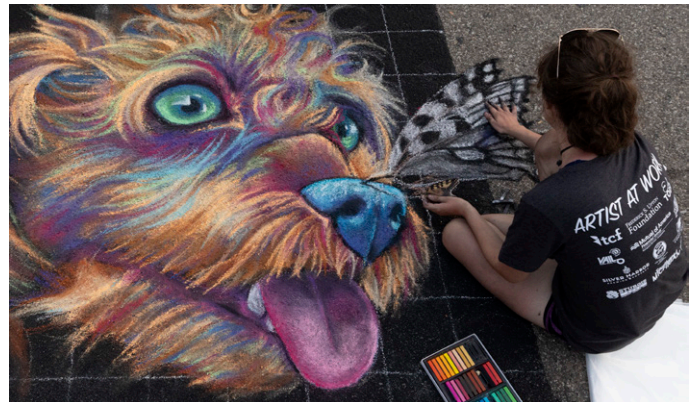


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CURIOUS KIDS' DISCOVERY ZONE

The Curious Kids' Museum inspires children to explore and learn through cooperative hands-on play.

The Curious Kid's Museum is currently closed due to a recent fire, however the Curious Kids' Discovery Zone remains open and invites you to come play, learn and be curious!



LOCATION:

333 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

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Curious Kid's Museum was founded in 1989 by educators and parents to provide an environment that invites curiosity, allows exploration, celebrates childhood and inspires learning!

In 2010, the Curious Kids' Museum had the opportunity to expand and open a second location in partnership with the Silver Beach Carousel and Shadowland Ballroom, by opening Discover Zone below the bluff.

Discovery Zone is a places where children and their adults can pursue their natural curiosity through creative, hands-on play! It has over 35 hands-on features and is geared for children ages 3-14. A day of fun, imagination and exploration awaits. Children can create imagery and art with a giant pin wall or watch dance moves come alive with color in the Virtual Reflections Room. They might become a rock climber on a true climbing wall designed for children. They can explore the nature of water flow at the Water Works exhibit, or sail a boat with wind and wave and learn about Lake Michigan and its might, past and present. They can climb to new heights in the Lighthouse Climbing Tower, an almost 20 foot tall climbing structure with a pinnacle view of Lake Michigan from the porthole window inside. Stop in for a day of wonder and exploration!

In partnership with the Silver Beach Carousel and Shadowland Ballroom, Curious Kids' Discovery Zone is located below the bluff.

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Berrien County Youth Fair

Youth Fair officials have announced the 2023 lineup of entertainment acts for the 77th Berrien County Youth Fair. The BCYF entertainment committee is excited to bring two of country music's most loved artists; Craig Morgan on Wednesday and Lee Greenwood on Thursday. Fair officials made the announcement on Wednesday, along with the rest of the 2023 BCYF grandstand lineup.

AUGUST 13-19



LOCATION:

Berrien Springs, MI

Gates 1 & 2 – 9122 US Hwy. 31

Gate 3 – 4261 E. Shawnee Rd.

Sun., Sat., Aug. 13-19

Youth Fair Gate Admission:

Adults, Day Pass - \$8.00

Children (5-12), Day Pass - \$5.00

65 & Over, Day Pass - \$5.00

Adult Season Pass - \$23.00

Child Season Pass - \$12.00

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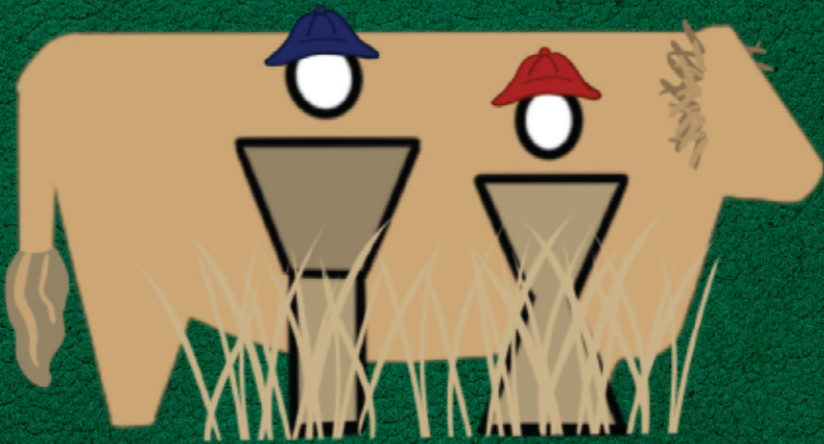
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Berrien County Youth Fair

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TRUDAT MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST 26

On Saturday, August 26, 2023 some of the top Christian music performers will be coming Stevensville, MI for the TruDat Music Festival.

The headliner for this year is the award-winning band. Big Daddy Weave. Known for honest songs that tell personal stories of freedom in Christ, Big Daddy Weave fans have long admired the band for their real-life, real-person openness. With chart-topping songs like "My Story," "The Lion and the Lamb," "Overwhelmed," "Redeemed," and from their current album, "Alive," "I Know," and "All Things New," Big Daddy Weave has become one of the most beloved bands in Christian music.

The music will open with Lydia Laird, a rising Christian artist. Not all artists' work transcends sound to emotion but for artist/songwriter Lydia Laird, she doesn't make music any other way.

Opening for Big Daddy Weave is the Christian pop rock band Stars Go Dim. The singer has garnered multiple International

#1's and Top 5 hits at pop and Christian radio, including the massive No. 1 radio smash in the U.S. with "You Are Loved."

This family-friendly event also has multiple food trucks on site to grab so amazing local cuisine. There is also a Kids' Fun Zone with a bouncy house and other fun activities for children.

This year the festival will be raising awareness and support for foster kids through STEM4Them. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Through STEM events, children build growth mindsets, perseverance, and self-confidence; they learn to see themselves as both problem-solvers and innovators. STEM4Them partners with foster care communities, DHHS, businesses, churches, and other agencies to raise awareness about the need for forever families. They provide lunch, snacks, and STEM-based educational activities free of charge - once a month from September to May, and at a yearly summer camp - to foster and adoptive families in our community. The organization invites prospective parents and passionate volunteers to spend time getting to know children in our community who are waiting for their forever families. The events facilitate matches with both state and private adoption agencies.

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FALL FESTIVAL

As the days grow cooler here in Southwest Michigan, the leaves begin to turn, spreading a blanket of beautiful crimson and gold across the landscape; and the final harvest of fruits and vegetables will be underway. It's time to celebrate at the St. Joseph Fall Festival!

SEPTEMBER 16



LOCATION:
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph
Sat., Sept. 17, 10am-3pm
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Through the Winter season you'll find the countryside beautiful and Southwest Michigan offers ice fishing, skating, fat tire biking, cross country skiing, and downhill skiing. The festivals and family friendly continue through.

Look for the Fall/Winter edition of *Escape* this August and "y'all come back now, ya hear?"





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

April 1-2

SPRING ARTISAN DAY MARKET
Journeyman Distillery, Three Oaks

April 2

WELTER'S FOLLY SPRING BIG CUP TOURNAMENT
Journeyman Distillery

April 2

2ND ANNUAL GREAT BCHA BUNNY HUNT
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

April 2

THREE OAKS FLAG DAY PRINCE AND PRINCESS PAGEANT AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 2

BLOSSOMTIME FASHION SHOW
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

APRIL 4

EASY, CHEESY APPETIZERS CLASS
Lazy Ballerina Winery, St. Joseph

April 5-July 4

BITTER BATTLE: THE ELECTIONS THAT CHANGED BERRIEN COUNTY
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

April 6

JELLYFISH PAINTING
JLN Studio, Stevensville

April 7

BOTH SIDES OF JONI AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 8

THE RON BURGUNDY'S - A CLUB ACORN SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 8

APRIL FAMILY DAY
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

April 8

SPRING STAMPEDE 5K RUN?WALK
Sarett Nature Center

April 14

THE ARCADIAN WILD AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 15

A NEW EXHIBITION OPENS AT KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

April 15

BRUCE KATZ BAND WITH RESURRECTION BLUES BAND AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 16

BRUCE IN THE USA AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 16

MR. BLOSSOMTIME AND SHOWCASE OF QUEENS
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

April 17

MISS BLOSSOMTIME PAGEANT
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

April 19

CROSSING THE INLAND SEA: SAILING FROM THE WINDY CITY TO ST. JOSEPH/SOUTH HAVEN
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

April 20

THE LINDA RONSTADT EXPERIENCE AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 20

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW
Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph

April 21

EXPO '76 AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 22

A NEW EXHIBITION OPENS IN THE LAB AT KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

April 22

THE PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

April 22

THE IDES OF MARCH FEATURING JIM PETERIK AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 23

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE ACORN FEATURING JEN LAWSON
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 28

AN EVENING WITH PATRICIA BARBER AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 29

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: IMPROBABLE ASCENT WITH PARACLIMBER MAUREEN BECK
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

April 29

THE MUSIC OF PAT BENATAR AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

April 30

THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

April 30

AN AMERICAN IN PARIS
Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs

April 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HISTORY CENTER AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE!
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

April 30

GOOD VIBES MULTIMEDIA EVENT AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

MAY

May 6

BLOSSOMTIME YOUTH & GRAND FLORAL PARADE
Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph

May 6

THE FORTUNATE SONS: A TRIBUTE TO CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 7

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD THOMPSON AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 7

2023 ANTIQUES ON THE BLUFF
Lake Park Bluff, St. Joseph

May 12

AN EVENING WITH COWBOY JUNKIES AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 13

ABE PARTRIDGE W/ D. ANSON BRODY AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 13

MAY FAMILY DAY
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13

ROUND BARN'S ANNUAL SANGRIA PARTY
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

May 14

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

May 17

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE ACORN FEATURING JACK WHITTLE
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 19

GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION-MAAC 2023
Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph

May 20

KRAY VAN KIRK - LIVE ALBUM RECORDING CONCERT AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 21

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

May 21

BITTER BATTLE GALLERY TALK
Berrien County Historical Association

May 26

2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph

May 26

THE BRIT PACK AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 26

CROONIN' AT THE COURTHOUSE CONCERT SERIES 2023
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

May 27

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

May 27

MR. BLOTTO AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

May 27

NEW ARTWORK COMES TO KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

May 28

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: MARTY MILES
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

May 28

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

May 28

REAL PRETENDERS + NAOMI ASHLEY BAND AT THE ACORN
The Acorn, Three Oaks

JUNE

June 1-June 30

SCAVENGER HUNT: LUMBERJACK
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

June 3

2023 LAKE BLUFF ARTISAN FAIR
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

June 3

KRASL ART CENTER JUNE SUMMER ART MARKET
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

June 4

2023 ANTIQUES ON THE BLUFF
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

June 4

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

June 8

ROUND BARN'S ANNUAL TOAST 2 TEACHERS
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

June 10

MAKERS TRAIL FESTIVAL
Weko Beach, Bridgman

June 10

A NEW EXHIBITION OPENS AT KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

June 10

JUNE FAMILY DAY - KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

June 10

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

June 11

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

June 11

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: HUNTER WAINSCOTT
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

June 12

SUMMER CLASS REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

June 16-18

2023 LOVE LOCAL
St. Joe Today, Southwest Michigan

June 17

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

June 17

42ND ANNUAL ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

June 18

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: KEITH SCOTT BLUES
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

June 18

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

June 20

UNDER THE BIG TOP, THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN!
Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce, Dowagiac

June 24

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

June 24

DOWAGIAC HOME & GARDEN TOUR
Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce, Dowagiac

June 24-25

LUMBERJACK WEEKEND AT THE SQUARE
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

June 25

ROUND BARN'S ISLAND SPIRIT PARTY
Round Barn, Baroda

June 25

PLAYHOUSE AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 25

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: BARRELHOUSE ACOUSTIC BLUES
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

June 25

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

June 26-30

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

June 26-July 27

KIDS ART CAMP
JLN Studio, Stevensville

June 30

CROONIN' AT THE COURTHOUSE CONCERT SERIES 2023
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

JULY

July 1

A NEW EXHIBITION OPENS IN THE LAB AT KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

July 1

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 2

2023 ANTIQUES ON THE BLUFF
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 2

SANKOFA AT THE ACORN – A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

July 2

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: DAVID O'LEARY
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

July 2

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

July 7

2023 KRASL ART FAIR BLOCK PARTY
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

July 8

LAKE BREEZE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Shadowland Pavilion, St. Joseph

July 8

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 8-9

JULY FAMILY DAY - KRASL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

July 8-9

2023 61ST KRASL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

July 9

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

July 9

RESURRECTION BLUES BAND AT THE ACORN – A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

July 10-14

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

July 10-October 1

GROWING DIAMONDS: THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERRIEN
SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB EXHIBIT
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

July 12

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

July 14

2023 MIKE YORE MEMORIAL CAR SHOW
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 14

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

July 14

DOWAGIAC BBQ COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL
Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce, Dowagiac

July 14-16

2023 LOVE LOCAL
St. Joe Today, Southwest Michigan

July 15

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 15

KRASL ART CENTER JULY SUMMER ART MARKET
Krasl Art Center

July 15

2023 LAKE BLUFF ARTISAN FAIR
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 16

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

July 16

COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES: TIM. JUST TIM.
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

July 16

BLUES & BREWS AT ROUND BARN WINERY & ESTATE
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

July 16

NEWSKI AT THE ACORN – A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks

July 19

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

July 21

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

July 17-21

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

July 22

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 23

BUDDY PEARSON 3 AT THE ACORN – A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks

July 23

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

July 24-28

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

July 26

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard bandshell, St. Joseph

July 28

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

July 28

CROONIN' AT THE COURTHOUSE CONCERT SERIES 2023
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July 29

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

July 30

THE WATER STREET WRANGLERS AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

July 30

ARTISAN MARKET AT THE ROUND BARN WINERY & ESTATE
Round Barn Winery & Estate

July 30

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

July 31-August 4

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

AUGUST

August 4

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

August 4-6

CHALK THE BLOCK
Downtown St. Joseph

August 5

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 6

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

August 6

MARK FICKS & THE SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

August 6

2023 ANTIQUES ON THE BLUFF
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 9

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard bandshell, St. Joseph

August 7-11

KIDS' BEACH DAY CAMPS
Third Coast Surf Shop, St. Joseph

August 10-13

NATIONAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL
South Haven Visitors Center, South Haven

August 11

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

August 12

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 12

AUGUST FAMILY DAY - KRASL ART CENTER
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

August 13

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

August 13

MIKE STRUWIN BAND AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

August 13

MT. TABOR TRAIL WINE 5K RUN/WALK AT ROUND BARN WINERY & ESTATE
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

August 16

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard bandshell, St. Joseph

August 18

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

August 18-20

2023 LOVE LOCAL
St. Joe Today, Southwest Michigan

August 19

2023 LAKE BLUFF ARTISAN FAIR
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 19

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 19

KRASL ART CENTER AUGUST SUMMER ART MARKET
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

August 19

ROD & ROLL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW
Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce

August 20

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

August 20

DREW STOLZ & PRISCILLA SABOURIN AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

August 23

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard bandshell, St. Joseph

August 25

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

August 25

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August 26

2023 ST. JOE FARMERS MARKET
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

August 27

LAKE EFFECT JAZZ BIG BAND AT THE ACORN - A MIDWEST MADE SHOW
The Acorn, Three Oaks

August 27

ST. JOE WINE SHOPPE WINE SAMPLE SUNDAYS
St. Joe Wine Shoppe, St. Joseph

August 30

2023 WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES
John E. N. Howard bandshell, St. Joseph

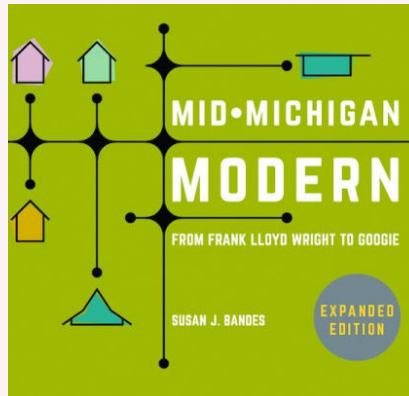
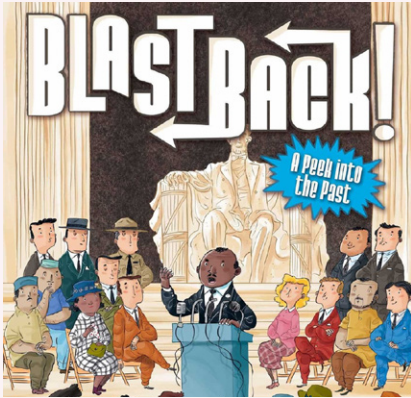
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