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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

EVENTS IN OUR AREA

**APRIL 3**

**FOREST SCHOOL** for Knee-High Naturalists, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Doolittle County Park, N 112th Ave., Hart  
**DR. SEUSS'S** The Cat in the Hat: Live on Stage, 7 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon

**APRIL 4**

**BOHEMIAN QUEEN**, 9 - 10:30 p.m., Little River Casino Resort, 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee  
**MUSKEGON FARMERS** Market - Winter Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 242 W. Western Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 5**

**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 6**

**WSSC WIND** Symphony and Drumline, 7:30 p.m., Manistee HS Auditorium, 525 12th St., Manistee  
**THE LANGUAGE** of Women exhibit, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee

**APRIL 7**

**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**FREE PLANETARIUM** Show: Unseen Universe, 7 - 7:35 p.m., Carr-Fles Planetarium, 221 S. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon  
**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 9**

**WSSC HUMANKIND** Series: If the Declaration of Independence could talk, what story would it tell?, 7 p.m., Mason County Research Center, 130 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington  
**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

**APRIL 10**

**WESTSIDE SOUL** Surfers, 7 p.m., Reception Gallery - Frauenthal Center, 425 W. Western Ave., Muskegon  
**LACA 10-MINUTE** Play Festival: Tales from the Stage, 7:30 p.m., Bob and Kay Neal Performance Hall, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**FOREST SCHOOL** for Knee-High Naturalists, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Doolittle County Park, N 112th Ave., Hart

**APRIL 11**

**6TH ANNUAL** Ace Race - Disc Golf, 10 a.m., First Street Beach, 445 River St., Manistee  
**LACA 10-MINUTE** Play Festival: Tales from the Stage, 7:30 p.m., Bob and Kay Neal Performance Hall, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**MUSKEGON FARMERS** Market - Winter Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 242 W. Western Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 12**

**LACA 10-MINUTE** Play Festival: Tales from the Stage, 2 p.m., Bob and Kay Neal Performance Hall, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**WALK A** Mile in Her Shoes, 1 - 4 p.m., Starting at KRAVE Frozen Yogurt and Drink Shoppe, 103 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

**APRIL 14**

**WSSC CONCERT** Choir, 7:30 p.m., Center Stage Theater, WSSC, 3000 N. Stiles Rd., Scottville  
**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**FREE PLANETARIUM** Show: Unseen Universe, 7 - 7:35 p.m., Carr-Fles Planetarium, 221 S. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon  
**HOMESCHOOL DAYS** at the Museum: Nature in Your Backyard, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Muskegon Museum of History and Science, 420 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon  
**TITANIC: A** Story in Artifacts, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Hackley Public Library, 316 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 15**

**THE MUSKEGON** Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Walking Tour, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Muskegon Museum of History and Science, 430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon  
**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 16**

**WSSC JAZZ** Ensemble I and II, 7:30 p.m., Center Stage Theater, WSSC, 3000 N. Stiles Rd., Scottville  
**ECHOS ON** the Water: The Story of the Lakeside Inn and White Lake's Resorts, 6 - 7 p.m., Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business and Industry, 561 W. Western Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 17**

**GUITAR ROMANCE**, 7:30 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Muskegon  
**VOGUE FILM** Series: Interstellar (2014), 7 p.m., The Vogue Theater, 383 River St., Manistee

**FOREST SCHOOL** for Knee-High Naturalists, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Doolittle County Park, N 112th Ave., Hart

**APRIL 18**

**VARO STRING** Quartet - Classical Chamber, 7:30 p.m., The Block, 360 W. Western Ave., Muskegon  
**27TH ANNUAL** Lake Jump benefitting West Shore Amateur Hockey Association, 11 a.m., Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Dr., Ludington  
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**THE MUSKEGON** Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Walking Tour, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Muskegon Museum of History and Science, 430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon  
**WORLD BALLET** Company: Cinderella, 7 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon  
**MUSKEGON FARMERS** Market - Winter Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 242 W. Western Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 19**

**THE BOOK** of Life - Free Family Movie Day, 3 p.m., Frauenthal Theater Stage, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon  
**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 21**

**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
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**APRIL 22**

**WEST SHORE** Stories, 12:30 p.m., WSSC Library, 3000 N. Stiles Rd., Scottville  
**OLD-TIME HOME** Movies, 6 p.m., Lake County Historical Museum, 915 N. Michigan Ave., Baldwin  
**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

**APRIL 23**

**NORTH MUSKEGON** Choirs Present: Time for Norse 2026, 7:30 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon

**MODES OF** Abstraction exhibit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 24**

**NORTH MUSKEGON** Choirs Present: Time for Norse 2026, 7:30 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon  
**LUDINGTON'S GOT** Talent, 6 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington  
**FOREST SCHOOL** for Knee-High Naturalists, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Doolittle County Park, N 112th Ave., Hart  
**PETER ANTONIOU** - The "Pretty Psychic" Tour, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., The Playhouse at White Lake, 304 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall  
**ON TAP** and Uncorked, 6 - 9 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 25**

**EARTH DAY** Celebration 2026, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., United Methodist Church of Ludington, 5810 E. Bryant Rd., Ludington  
**CROWNS AND** Capes, 1 - 3 p.m., Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts, 101 Maple St., Manistee  
**DISNEY MUSICAL** Theatre - A Friend Like Me, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., The Playhouse at White Lake, 304 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall  
**MUSKEGON FARMERS** Market - Winter Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 242 W. Western Ave., Muskegon  
**ASTRONOMY DAY** Star Party, 8 p.m., Muskegon Astronomical Society, 702 N. Maple Island Rd., Muskegon

**APRIL 26**

**TRASH BASH** Community Clean Up, 1 - 4 p.m., meet at Chamber Depot, 124 E. Hanson St., Whitehall  
**POW! THE** Art of Comics exhibit, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

**APRIL 28**

**FREE PLANETARIUM** Show: Unseen Universe, 7 - 7:35 p.m., Carr-Fles Planetarium, 221 S. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon

**APRIL 30**

**ANASTASIA THE** Musical, 7:30 p.m., Frauenthal Theater, 425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200, Muskegon

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# 6 Easter egg coloring tips

Coloring Easter eggs is a time-honored tradition dating back more than 2,500 years. There is evidence that people living in the ancient settlement of Trypillia dyed eggs. Ancient Persians also were believed to paint eggs for Nowruz (Per-

sian New Year).

Christians adopted similar traditions to symbolize aspects of the Easter story. Originally Christians dyed eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross, according to Chase Oaks

Church. Good Housekeeping reports early Christian missionaries adapted the dying tradition to include more egg colors to represent different aspects of the Easter story. Yellow represented the resurrection, blue represented love

and red remained a symbol of Christ's blood.

Whether families dye eggs to symbolize the Easter miracle or simply for fun, the following are some coloring tips to enhance the process.

1. Prevent cracked eggs.

Most colored eggs are hard-boiled. To prevent cracking during the boiling process, add a teaspoon of vinegar and a tablespoon of salt to the boiling water. Additional anti-cracking measures include rubbing half a lemon on each shell before boiling.

2. Boil eggs and cool completely. It takes roughly 10 minutes to hard-boil an egg. Fill a pot with enough water to submerge the eggs, then bring it to a boil over medium-high heat. Gently lower the eggs into the water with a slotted spoon. Cover, reduce the heat to a simmer, and cook for 10 minutes. Drain the eggs and cool in a bowl of water or run under cold tap water.

3. Don't forget the vinegar. Whether you use colored dye tablets or drops of food coloring from the pantry, use a mix of water and vinegar in the coloring solution. According to Education.com, food coloring is an acid dye and bonds using hydrogen. This chemical process only works in an acidic environment. Vinegar is added to water to make it more acidic and help the dyes adhere more strongly to the eggs and produce brighter

colors.

4. Stick to white eggs. Stores sell both brown and white eggs. The species of chicken determines whether the eggs will be white or brown. When coloring eggs, it might be better to purchase white eggs, as the dyes will show up more vividly on the white shells.

5. Create distinctive designs. By covering portions of the bare eggs before dipping into color, people can create unique designs. Things like masking tape, rubber bands, wax (or crayons), and even twine can be used. The dye will only take on the uncovered areas, leaving white behind.

6. Dyes are not the only way to color eggs. Everything from watercolor paint to acrylics to decoupage can be used to cover eggs in vivid colors. Egg decorators also can use colored yarns, fabric or stickers. Search for creative materials to set Easter eggs apart this year.

Coloring eggs is a popular Easter tradition, and there are many ways to ensure this beloved activity produces beautiful results.



# Save some money on travel

Many people are feeling the pinch of a higher cost of living, as prices for everything from food to gasoline to utilities have increased over the last few years. Some individuals are being much more budget-conscious and scaling back their discretionary spending. Travel may have fallen victim to this perfect storm of rising costs and personal financial austerity.

Rather than giving up travel altogether, which can be a detriment to personal health and well-being, individuals concerned about vacation costs can look to ways to save some money.

• Avoid checked-bag fees. Packing light can help travelers avoid paying extra for checked baggage or overage fees on heavy suitcases. Maximize space in carry-ons so you won't need to confront higher costs at the airport.

• Use a flight search aggregator. Sites like Google Flights will pull together several flight options based on the criteria entered. This helps customers figure out where they can get the best deals on flights. Flying out

of an airport that's a little further away may help travelers save some money.

• Travel off-season. Avoiding peak seasons for certain desirable destinations will help travelers save on everything from transportation to accommodations. Furthermore, tourists will be less plentiful when the season isn't at its peak.

• Travel at off-peak times. Similar to traveling off-season, try booking trips earlier in the week, as Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday could translate to better deals on flights and hotel rooms.

• Utilize a mileage credit card. Credit cards often have built-in perks. Some give cash-back on a percentage of money spent while others geared toward travel may offer airline mileage or discounts on hotels or resorts. For those who will be spending anyway, it can pay to use a card that will reward that spending on travel.

• Sign up for a loyalty program. Hotel chains may waive certain fees for loyalty members. Often loyalty clubs are simple to sign up for and in-

clude perks like extended check-in or check-out times, meal vouchers or even discounted rates.

• Consider an Airbnb. The debate over the merits of a traditional hotel

or an Airbnb continues. While one is not inherently cheaper than the other, an Airbnb could be a better bet for large families or those traveling with extra people. That's because

Airbnb lodgings may have extra square footage that prevents the need to secure two or more hotel rooms. Also, being able to cook some meals on premises will reduce dining ex-

penses in the long run.

Many are concerned with travel costs. However, by exploring money-saving tips, it's possible to enjoy an affordable getaway.



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**Saturday, April 18th @ 10:00AM**

**Grant Comm Center**

**105 S. Front St. Grant, MI 49327 (Newaygo Co)**

**Farm Toy, Literature & Memorabilia Live/Online Auction**

Do you have Farm Toys, Signs, Vintage Tractor & Equipment Brochures, Dealership Bullet Pencils, Tractor Collectibles or related items you'd like to sell? 150+ lots as of now.

**Inspection & Drop-off:** Friday, April 17 12PM-6PM.

**Bidding Ends: Tuesday, April 21st**  
**Wayland, MI (Allegan Co)**

**Online Auction Private Collection of 40 Rifles & Shotguns including:**

Underwood M1 Carbine; Nazi Mauser 98; Sev US Springfield 1903s; Rem UMC 10A 12ga; Russian Nagants; Win 70 .300 Win Mag; .22 Hornet single; .17 HMR falling block; (10) Win, Rem & Ruger .22 rifles; 12, 16 & 20ga shotguns & more  
Owner: Helen Gardner



**Saturday, April 25th @ 10:00AM**

**3755 Squires Rd. Conklin, MI 49403 (Muskegon Co)**

**Live/Online Farm Auction**

w/1975 IHC 1466 Turbo diesel; 1959 Farmall 460 gas; 1960 IHC 460 Utility; 1937 Farmall F-12; 1980 International 1955 diesel semi; Line of Farm Equipment; Tractors parts & more **Excellent Equipment!**

Owners: Jack & June Link



**Thursday, April 30th @ 10:00AM**

**15196 Fruit Ridge Ave. Kent City, MI 49330 (Kent Co)**

**Live Farm Auction**

w/2016 Dodge Ram 2500 Laramie Heavy Duty 4X4 diesel (1-owner); 2004 Cedar Creek 36RLTS Custom Lite 5th wheel camper (1-owner); Case 430 Series III diesel skid steer; 1968 JD 2020 gas w/loader; JD 2020U gas; Farmall H; Farmall Cub; Line of older farm equipment; Shop & Yard Tools  
Owner: Dolly Pike



**Thursday, May 7th @ 10:00AM**

**6780 Fighter Rd. Freeport, MI 49325 (Barry Co)**

**Live Auction**

w/2013 Kubota B3200 HSD diesel 4X4 w/loader & backhoe (1-owner); 2015 Harley Davidson Tri Glide Ultra 3-wheeled touring motorcycle; Polaris Sportsman 400 4X4 quad; Boats; Trailers; Reloading & Gunsmith Shop; Guns; Shop & Lawn Tools **Large Auction 3- Auctioneers all day!**

Owner: Janet Endres



**Thursday, May 14th @ 10:00AM**

**2179 14 Mile Rd. Sparta, MI 49345 (Kent Co)**

**Live Auction**

w/2021 JD 2038R diesel 4x4 w/loader & backhoe (1-owner); 2014 Kubota RTV X1120D diesel w/Boss snowplow (1-owner); Harley Davidson Softail; Yardbeast 4521 Commercial Grade gas wood chipper (1-owner); Car hauler trailer; Guns; Workshop full of quality Shop Tools & Yard Equipment. **High Quality Auction!**  
Owner: Alma Bouwens



**Saturday, May 23rd @ 10:00AM**

**1446 5 Mile Rd. Remus, MI 49340 (Mecosta Co)**

**Live Auction**

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**Thursday, May 28th @ 10:00AM**

**7953 S Baldwin Ave. Newaygo, MI 49337 (Newaygo Co)**

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