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Manistee County hamlet small in size, not in spirit

BY DAVID L. BARBER

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There is an old axiom that humorously forewarns a person whenever he or she is passing through a small town: “Don’t blink, or you’ll miss it.”

Located in the northern-most throes of the LakeStyle area – nestled in the northern parts of Manistee County, to be precise – Bear Lake is small, alright. Some might even compare it to the quaint and quiet fictional TV town that everybody loved, Mayberry, home to Andy, Barney, Opie, and well, you know the rest.

But for all its charm and character – for all the friendliness it spawns – maybe Bear Lake really is a real-life Mayberry.

There are no stoplights in Bear Lake, no fast-food restaurants that feature drive-through windows, either. There’s but a few gas stations/convenience stores, only a few blocks make up its “downtown area,” and as it was at the popular TV Cheers bar theme song told us, it’s a place

“where everybody knows your name.”

Located in the center of Bear Lake is the “don’t blink-size” Hopkins Park Campground, which features a modest 30 campsites, bathrooms and showers, a playground and swimming area. Pets are allowed and there’s even a Tom Sawyer-like rope swing that hangs from a tree and swings out over the lake.

The lake, itself – Bear Lake – is a popular 1,740-acre all-season recreational lake that features two boat launches and the shallow lake is just over 23-feet deep in its deepest areas.

Located in the northern half of Manistee County about 15 miles north of Manistee and five miles from Lake Michigan shores, Bear Lake enjoys a sustained population of about 340 residents. Its main roadway, US 31, cuts through the center of this tiny village with the big heart, a village that is sprinkled with its share of businesses and industry, many of which are rooted in agriculture, fruit production and tourism. Shouldered by both the Manistee National Forest and Pere Marquette State Forest, Bear Lake also has long been a go-to destination for hunters and fishermen. Bear Lake Days, the community’s most popular summer

festival, is typically held in mid July, but perhaps it is best known for its annual Sparkle in the Park, a colorful display of Christmas lights that are strung throughout Hopkins Park. Visitors from all across the state brave the winter weather to drive through the display that grows from year to year from Thanksgiving to New Years.

The scenic 18-hole Wolf River Golf Park is located at the southern edge of the village on US 31, a course that is routinely visited by various wildlife including deer, and that red-tailed hawks and eagles glide over. No matter where you park in Bear Lake, the pan fish-friendly lake, itself, is always within walking distance – it’s right there to be fished, swam in, boated atop of or just appreciated for the beauty it brings to the area.

And this little community – this peaceful hamlet – is uniquely located in an area that is surrounded with intertwining hiking trails, bubbling fishing streams, family-friendly and challenging ski hills, and more. It is surrounded, too, with unique histories. The Kaleva Glass House Museum, constructed in 1941 with more than 60,000 bottles, is located 11 miles to the east; the Ramsdell Theatre where legendary actor James Earl Jones began his career, is just a short drive back to the south back in Manistee; the coastal community of Arcadia which is even smaller than Bear Lake and is the childhood home of aviation heroine Harriet Quimby, is 14 miles to the west; and the fabled Sleeping Bear Dunes jaunts out of the Lake Michigan shoreline 37 miles to the north.





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GET LOST IN A

CORN MAZE

this fall

BY CRISTINA JUSKA

Corn mazes have become synonymous with autumn festivities in West Michigan, especially around Halloween. They are a staple of rural entertainment and community bonding. But did you know that they have ancient roots?

The concept of mazes dates back thousands of years. Ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians built labyrinths for spiritual, mythological and recreational purposes. The famous Greek myth of the Minotaur is one of the earliest maze stories.

The first full-size corn maze was created in 1993 by Earl

Beal in Annville, Pennsylvania. Inspired by his father's amusement park maze designs, Beal transformed his cornfield into a large-scale attraction with multiple paths and a tractor ride.

Corn mazes quickly became popular in North America as a seasonal agritourism activity. Farms began using them to



attract visitors during the fall harvest season, often pairing them with hayrides, petting zoos and pumpkin patches.

The layout of corn mazes can range from simple paths to elaborate designs featuring pop culture icons, patriotic themes or historical events. Some even tell stories or form scannable QR codes.

Modern corn mazes are often designed using GPS technology. Instead of cutting paths after the corn grows, some farms now plant corn in patterns by omitting seeds along the maze's planned route.

Mazes can span from two acres to much larger. The largest recorded

corn maze, as of 2022, was 65.8 acres in Quebec, Canada.

The deeper roots of maze-making

Mazes in general - not just those made with corn - are rooted in centuries-old puzzle-making. The earliest labyrinths appeared more than 4,000 years ago in Crete, Egypt and Italy, often for ceremonial or meditative purposes. Unlike today's mazes with multiple dead ends, ancient labyrinths usually had one continuous path leading to the center.

By the 16th and 17th centuries,

elaborate hedge mazes became a mark of wealth among European nobility, gracing the formal gardens of estates in England, France and Italy. In the 18th and 19th centuries, they expanded into public parks and fairs, becoming entertainment for all social classes.

When maze-making reached North America, it adapted to the local agricultural landscape. Corn — with its tall stalks and seasonal growth — was perfect for creating temporary mazes. The 1993 Pennsylvania corn maze sparked a boom in agritourism, leading farms across the U.S. and Canada to create annual designs to draw visitors.





Corn maze curiosities

▪ **RECORD BREAKERS:** The Guinness World Record for the largest permanent corn maze belongs to Cool Patch Pumpkins in Dixon, California, at more than 60 acres. Quebec's 65.8-acre maze holds the largest recorded seasonal design.

▪ **HIGH-TECH DESIGN:** Many farms now use GPS mapping and drones to create intricate shapes, logos and themed images visible from above.

▪ **SEASONAL VARIETY:** Because corn is replanted every year, most farms redesign their mazes annually, ensuring a fresh challenge for returning visitors.

▪ **BEYOND FUN:** Some mazes are designed for education, incorporating farm facts, history lessons or scavenger hunts. Others turn spooky after dark with haunted attractions.

▪ **ANIMAL INSTINCTS:** Dogs, goats and even deer have been known to wander into mazes and find their way out more quickly than humans — often ignoring the official paths.

CORN MAZES TO VISIT IN OUR AREA

Benzie County: Nugent Orchards
- 5565 Demerly Road, Benzonia
www.nugentorchards.com

In addition to a family-friendly corn maze, Nugent Orchards offers hay rides, a pumpkin patch, u-pick apples, donuts, cider and a farm market. Their maze offers a wide pathway to accommodate wagons, strollers and wheelchairs, and they pack the dirt into a hard surface for easier access. Their fall season runs Sept. 13 through Oct. 26 on the weekends.

Manistee County: Calvin Lutz Farms - 8576 Chief Rd., Kaleva
www.calvinlutzfarms.com

Calvin Lutz farms offers a Who-ville-themed corn maze on weekends in October, along with a pumpkin patch and a farm market. U-pick pumpkins are available at the Who-ville location along with seasonal squash for sale. After Thanksgiving, you can head there for your Christmas trees and wreaths.

Mason County: Orchard Market - 8418 N US Highway 31, Free Soil
orchardmarket.us/

Orchard Market's Farm Fun Days are Saturdays and Sundays in October with a four-acre maze, wagon rides across their farm and through the haunted forest, apple cannons and U-Pick pumpkins. The fall harvest is on with many varieties of apples, squash, pumpkins and cabbage. Their bakery features many

fall delights, such as apple-cinnamon and pumpkin donuts, apple slab pies, caramel apple muffins, pumpkin muffins, and pumpkin and carrot cake rolls.

Mecosta County: Four Green Fields Farm - 15693 Wilson Road, Rodney
www.fourgreenfieldsfarm.com

Four Green Fields offers an eight-acre corn maze, u-pick pumpkins and wagon rides. This is the 17th anniversary of their corn maze, and they have not raised prices on their maze, pumpkin patch or and horse-drawn wagon rides since they opened in 2007 (see details on their website). On Friday and Saturday nights in October, they haunt the maze for those brave souls not afraid of what lurks in a dark corn field.

Oceana County: Lewis Adventure Farm and Zoo - 4180 W M 20, New Era
www.lewisadventurefarm.com

Last season, Lewis Farms did a maze honoring their 20th Anniversary. This year they are doing a maze to honor Aiden Hutchinson and the Detroit Lions. Their corn maze is open Sept. 5- Oct. 31. The maze is included with general admission at Lewis Adventure Farm & Zoo. Special fall events include live music, juggling, disc dogs, lumberjacks and more; see details on their website.



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*'Tis the season
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**BY DAVID L. BARBER
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You can mark it on the calendar that the best time of the year to take in the autumn colors in western and northern Michigan is early and mid October.

And that usually works – weather permitting, of course.

But perhaps the best thing you can do is just to look out the window – if the summer-green leaves have turned bright orange, yellow, red, gold and more, well, autumn has arrived.

Keep an eye on the thermometer,

too – cooler nighttime temperatures are a must for colors to become vibrant and breathtaking. (Dry and warmer weather, on the other hand, tends to make things dull and dingy.)

Keep in mind that areas along the lakeshore – Muskegon, Pentwater, Ludington, Manistee and the such – tend to stay a bit warmer and might experience colors that peak a few days or weeks later in the calendar year.

So, you've looked out the window and you see a rainbow of colors? What roads might you take to make the most out of your color tour?

That's easy – take the roads less traveled.

In other words, drive the backroads, the hilly roads, the curvy roads, and the such. Drive the roads where barns outnumber billboards. Just so you know, the LakeStyle coverage area includes Muskegon, Oceana, Mason and Lake counties, and we're happy to say those areas have a patchwork of roads that will help you make the most of your color tour.

That said, there are areas all around the LakeStyle coverage area that will provide the same seasonal eye-popping experiences.



But wherever you go, don't hurry. Be prepared to pull off to the side of the road – safely, of course – to take in all that has and will be painted by Mother Nature right there in front of you.

Back roads? Side roads? One of our favorites – especially during a colorful autumn – is Business 31 that runs north/south through Muskegon, Oceana and Mason counties. Locally, that road is known as Oceana Drive – among a few other names – as it winds its way from Hart, to New Era, to Shelby and more.

Other great autumn roadtrips include M-37 through Newaygo, White Cloud, Baldwin and Mesick farther on to the north, and one of the very best color tours you can take – a national poll supported this a few years back



– is to drive M-22 from Manistee, to Onkama, to Frankfort and on, to and through Leelanau County.

According to Pure Michigan “... there's something special about fall foliage drives. The air seems crisper, the colors appear more vibrant and there's a sweet smell in the air that lures you to pumpkin patches and apple orchards. The 185-mile loop between Manistee, Cadillac and Ludington is perfect for an amazing adventure.”

Pure Michigan continues – and agrees with us here at LakeStyle – that with the M-22 color tour “... you have the lake on one side of the road and the forest-lined Michigan landscape on the other, making it one of the country's most awesome autumn leaf-peeping drives!”

But there are many other roads less traveled that you just might want to travel to make the most of your color tour in the next few weeks and months.

Traveling east to west – or vice versa



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Michigan fall leaf color identification chart

			
bright red	yellow/gold	orange	mixed/varied
Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>), scarlet oak (<i>Quercus coc-cinea</i>), northern pin oak (<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>)	Tulip poplar (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>), pignut hickory (<i>Carya glabra</i>)	Sugar maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>), pignut hickory (<i>Carya glabra</i>)	Many maples and oaks, especially sugar maple, which can show red, orange and yellow on the same tree

– US 10 between Clare, Reed City, Baldwin, Scottville and Ludington, can offer spectacular autumn wonders.

So can traveling M-55 between Manistee, Wellston and Cadillac.

One of the very best places to get a bird’s-eye view of the autumn colors when they peak is at M-22 roadside lookout just north of Arcadia, known

as Inspiration Point. That lookout, standing tall over 800 feet above the Lake Michigan coast line, allows the visitor to look miles into the colorful horizon, while at the same time, watch massive freighters as they pass by on the great lake below. But be forewarned, there is a 120-step lookout that you’ll have to negotiate if you

really want to see what lies below you, from the highest perch possible.

But if for some reason you are unable to take a road trip through a western and northern Michigan autumn wonderland this year, don’t lose too much sleep – those senses-teasing colors will come to you.

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HONORING MUSKEGON'S WARTIME SPIRIT



One of the exhibits includes this display of Air Raid paraphernalia.

“HOME FRONT HEROES” EXHIBIT MARKS 80 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WWII

BY LOIS TOMASZEWSKI

Shoreline Media Executive Editor

MUSKEGON — An exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of History and Science invites visitors to step back in time and experience the courage, determination, and unity that defined life on the home front during World War II. For some guests, the exhibit evokes memories of that time in history and for others it is a tutorial on how life at home during that war meant making sacrifices and helping the war effort as much as possible.

Running now through January 10, 2026, the *Home Front Heroes* exhibit commemorates the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, spotlighting Muskegon County’s vital contributions to victory overseas — and the equally important efforts of those who served from their neighborhoods, factories, and farms.

Through immersive displays, historical artifacts, and personal narratives, the exhibit reveals the many ways Muskegon residents worked together to support the war effort. These artifacts include a plethora of Wartime posters urging citizens to support the war effort in a number of ways or the examples of how rationing of products like sugar and coffee helped drive the war effort.

Industry turns to war production

When the nation called, Muskegon answered. Local companies like Continental Motors and area foundries retooled their operations to supply essential wartime equipment, producing engines, parts, and machinery that fueled the Allied forces, according to the display narrative. Archival photographs and original equipment on display offer a glimpse into the industrial heartbeat that powered Muskegon’s wartime economy.

This theme is well supported by local history. During the war years, Muskegon’s factories became hubs of defense production, turning out parts and

machinery critical to the success of Allied forces overseas. The city’s manufacturing capacity earned it a reputation as a key contributor to the “Arsenal of Democracy.”

As noted in the museum’s March 2025 newsletter, the wartime production surge didn’t end when peace returned — it sparked a post-war industrial boom, launching Muskegon into what museum curators describe as a “golden era” of local manufacturing.

Community action on the home front

The war effort extended far beyond the factory floor. The exhibit explores the day-to-day patriotism of residents who planted victory gardens, joined scrap metal drives, adhered to rationing, and volunteered with the Red Cross. Muskegon County’s citizens rolled up their sleeves — whether they were donating blood, knitting socks for soldiers, or writing letters to loved ones overseas. What was happening in Muskegon County was also happening throughout western Michigan and beyond.

These civic actions mirrored real efforts recorded in local history. Scrap drives and blood donation campaigns regularly mobilized hundreds of residents, while neighborhood victory gardens supplemented rationed food supplies. Even children participated, collecting tin foil and rubber for reuse, as the exhibit demonstrates.

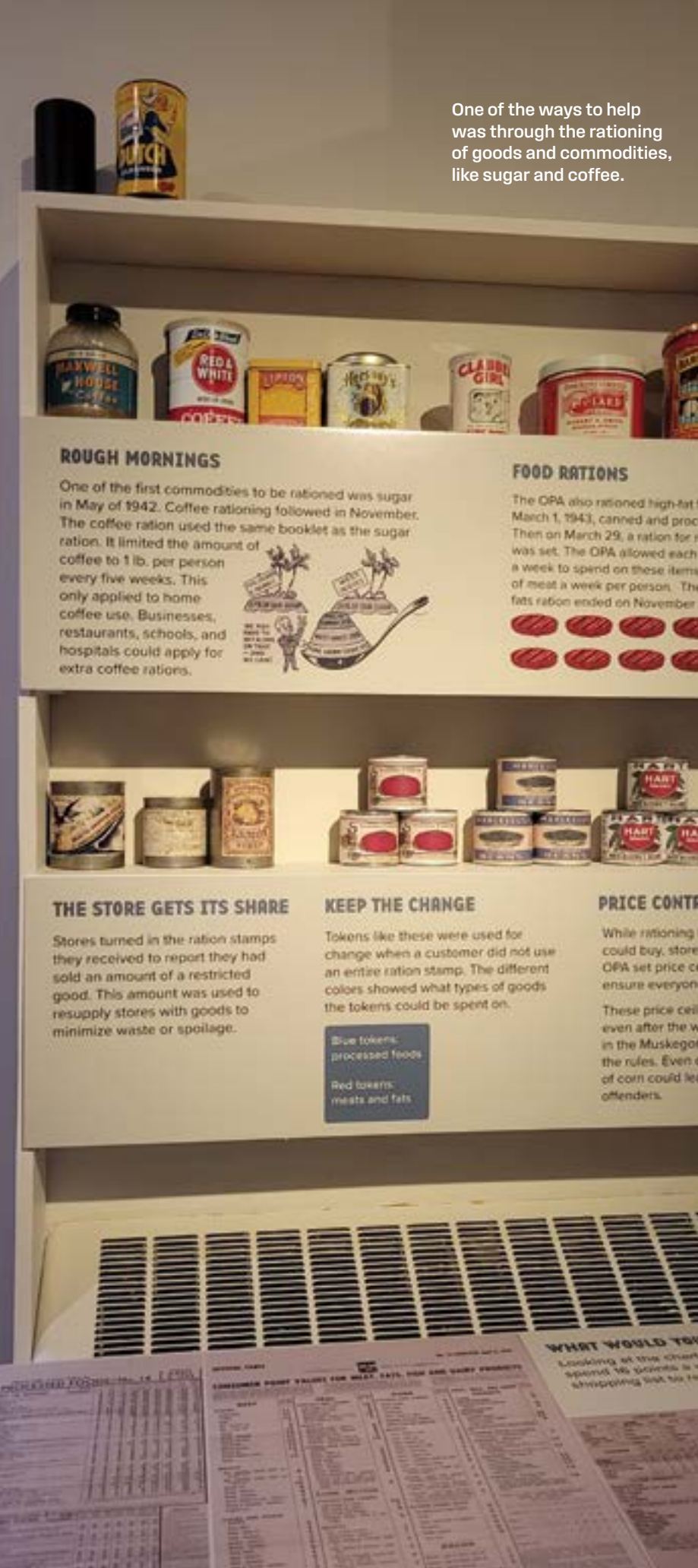
Personal stories, lasting impact

More than just a collection of artifacts, Home Front Heroes tells the human stories behind the statistics. Visitors can read first-hand accounts from local men and women whose lives were shaped by the war — some on the front lines of production, others keeping households and communities running during uncertain times.



This is a woman’s Red Cross uniform worn by a local woman who helped the war effort at home.

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LOIS TOMASZEWSKI



One of the ways to help was through the rationing of goods and commodities, like sugar and coffee.

ROUGH MORNINGS

One of the first commodities to be rationed was sugar in May of 1942. Coffee rationing followed in November. The coffee ration used the same booklet as the sugar ration. It limited the amount of coffee to 1 lb. per person every five weeks. This only applied to home coffee use. Businesses, restaurants, schools, and hospitals could apply for extra coffee rations.



FOOD RATIONS

The OPA also rationed high-fat foods. On March 1, 1943, canned and processed meats were rationed. Then on March 29, a ration for meat was set. The OPA allowed each person a week to spend on these items of meat a week per person. The fats ration ended on November 1, 1943.



THE STORE GETS ITS SHARE

Stores turned in the ration stamps they received to report they had sold an amount of a restricted good. This amount was used to resupply stores with goods to minimize waste or spoilage.

KEEP THE CHANGE

Tokens like these were used for change when a customer did not use an entire ration stamp. The different colors showed what types of goods the tokens could be spent on.



PRICE CONTROLS

While rationing was in effect, the OPA set price controls to ensure everyone could buy the goods they needed.

These price controls were in effect even after the war. In the Muskegon area, the rules were strict. Even if you had a lot of money, you could not buy more than your ration allowed.

The broader historical record also reveals unique local stories. German prisoners of war, held in camps across Michigan, were sent to work on Muskegon-area farms, forging unexpected bonds with the families they labored alongside. These moments of shared humanity add nuance to the understanding of Muskegon's wartime years.

The rationale for housing POWs in American communities, like those in Muskegon and Oceana counties was that it was easier to ensure that prisoners were properly housed according to the 1929 Geneva Convention. With limited space in the United Kingdom, the secure, remote locations far from combat allowed for humane conditions, including decent housing, adequate food, and the option for paid, non-military labor.

In an article in the Smithsonian Magazine, with millions of U.S. men serving overseas, labor shortages became critical; POWs were assigned to agriculture, forestry, and other civilian sectors — roles legally permitted so long as they did not directly support combat operations. Their fair treatment also served as propaganda, encouraging other enemy troops to surrender, according to the Smithsonian Magazine article.

“We are thrilled to be able to honor the everyday heroes of Muskegon who made such an impact during these transformative years,” said Melissa Horton, executive director of the Lakeshore Museum Center in a January press release announcing the exhibit. “Their sacrifices and contributions helped to ensure that our country, our community, and our freedoms would prevail.”

The exhibit will remain on display until January 10.

Plan your visit

The Home Front Heroes exhibit is on view at the Muskegon Museum of History and Science, 430 W. Clay Ave. Admission is free for Muskegon County residents and Lakeshore Museum Center members, and \$5 for non-residents. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit lakeshore-museum.org.

Muskegon's WWII Home Front Timeline

Key local contributions from 1941–1945

1941 – Following the U.S. entry into WWII, Muskegon factories—including Continental Motors—begin retooling to produce aircraft and tank engines, propellers, and other military equipment.

1942 – Local residents organize large-scale scrap metal and rubber drives. Schools participate in collecting tin foil, and neighborhood victory gardens take root across the county.

1943 – The Red Cross expands Muskegon County blood drives, sending thousands of pints to military hospitals. Knitting circles produce socks, scarves, and sweaters for troops overseas.

1944 – German prisoners of war arrive in Michigan and are sent to Muskegon-area farms, where they help harvest crops during labor shortages. Many local families recall friendly interactions with the POWs.

1945 – As the war ends, Muskegon celebrates victory with parades and community gatherings. Factories transition back to civilian production, but the wartime spirit of unity leaves a lasting mark on the community.

This collage of wartime posters served to motivate locals to do what they could to help the cause.



Thanksgiving Traditions in Western Michigan:

A Glimpse Back 100 Years

BY LOIS TOMASZEWSKI
Shoreline Media Executive Editor

One hundred years ago, Thanksgiving in western Michigan blended church, community, sport and the comforts of home in ways that still feel familiar. While times have changed, the warmth of Thanksgiving is still an important part of the community and for many, is one of their most favorite holidays.

The week typically began with union church services, where congregations gathered for a shared sermon and the reading of the presidential proclamation. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge set Thursday, Nov. 26, as the national day of thanksgiving — language that local papers reprinted in the days before the holiday.

Prior to a law being passed by Congress on December 26, 1941 and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every presi-

dent would issue a proclamation designating the day Thanksgiving would be celebrated by the nation. The resolution ensured there would be a unified national holiday.

Holiday entertainment reached beyond the pews and parlor. In Muskegon, theater pages promoted special Thanksgiving matinees and evening shows. In Manistee, the Ramsdell Theatre had just been

outfitted with new motion-picture projection equipment by the spring of 1925 and hosted cinema programs that drew families during the holiday week.

Football anchored Thanksgiving afternoon, from high-school rivalries to college games that filled bleachers even in raw weather. And for many families, the week also meant time outdoors. Michigan's



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regular firearm deer season shifted to Nov. 15–30 starting in 1925, placing Thanksgiving squarely inside the season and making “up north” deer camp part of the rhythm for countless households.

At home, menus mirrored grocery and butcher promotions of the era: turkeys, geese and ducks alongside oysters used for stuffing and stews. Society and “locals” columns recorded who hosted dinner, who arrived by rail, and which cousins stayed through the weekend, creating a mosaic of community life across the region.

For Ludington, the Ludington Daily News issues from Nov. 20–27, 1925, contain the week’s church notices, grocery ads and social columns that documented many of the customs that were common in the region. For many – even today – it is the family meal that often gets the star-billing for Thanksgiving.

In 1925, a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people likely cost between \$3 and \$5, based on grocery prices of the time. Adjusted for inflation, that’s about \$55 to \$90 in today’s money. In 2024, the American Farm Bureau Federation estimated the average cost of a similar meal at \$58.08, or about \$5.80 per person. That means the cost of putting Thanksgiving dinner on the table has stayed surprisingly close over the past 100 years when you account for inflation.

The holiday table in 1925 looked both familiar and different to modern eyes. Period cookbooks, women’s magazines such as Good Housekeeping, and late-November grocery ads in West Michigan newspapers show that the centerpiece was a roast turkey, often smaller than today’s birds at around 8 to 12 pounds, served with giblet gravy. Oyster stuffing was a hallmark of the era, with oysters

widely shipped on ice and inexpensive at the time, though some households opted for bread dressing with celery and onions instead.

The side dishes were hearty but simple. Advertisements and menus from the mid-1920s list mashed potatoes and candied sweet potatoes as staples, alongside creamed onions or creamed celery. Buttered squash or turnips also appeared frequently, and cranberry sauce often arrived at the

table molded in gelatin rather than spooned from a jar.

Breads included Parker House rolls or homemade white bread, with cornbread in some households. Desert pages from the era leaned heavily on pie — pumpkin, mince, and apple

were the favorites — though steamed puddings with hard sauce also appeared in Ladies’ Home Journal holiday menu suggestions.

Beverages were straightforward: coffee, cider, either sweet or hard, and tea. As the grocery ads and recipes confirm, the overall meal was less about elaborate casseroles and more about well-prepared meats, vegetables, and baked goods that reflected both the season and the bounty

available to Michigan families in late November.

As you plan your family’s celebration and maintain your own holiday traditions, remember the core values of this holiday – gratitude for the best people, places and things in your life.





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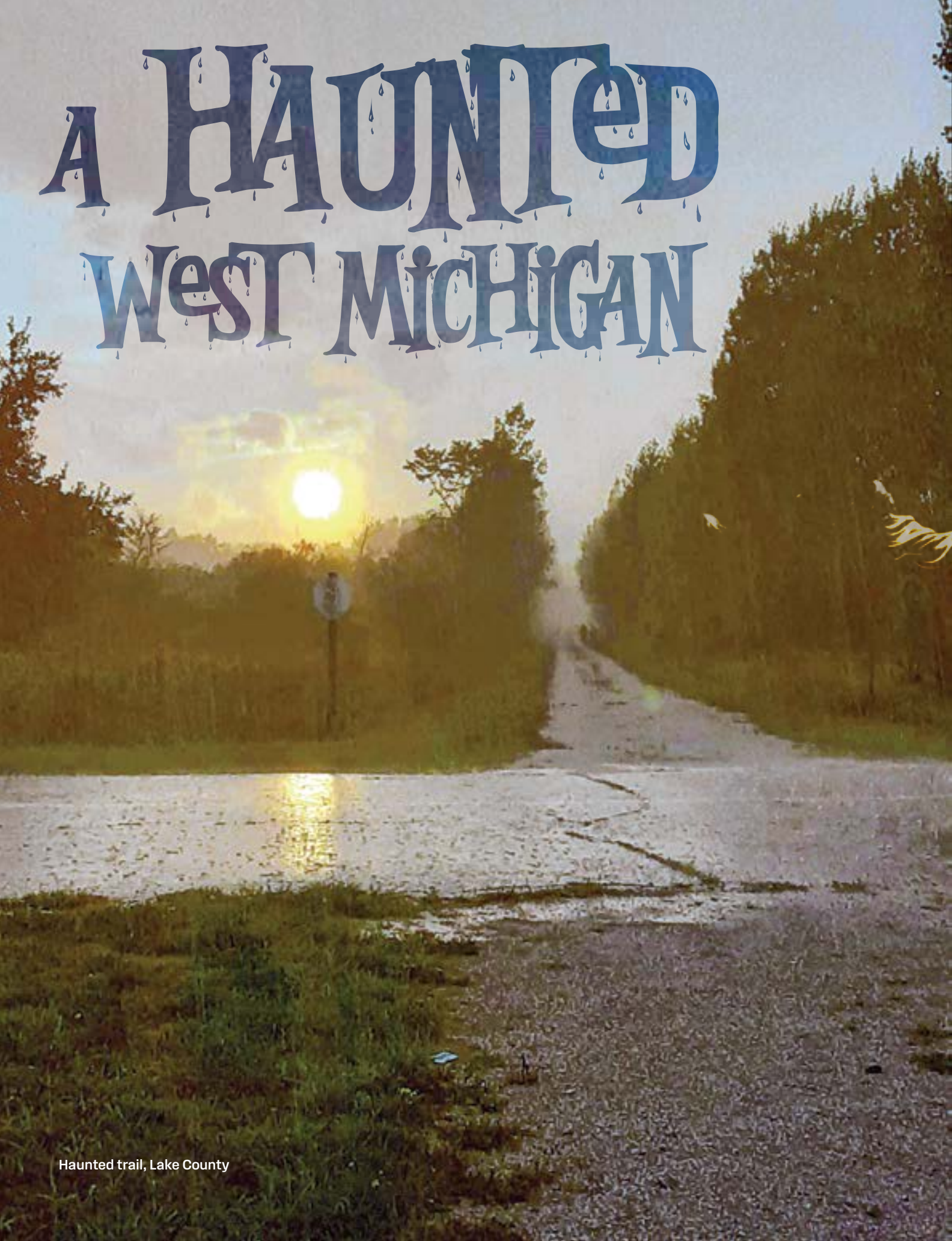
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A Dive INTO some CHILLING HISTORY

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Who doesn't love a good, scary story? From ghostly activity caught on camera, to traumatic events in history where a spooky and unsettling vibe still lingers, to just stories that are nothing more than a fun tale - this region of western Michigan encompasses it all.

Haunted courthouse

People who work in the Lake County Courthouse can tell a tale or two about poltergeist activity.

The original courthouse

was built between 1886 and 1888, but burned down in 1927, and was replaced by the stately brick structure that handsomely sits on Michigan Avenue as people enter downtown Baldwin.

Lake County Clerk Patti Pacola, who is into her third term, noticed activity early on in her years as clerk.

"One morning, it was super scary, I was all by myself. Then the main door (not my office door into the hall) slammed. It was like a window-shattering slam. I searched the top floor to the bottom floor and nobody was here," she said.

Then there was the time she was walking to the land vault with two other ladies who worked at the clerk/register of deeds office and a stone came rolling across the floor directly

at them.

"It was rolling at us and not away from us, so it wasn't a stone that was kicked from one of our shoes," Pacola said.

The ghost likes to play tricks right in Pacola's office. She caught video of the adding machine running by itself, typing out all zeros. The tape ran across the floor.

"The ghost in my office was hard at work again," she said.

Another time, Pacola and her chief deputy at the time,



The Lake County Courthouse is said to have some other presences



The Paula Sterns Hospital C 1950s

Jan Brinkert, who retired in early 2019, were clearing shelves in part of the basement used for storage for the clerk’s office. The distinct sound of high heels clicking on the cement floor could be heard, but both soon learned neither of them had high heels on, and Pacola found herself alone. Brinkert went for help, but again, there was no one. Brinkert thinks it could be the ghost of the welfare administrator Mamie Kerr who was murdered at her desk on June 27, 1939. Someone from the West Coast contacted Brinkert in her earlier years there,

wondering if a person was still around that could talk about the murder of Kerr, which he said took place in the basement. However, the location of her death is still being determined, as there was a welfare office in Baldwin, but it may not have been built yet at the time.

Murder of bookkeeper at Paulina Stearns Hospital

The old Paulina Stearns Hospital was a scene of a murder on the east side of South Washington

in Ludington. Marguerite Kraft, a bookkeeper, was shot and instantly killed on Nov. 14, 1935. An article in the Lake County Star published the next day, said she was shot in the spine by a jealous suitor, 23 year-old William Hansen, while she was at work in the hospital. Hansen ran to the docks and seized a row boat to cross Pere Marquette Lake to the south shore, but Sheriff Colyer and deputy Ed Anderson were “hot on his trail, which had been kept in view by a pursuing mob,” the article said. Hansen ran to the shore of Lake

Michigan and waded out for a distance, and was thought to be contemplating suicide, but when Anderson sent a rifle shot near him, he waded to the shore and surrendered. The girl was a niece of the sheriff and was very popular in Ludington. Still in wet overalls, Colyer and Anderson hustled Hansen to Baldwin where he was put into a special cell, as the incident threatened mob violence. He completely broke down. A special guard of state police arranged to convey him to Ludington for arraignment, the article said. He pleaded guilty, confessed, and soon, was sent to Jackson Prison.

An Eerie tale of a trail

On the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, there is a section which locals believe is a bit haunted, which runs just east of Chase from Saddler to Hawkins Road in eastern Lake County. A number of fatalities occurred on this stretch back when the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad ran through. In 1910, a Fourth of July celebration got too carried away, when a break man rode in the cow catcher on an east bound train traveling from Nirvana to Olivers. The train crew thought they could beat the west bound train, but they weren’t so lucky, according to Lake County historian Sid Woods. Shortly after reaching the stretch of the track east of Saddler Road, they came around a curve and collided with the west-bound train. The break man suffered fatal injuries.

One foggy late June night in 1935, a car of young Reed City graduates were headed to a shivaree at Whalen Lake (in Baldwin) that they were hosting to celebrate newly wedded friends, but they never made it. The car, traveling north on Hawkins, smashed into the middle of a train at the Lake County Poor Farm crossing, (which was the intersection of Hawkins Road and the railroad, a mile south of U.S. 10). The car was dragged west of the crossing about 50 yards onto the tracks. Florence Berger, age 25; Lahn Wolff, 19; and Randolph Johnson, 23 who was driver of the car, perished. Another boy was

injured and rendered unconscious. The only survivor who was conscious, Jac A. Cooper, fiancé to Florence Berger, went to the poor farm to get help. The fog was thought to obstruct the driver’s view of the train. Locals have experienced strange things at this intersection, such as an unexplainable bright light, or bright mist appearing on the trail near the crossing at night. Some trail users note while most of the trail will be calm, towards the Hawkins end where the car-train collision occurred, the air often seems denser, the wind picks up, and sometimes rain drops or snow flakes will fall, but it will be dry and calm just short distances from that area. The area where the 1910 train collision also seems to have a strange energy, some trail users noted, Miranda Lindamen, a user of the trail, said it definitely feels “eerie” and

like “she’s being watched,” while walking the trail, and said it has felt like there were patches of time that went on forever. She recalls hearing a sad lonely moan that sounded like it was coming from a little boy near the poor farm area along the trail. The old poor farm, a large-white farmhouse perched on a hill can be seen from the trail.

Lightkeeper Legends

While some accounts of haunted places seem to be legit, other accounts are just fun tales, usually urban legends. Haunted lighthouses are a theme that people enjoy, but sometimes it’s just stories. Lakeshore Keepers, who oversee several lighthouses in the area, said they are not aware of any paranormal activity and prefer guests visit during operational hours.



Haunted trail, Lake County



*Nature beckons
with spectacular*

autumn hikes

BY STEVE BEGNOCHE

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

--Ecclesiastes 3

A time to hike is perfectly suited to autumn in the woods, forests and trails of west Michigan.

Photos by **STEVE BEGNOCHE**



Walking into fall

Steve Begnoche photo

Avid hikers head out in all seasons, but there is a special added appeal to a hike on an autumn's day with leaves in color, keen light angling through the canopy highlighting the annual kaleidoscope of fall color that is nature's stained glass window – a window that in winter too often has a gray shade pulled over it.

Autumn offers the perfect opportunity to store memories of outdoor beauty in vivid color for nourishing one's spirit, like squirrels caching acorns, for a boost when the winds of winter whip through a landscape blanched white and gray.

At least, that's how I see it.

I asked folks for ideas of places they like to hike in autumn. Here are their suggestions:

"The North Country Trail (NCT) offers many opportunities," avid hiker Gary Hearing notes. "Our Chapter is the Spirit of the Woods Chapter of the NCT. "

The North Country Trail meanders for 4,800-miles across eight states from North Dakota to Vermont passing through west Michigan with several trailheads in the region. Spirit of the Woods maintains about 80 miles of the NCT on land mostly within the Manistee National Forest from near Hodenpyl Dam south to the Lake-Newaygo County line. The West Michigan Chapter takes care of the next section south and is home to the NCT's headquarters in Lowell.

"I enjoy hiking on the NCT," Hearing continues. "A favorite section starts just east of Bitely, Michigan at Nichols

Lake North. Hiking North for about 4 miles you have great views of five lakes. Walk up Lake, Leaf Lake, Condon Lake, Sawkaw Lake and ending at Highbank Lake," Hearing said. "Then, after the hike, (enjoy) food and refreshments at Woody's in Woodland Park. Great food and pizza prepared in a wood fired oven. Makes for a wonderful day on the trail."

According to the North Country Trail Association, "This lake-studded section of trail is arguably the most visually scenic section of the NCT in Newaygo County. The forested route features hilly terrain punctuated by six picturesque, teardrop-shaped woodland lakes. Most of these small lakes lie in steep-sided basins considered glacial depressions, remnants of the retreating glaciers

that once covered Michigan. The lakes are surrounded by US Forest Service land and spur trails lead to four rustic, drive-in Forest Service campgrounds, all within ½ mile of the trail."

To get to that Newaygo County trailhead, NCTA advises taking "M-37 five miles north of Brohman and turning west onto 14 Mile Road before heading south on N. Bingham into Bitely. Head west on Main Street, which bends into North Cleveland Drive. Follow Cleveland Drive about 2.5 miles to North Nichols Lake Recreation Area. Turn left (south) on an access road into the large trailhead parking area that has a USFS/NCT kiosk.

Hearing is also vice president of Friends of Ludington State Park and coordinates "Third Sunday Hikes" in the park November 16 and December 21 at 2 p.m. Participants meet at the warming shelter and head out for a couple hours exploring different areas of the park on a 4-to-5-mile hike led by a volunteer.

"All are welcome to join these hikes," Hearing said of both the Spirit of the Woods and FLSP treks.

What about those monthly Spirit of the Woods hikes?

Joan Young, a Scottville area resident and NCT trail legend who has twice completed hikes of the entire NCT, suggests offers some details and suggests people check out the NCT events page at <https://northcountrytrail.org/events/map/#> for information about NCT hikes and events.

Upcoming Spirit of the Woods fall hikes include:

Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m., begin at Free Soil trailhead on Free Soil Road

in western Lake County, east of the Free Soil and hike northbound. "We will have brats and hamburgers at a member's cottage after the hike. Directions to the cottage will be provided at the hike," she

Tots program if they would like. After the hike we will have hot chocolate (and finger foods potluck) at a bonfire.

Young will lead that October hike along the Highbanks Rollway portion of



Ducky color

Steve Begnoche photo

said.

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. High Banks Rollway east of the town of Buckley, MI for fall colors along the Manistee River. Hikers will head east from the trailhead.

Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. begin at Upper Branch Bridge river access trailhead west of Baldwin, and go southbound

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m., Timber Creek Trailhead east of Branch. Hikers can bring a toy for the Toys for

the NCT trail near Buckley The location offers "spectacular fall color and views of the Manistee River," Young said.

To request more information, contact spw@northcountrytrail.org.

NCT West Michigan Chapter's Oct 18 monthly hike will be led by Nancy DeJong, <https://northcountrytrail.org/events/map/>

Patti Klevorn, a lifelong Ludington area resident, also suggested the NCT starting at Free Soil Road trailhead. "The drive there includes brilliant color," Klevorn said. "I've seen eagles several times while en route, and the trail is interesting if you go far enough into it, bridges and boardwalk along with the single track. All around a pleasant day."

Branch Township area resident Nancy Hesting suggests Gales Pond, south of Hart in Oceana County, noting it's a "small county park, but lovely nonetheless."

Bright colors

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Lake County

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Fall color in the sky

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Photographer Shelby Soberalski suggests the new, still under development, Pere Marquette Conservation Park south of the Pere Marquette River and Ludington. “It’s not exactly a hiking spot yet, but will hopefully offer more recreation opportunities sooner than later – but I was just at the new Pere Marquette Conversation Park this past week-

end for a photoshoot and kept thinking about how I’m excited to come back to it in the fall. Hoping for some shoots there,” Soberalski said. Access is off South Lakeshore Drive on the Buttersville Peninsula.

All are good ideas.

With the Manistee National Forest interspersed through the region, with Ludington State Park and its nearly 20 miles of marked hiking trails through dunes, forested hills, along Hamlin Lake and the Big Sable River, with the Silver Lake State

Park walking area on the dunes, and many local parks there is no shortage of options.

As Klevorn pointed out, some of the fun is getting to these spots. A drive along the region’s backroads through woods or agricultural areas to a trailhead or forest park offers a chance to view the countryside decked out for the season before or after you hike. What a bonus!

A few of my fall go-to spots include;

- The Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area trekking from the Nurnberg Road

trailhead north of Hamlin Lake in Mason County south of Manistee. The textures of the mixed forest set against dunes and at times along the backdrop of the Lake Michigan beach is always a pleasure.

- Ludington State Park’s many trails have different personalities. When others are home watching football on television, I head out – rain or shine – to walk a rolling trail such as the Ridge Trail which travels along the spine of forest dunes with pockets of thick woods below.

Color and reeds

Steve Begnoche photo

Or, maybe I feel like a walk along the Island Trail where Lost Lake, Hamlin Lake, ponds and other water features add a different dimension and a chance for reflections of a red maple, a golden birch, or cattails -- or all of them plus pines -- reflecting in a riot of vibrant colors.

For those with mobility issues,

Ludington State Park, thanks to the Friends of Ludington State Park, also offers two track chairs for use by those with mobility issues at no charge. Reserve them with a call to the park office, 231-843-2423. Enjoy a several hour meander along the Logging Trail or a trip out and back to Big Sable Lighthouse.

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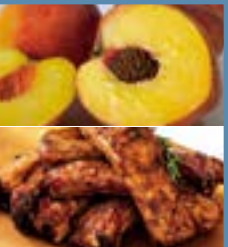
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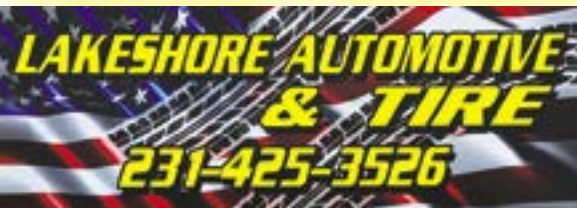
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The park’s Skyline Trail, set to be re-constructed in the coming year thanks to a FLSP-MDNR partnership, offers a view of dunes on the southside of the park and of Lake Michigan.

One other great Ludington State Park trail to “hike” in fall is the canoe trail. You “hike” it in a kayak or canoe and can go either south to explore the ponds south of the Big Sable River along Hamlin

Lake’s southwestern shore, or the north loop through the Lost Lake. They offer a different way to take in fall color – and maybe spot wild rice, waterfowl, eagles, herons and more.

Finally, one other suggestion some might find odd. Fall is a great time to visit a cemetery. Be respectful, but the carpet of leaves in these final resting places often are stunning, whether a small township cemetery such as West Riverton Township Cemetery or a larger one such as Mt. Carmel Cemetery on the corner of Maple and Merkey Roads, south of Manistee. The Scottville Cemetery west of town on U.S. 10, for instance, has a creek and ravine running through it. During autumn, the cemetery can be blanketed in fallen leaves – a quilt of color.

For every season, there is a purpose. Enjoy our colorful leaves -- before the inevitable chore of raking them begins.

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Cemetery in fall, Oceana
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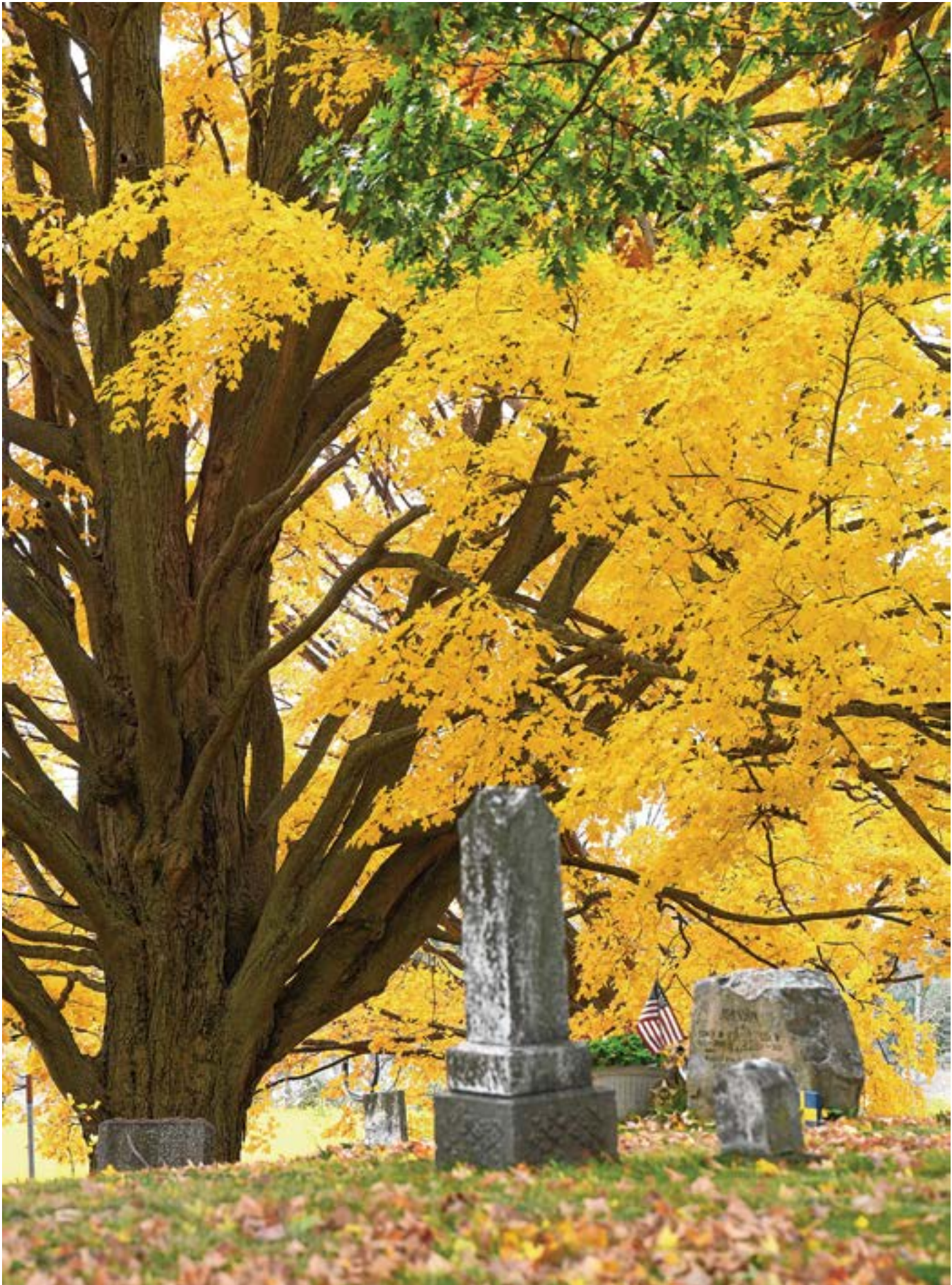
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