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Several events are held throughout the Summer by the Club and can be found on their website: [www.pplyc.org](http://www.pplyc.org) There you can also find the schedule for taking lessons for those interested in learning to sail, from young to old, as well as how to build a model sailboat.

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The annual membership meeting is held on the third Saturday in July at which time suggestions, complaints, and proposed projects should be presented for review and discussion. Actions agreed upon at these meetings are referred to the Board of Directors for disposition. The Board meets at least once a month during the season and members are encouraged to submit suggestions for consideration at these meetings.

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## Berrien County Youth Fair



### 2023 GRANDSTAND EVENTS

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.

Starting off the week on **SUNDAY, August 13** at 6 pm, the BCYF brings back the **Street Legal Pickup Truck and Tractor Pull** for it's second year. After an overwhelming turnout in 2022 and with no gate admission fee into the fair itself, this event is an affordable option for those looking to kick off the week a day early!

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**Tuesday, August 16**, also known as "**Kids Day**" the grandstand will feature three **FREE Circus Continental** shows, sponsored by Honor Credit Union. Circus Continental has been entertaining kids and adults alike since the late 1960's at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Don't miss out on this family and wallet friendly show!

On **Wednesday, August 16** at 7 pm, one of country music's best-loved artists, **Craig Morgan**, will take the stage.

Craig Morgan has made a name for himself as a country music icon, TV personality, author, celebrated outdoorsman and patriotic Army veteran. Morgan has amassed over 2 billion career streams and charted over 25 songs on Billboard. His hits include "Bonfire," "Almost Home," "Redneck Yacht Club," "International Harvester," "This Ole Boy," "Soldier," "That's What I Love About Sunday" and his faith-filled tribute to his son Jerry, "The Father, My Son and The Holy Ghost."

Opening up before Craig on Wednesday will be up and coming band, **The Red Clay Strays**.

Hitting the stage on **Thursday, August 17**, **Lee Greenwood** will put on a memorable show for fans. The show, which is sponsored by Indiana Michigan Power – Cook Nuclear Plant, will start at 7 pm.

Music has always been a part of Lee Greenwood's life. He started playing the piano when he was seven and the saxophone at 12. In junior high, he started his first group called the

"Moonbeams." By the time he finished high school, he played most all the instruments in the orchestra and was the Drum Major for the marching band.

Greenwood has won numerous industry awards including Male Vocalist of the Year from the Academy of country Music in 1983, two Male Vocalist of the Year awards from the Country Music Association in 1983 and 1984 and a Grammy for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for "IOU." THE CMA also named "God Bless the U.S.A." its Song of the Year in 1985.

Opening up for Greenwood on Wednesday will be a regional group called **The Riflemen**. Having recently recorded an album in Nashville, fairgoers will get a first look at an up and coming group.

Returning on **Friday, August 18**, at 8 pm, derby promoter **TNT Demolition Derby**, will bring back the crowd favorite demolition derby. Derby fans can expect to see Big Car Lite Modifieds, Small Trucks and SUVs, RS Bone stock Big Cars, Mini Van Bone stock FWD, Small Car Bone-stock FWD and Youth Small Car Bone stock FWD.

**Saturday, August 19** at 7 pm, fans can rest assured the BCYF has brought back the crowd favorite, **Bullmania**, including crowd favorite bull riding and kid favorite, mutton busting. Sponsored by our friends at Rural King, this night is always fun for all that attend!

Tickets are on sale now at the Fair office, online at [www.bcyf.org](http://www.bcyf.org) or by phone at 269-473-1500 (ticket fees do not include gate admission).

The 77<sup>th</sup> Berrien County Youth Fair runs August 14-19, 2023 with the theme of "Summer Safari".



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# WAKESURFING ORIGINS

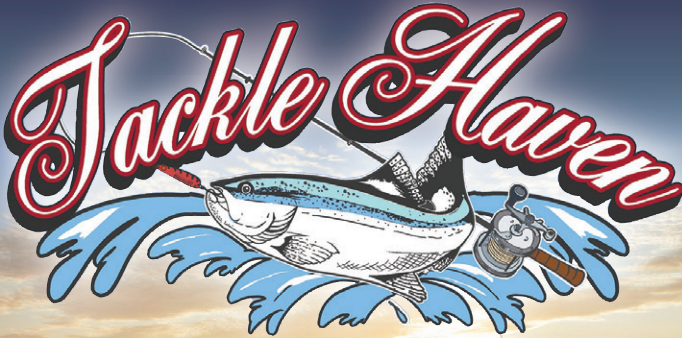
The origins of wakesurfing are somewhat disputed with multiple people and companies claiming to be at the genesis of the sport. Some claims have set the dates for the origins of boat-surfing or wake-surfing as far back as the 1920s. However, no credible evidence of this is available. Footage and print media from the 1950s and 1960s show ocean surfers actively riding surfboards behind motor boats. By the mid 60's numerous surfboard manufacturers laid claims to building wake specific boards.



The practice of riding surfboards behind boats continued through the 70s and 80s with the boards being ridden evolving to shorter forms right along the shortboard revolution in Surfing. As boards progressively shortened in length, taking a page from windsurfing or sailboarding many practitioners started using devices mounted to the board to strap and secure their feet in place. Aided with a tow rope, hard carving and launching off wakes lead to sports like skurfing, skiboarding, and eventually wakeboarding.

Wakeboarding's growth and mass appeal led the watercraft industry to advance technology to increase the size of wakes. This, in turn, provided an opportunity for wakesurfing to emerge from the shadows. Several sport pioneers, including, but not limited to Tim Lopes, Jerry Price, Jeff Page, Rick Lee, and others are noted with being at the forefront of modern wakesurfing. The first US design patent for a wakesurf was granted to Alfonso Corona in 1997.

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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



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from the Eau Claire school system with a Master's Degree in history from Notre Dame will provide an interesting overview of the Cold War.

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, "Good-night, Sweetheart, Goodnight." For a full schedule of events visit [www.LestWeForgetUSA.org](http://www.LestWeForgetUSA.org).

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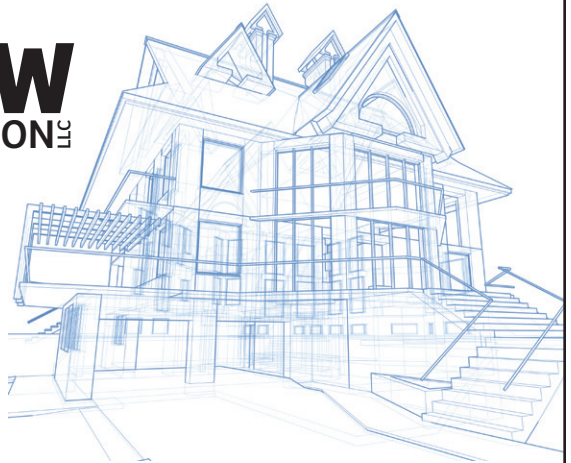


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**Glen:** Right on Main Street's roundabout in the Benton Harbor Arts District, you can find an amped-up version of Southwest cuisine...not Southwest Michigan...THEE Southwest. **ANEMEL Tortaria** has been making fans with foodies in the area since last fall by combining global flavors into a Tex-Mex construct.

**James Galbraith**, who is also co-owner of **Houndstooth Restaurant** a few blocks away, along with his wife **Gabrielle**, wanted another restaurant venue where they could express their fun, hip, creative sides. The casual order-at-the-counter Tex-Mex eatery is ironically housed in a former TEXICO filling station. Today it is filling tummies and is now filled with an eclectic assortment of funky art and nostalgia.

Gabrielle (Gabby as everyone called her) thought we should try the **Nashville Hot Chicken Milanese** sandwich. It stands tall with a breaded crispy chicken cutlet, avocado, shredded lettuce, and pickled onions snugged inside Bit of Swiss artisan bread. It gets its "HOT" from aji amarancho, a go-to chili pepper in South American cuisine. The spice level was right in my wheelhouse, but would be too hot for my mother-in-law, Joey. The spiciness lingers on the tongue but is tempered by the coolness of the lettuce and avocado. Along with the spicy and cool contrasts, there is also a fantastic ying-yang balance between the extra crispy texture of the chicken and the wet ingredients.



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I asked Gabby about the unusual name. "It is pronounced like 'animal' because a fellow chef who worked with James at Houndstooth used to call a cook an animal if they were working extremely hard in the kitchen. The E's in the name are backwards on our logo just to grab attention and let people know it's a little different in here."

The corn tortillas of the **Arabes Verde Tacos** cradle glazed shawarma, pepita salsa and cilantro slaw. Shawarma is a popular Middle Eastern style of meat (Arabes in Spanish means Arabs). In this case the shawarma is lamb and beef thinly shaved off a rotisserie skewer which can be seen in the open-style kitchen. These street-style tacos are backed with bold flavor and a nice subtle sweetness from the glaze.



The tacos paired beautifully with an **El Pablo** brew from **Watermark** made for ANEMEL. Shelly sipped on a margarita on the rocks which didn't have the overpowering tart of margarita bar mix. "We also have a slushymachine for both non-alcohol and regular margaritas," Gabby explained. "Kids love the slushies especially when we line the rim with Pop Rocks candy." How fun! For a truly unique cocktail, check out the **Spicy Paloma** made with mezcal and served in an artistic clay pot replica.

Next up were the **Chicken Katsu Bao Tacos**. Bao buns (pronounced "bow") are warm fluffy buns common in oriental dishes

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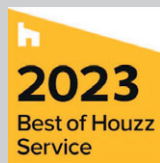


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and they make perfect little pillows for the Chicken Katsu (think gourmet KFC of the Orient), shredded lettuce, cucumbers, lime mayo and a little kick from guajillo pepper. The chicken was very crispy and super juicy, and I loved the fresh crunch of the cucumber slices. Who thinks of an Asian taco? Domo arigatou, mi amigos!

We finished our visit with the **Cheeseburger Quesadilla** which had all the flavors of the "Big Burger" we all grew up on, but without the sesame seeds. The generous portion of hamburger and American cheese was melted in with American fries, onions, house-made pickles, and Heinz ketchup. The concoction is then folded into a giant tortilla, grilled to crispy perfection, and served with their version of "special sauce" known as Big John Sauce for dipping. This is very savory and extremely filling.

Whether you'd call ANEMEL a sandwich shop or a taco joint, you'd be selling it short on both accounts. It has plenty of seating inside as well as an outdoor eating space

right on the roundabout. It's fun to grab a bite and just watch newbies trying to make their first attempt through a roundabout.

**Shelly:** When I come back to Anemel, I am definitely going to try the Ceviche. With the quality of ingredients we experienced, I'm sure it will be scrumptious.

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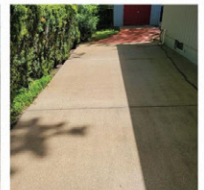
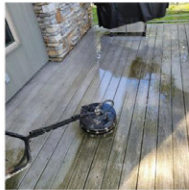
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Located in Dowagiac, Michigan, this historic station is currently served by Amtrak, the national railroad passenger system, and is one way of getting to Cass County. The station was built by the Michigan Central Railroad in 1902 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

**Historical Significance:** The Michigan Central Railroad built a set of tracks providing passenger service through Dowagiac in 1848. A new depot was constructed in the 1870s. The current station, replacing the 1970s station, is the third constructed by the Michigan Railroad in Dowagiac. The architect for the station is not documented but is almost

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certainly the firm of Spier and Rohns. The railway hired contractor M. J. Rogers of Detroit to supervise construction. The building was completed in 1903 and has remained in use as a passenger station since that time. A restoration project took place in 1995.

**Narrative description:** The train depot is a single-story brick Tudor Revival structure trimmed with limestone. The depot consists of two hip roof buildings, one for passengers and one for baggage, connected with a gable roof canopy supported by metal columns. The passenger station has a square two-story tower projecting from the street side and a projecting octagonal ticket office on the track side. The station is accessed through a port cochere and glassed-in entry porch. Hip roof dormers are placed on the roof, and rows of square head windows line the sides of both the passenger station and baggage depot.

Today, there are four high-speed **Amtrak** passenger trains between Chicago, Illinois and Port Huron, Michigan that make daily stops at the historic Dowagiac Train Station. The “Blue Water” train travels from Chicago to Dowagiac in 1 hour and 43 minutes. Amtrak does not provide ticketing or baggage services at the Dowagiac station. These services, schedules, and fares can be found here [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or by calling (800) 872-7245.



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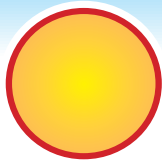


# History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

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# Gilbert Castle

William Bragall Gilbert was an original pioneer of Silver Creek Township. He migrated to Indian Lake in 1839 and had an impact on the development of northwest Cass County. William, also known as "Uncle Tommy", was a farmer. William soon became a land speculator and influenced the development of the resort community. As his descendants intermarried with other original pioneer families, his eventual extended family became very influential in the development of Indian Lake and Silver Creek Township.

William served in the War of 1812 and rose to an Officer ranking. After America won the war, many of its heroic officers were rewarded with land gifts and pensions. William was given 68 acres of land in the wilderness of Michigan along with other officer benefits.

Upon leaving the military, William married Cynthia Sammons in 1815 and began a job of "teaming" in the area between Albany and Buffalo, New York. "Teaming" refers to driving teams of horses pulling wagons or stagecoaches. It was somewhere in these "teaming" days that William was given the nickname of "Uncle Tommy" which stuck with him throughout the remainder of his life.

By 1838, William had not yet visited the Michigan property. Leaving his wife and children in the care of friends back in New York, he traveled to Pokagon Township in Michigan to inspect his government gifted land. He decided the soil, natural resources and the expansive wooded acreage was his "promised land".

He returned home to collect his family and their belongings and convinced some New York neighbors to join him on his relocation to Michigan. They all traveled west to Pokagon Township. Upon arrival, he built a log cabin, while his friends pursued their own plans for settlement. However, the more William learned about the surrounding area, the more intensely his interests shifted to Silver Creek Township.

Within a year after their arrival, William, his wife, and their children settled on the banks of a lake and built a cabin. This lake property was a portion of the 400 acres of land he had purchased from John Wollman. The lake was named Wollman's Lake but was later changed to what we now know as Indian Lake because the Potawatomi people maintained numerous sugar camps there every spring when the sap ran from the Maple trees.

Upon completion of their cabin, William got their farm in working order and started growing enough crops to feed his family. He also began exploring the

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potential of the undeveloped land around him. His plan was to become a land speculator, buying tracts of land by paying the low prices the government used to lure settlers. His strategic plan was to hold the land until eager settlers arrived and were ready to purchase their own property at his now inflated prices.

In 1840, William joined John Wollman to bid for a State of Michigan contract to build a four mile stretch of road between Pokagon Township and the undeveloped area, known as Silver Creek Township, "Town Line Road". This is when he actually started his land speculation by buying property, holding it, and selling at a higher price.

Soon, William or "Uncle Tommy" was beginning to amass a significant financial reserve with his speculating plan. Still living in their meager cabin and practicing frugality at home, he put much of his financial resources into the purchase of more Silver Creek land.

Cynthia made it known to William that the family needed more space and better accommodations... in other words, the family needed to reap some of the benefit of William's success. With the message heard, "Uncle Tommy" began working on plans for a new family home.

"Uncle Tommy" never did things in a small way. William Bragall Gilbert decided to build his wife the

"biggest, fanciest house" in the country. They then sketched the first mansion plans themselves and hired an architect to carry-out their vision.

On a high bluff, on the northeast side of Indian Lake with a dirt road below, skirting the lake, William built what a newspaper reported later coined "Gilbert's Castle". The bluff was near their meager log cabin, and in 1850, when most people were living in pioneer log cabins or simple farmhouses, William was living like a king. It had the whole country abuzz, because (for that era) it was the grandest house in the country. For more information visit [IndianLK.com](http://IndianLK.com)



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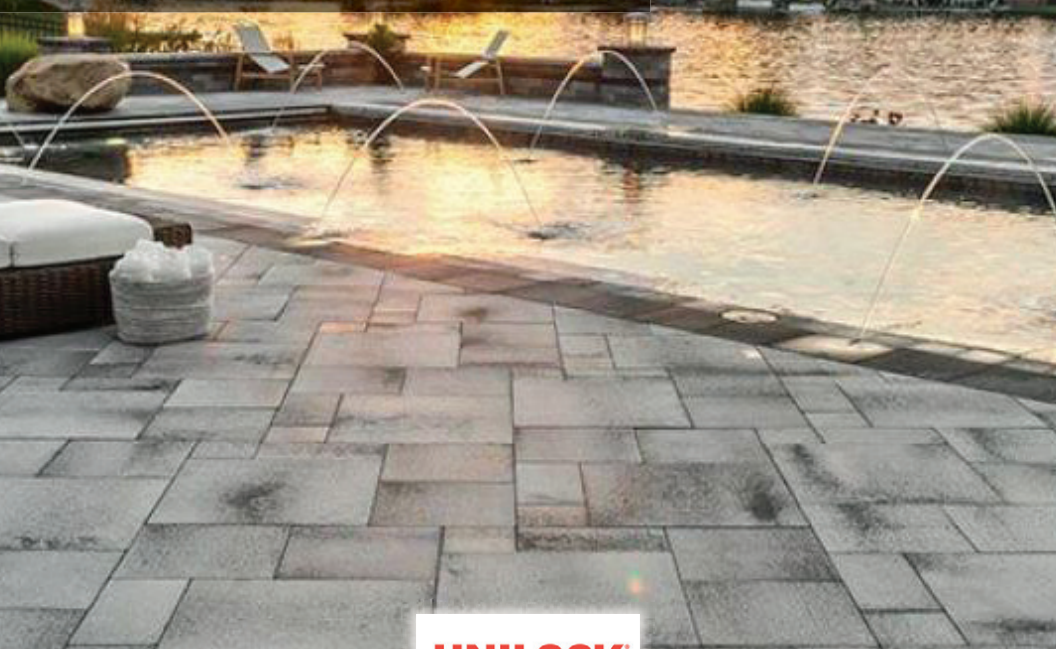
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