



Barley & Rye patrons cheer on bicyclists as they make their way through the first heat of the Mitt Crit, a short event through Barley & Rye, The Mitten and Sportsman's. The race was put on by the Shoreline Cycling Club.

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See video of the bike race and music festival at www.ludingtondailynews.com.

## OKTOBERFEST: 'If you looked at downtown, the streets were lined with people'



Joe Sanders cheers on bikers, including Mark Alexander of Ludington shown here, in the Mitt Crit race around and through downtown Ludington businesses.

Blake Bentz hands out chili to Doug Haan of Grandville in front of The Mitten. Haan and his wife, Laurie, and their friends Jim and Rose Pratt, also of Grandville, were in Ludington Saturday for Oktoberfest, enjoying the chili samples, watching the Mitt Crit bike race, and visiting the Bell's Brewing Co. craft beer and music tent. Downtown businesses offered chili samples as part of a Chili Walk contest.



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Malinda Donnelly of Chicago to Oktoberfest with them.

They were happy Bell's, which they called Michigan's best brewery, had its beers on tap.

"We're big microbrew fan," Malinda said.

"We try to make it to Michigan at least once a year," Mike said.

"It was beyond our expectations," Downtown Ludington Board member and Sportman's/Barley & Rye co-owner Julie Payment said. "We talked to several hotels that were full. If you looked at downtown, the streets were lined with people."

Megan Payment, of The Mitten and Barley & Rye, came up with the new twist on the annual event.

"We needed a different spin to it," Julie said. "People drove two, three, four hours for the music and craft beer festival."

"The Mitt Crit was just wonderful. I know people are coming back for that. The Shoreline Cycling Club put it on and it was a ton of fun," she said.

"Overall, it went very well. The bike race was incredible, it looked like a lot of fun," Megan said.

The music and craft beer festival by Bell's drew 500 people to the tent set up



Seth Bernard & The Family Business was one of six bands that jammed for the Oktoberfest tent crowd Saturday night.



Christina Peck and her fiancé, Scott Quiring, dressed as the Cutters from the 1970s bicycling film "Breaking Away."

next to the Ludington Fire Department.

"That was our minimum goal," Megan said. "We're happy with the turnout for the first year."

With any new event, there are changes to consider.

She said the board is grateful for the partnership with Bell's.

"People identify with that brand," Megan said. "They were a very obvious partner for this type of festival."

Bands played from mid-

afternoon into the night, featuring local musician

Chad Rushing to kick off the night, followed by Gasta, The Northern Skies, The Crane Wives, Seth Bernard & The Family Business, and Rootstand. The crowd danced and sang along to the music.

The bands alone drew a good portion of the crowd.

"A lot of people came just because of those bands," Megan said. "It just added to the atmosphere and the event."



Mike and Malinda Donnelly of Chicago, Jason and Sharon Thurston of Ada, and Sharon's sister, Joanne Toth of Novi, cheer Oktoberfest and the Thurstons' anniversary Saturday.

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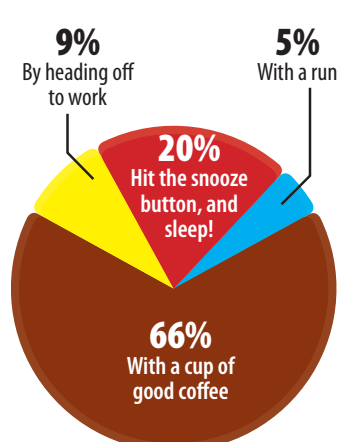
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