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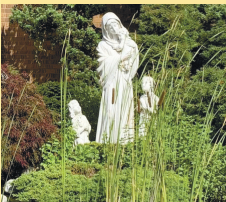
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If you're seeking opportunities for recreation, they are there aplenty. From the swimming and fishing and more on Lake Michigan to enjoying our inland lakes and rivers for those plus canoeing and kayaking, our county has so much to give while having fun in the water.

Points of pride, though, can be found around our lands, too. The Manistee National Forest makes up a significant part of our county, but once you break free of the forest, there's a whole other set of trees to see — our incredible orchards of apples, cherries and more.

We enjoy a great agricultural sector, too. Our orchards provide much of that, but we grow so much more from asparagus, corn and other grains. Livestock is another major portion of what we have here. All of it can be discovered, and then some, through the Western Michigan Fair in August.

Inside this fact book, you'll get a glimpse of life in Mason County — our art fairs, our performances at such places as the Ludington Area Center for the Arts and West Shore Community College. You'll get the facts on the cities, villages, townships and county of which you're here to perhaps visit or perhaps make a permanent home.


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Mason County Offices and Departments

County Administrator

Fabian Knizacky is the Mason County Administrator. The administrator oversees the day-to-day operations of the county including developing and monitoring the county's budget; hires, disciplines and reviews employees in positions that are designated as those that report to the administrator; interprets county commission policy for officers, employees and the public; and more.

ADDRESS: 5300 W. U.S. 10., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231)843-7999
EMAIL: fknizacky@masoncounty.net
WEBSITE: www.masoncounty.net/departments/administrators

County Clerk

Cheryl Kelly is the Mason County Clerk. The clerk is elected by the people, and maintains the records of the county including deaths, births, marriages, assumed business names, concealed weapons permits and voter registration records among others. The clerk is the chief election official in the county, and supervises all elections.

ADDRESS: 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231) 843-8202
EMAIL: cakelly@masoncounty.net

WEBSITE: www.masoncounty.net/departments/clerk/

County Prosecutor

Lauren Kreinbrink is the Mason County Prosecuting Attorney, and she is the chief law enforcement officer in the county. She is elected to a four-year term.

ADDRESS: 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231) 845-7377
EMAIL: prosecutor@masoncounty.net
WEBSITE: www.masoncounty.net/departments/prosecuting-attorney/

Register of Deeds

Diane L. Englebrecht is the Mason County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds records deeds, mortgage liens, surveys, plats, land contracts, condominiums, financing statements and other documents related to real estate.

ADDRESS: 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231) 843-4466
EMAIL: register@masoncounty.net
WEBSITE: www.masoncounty.net/departments/register-of-deeds

Treasurer

Andrew Kmetz IV is the Mason County Treasurer, an elected position. The treasurer is responsible for all of the revenues received by the treasurer and the various officers, departments, agencies boards and commissions of the county.

ADDRESS: 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231) 843-8411
EMAIL: akmetz@masoncounty.net

Animal Control

Sarah Colbrook and Mitchell Hamm are the animal control officers for Ma-

son County. The office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESS: 305 N. Meyer Road
PHONE: 843-8644

Mason County Airport

The Mason County Airport is a publicly owned and operated airport in Pere Marquette Township. The airport is available for use 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The airport is attended during the following hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays Oct. 16 through April 15 and every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 16 through Oct. 15. The airport manager is John O'Connor.

ADDRESS: 5300 W U.S. 10
PHONE: 843-2049
EMAIL: airport@masoncounty.net

Building Department

The Mason County Building Department handles electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits for all of Mason County. Building inspections in the City of Ludington and Pere Marquette Township are performed by their personnel. All other entities have their building inspections done by the county.

ADDRESS: 102 E. Fifth St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-9345

Planning and Zoning

The Mason County Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the county's zoning ordinance in each township except for Hamlin, Pere Marquette and Grant. The department provides assistance and support to the county's planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

ADDRESS: 102 E. Fifth St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-9272 or (231) 757-9345

Mason County departments

Drain Commission

The Mason County Drain Commission is responsible for the care and maintenance of more than 130 miles of drains. Maintenance on drains is funded by special assessments on properties that benefit along with municipalities. Daniel Rohde is the drain commissioner.

ADDRESS: 102 E. Fifth St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-9366

Emergency Management

The Mason County Emergency Management Office is responsible for community preparedness and planning for natural and man-made disasters. The emergency management coordinator works with all of the local emergency responders to ensure training and equipment are ready to serve the coun-

ty. Elizabeth Reimink is the emergency management coordinator.

ADDRESS: 408 Resseguie St. Suite 100, Ludington, 49431
PHONE: (231) 845-5911
EMAIL: emergencymanagement@mason-county.net

Equalization

The Mason County Equalization Department provides property descriptions and ownership; assessment roll processing for local governments; aerial maps and parcel maps; property tax exemption and abatement information and more services. Anthony Meynard is the director of the department.

ADDRESS: 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington 49431
PHONE: (231) 845-6288
EMAIL: ameynard@masoncounty.net

MSU Extension

The Michigan State University Extension services assists residents and visitors through education and information. It is housed at West Shore Community College.

ADDRESS: 3000 N. Stiles Road, Scottville
PHONE: (231) 845-3361
EMAIL: msue53@msu.edu

Parks and Recreation

The department oversees the Mason County Campground, as well as areas for picnics, disc golf and snowshoeing. The 10-member parks and recreation commission oversees the department.

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Public Works is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Mason County Sewage Disposal System. This system provides sewer service to businesses and homes that are located on U.S. 10 between the cities of Scottville and Ludington. Daniel Rohde is the director/secretary.

ADDRESS: 102 E. Fifth St., Scottville

PHONE: (231) 757-9370

Sheriff

The Mason County Sheriff is Kim Cole. Cole was elected to his term in 2013. The Sheriff's Office employs more than 40 professionally trained deputies with expertise that range from a K-9 unit to accident reconstructionists, evidence technicians to divers. There are also nearly 50 mounted and reserve deputies along with a victim services unit, and the jail which can house more than 100 in-

mates.

ADDRESS: 302 N. Delia St., Ludington 494931

PHONE: (231) 843-3475

Veterans Affairs

The Mason County Veterans Service Office is open from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist local veterans and the families in applying for benefits earned via military service. John Cotten is the accredited veteran's service officer.

ADDRESS: 920 E. Tinkham Ave., Ludington 49431

PHONE: 231-583-2028

Oakview Medical Care Facility

The Oakview Medical Care Facility provides long-term health care services. It

also has the Sutter Living Center, an Alzheimer's/dementia special care unit.

ADDRESS: 1001 Diana St., Ludington 49431

PHONE: 845-5185

District Health Department No. 10

The mission of the District Health Department is to promote and enhance the health of communities and the environment through protection, prevention and intervention.

The Mason County office of District Health Department No. 10 offers cancer screenings, as well as family planning clinics, flu clinics, sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, immunizations, and WIC, a nutrition program. In addition, District Health Department No. 10 offers a maternal health program for women through the start of pregnancy up to two months after delivery and for infants from birth through one year of



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Mason County services

age. A full list of District Health Department No. 10 services can be found at the website.

WEBSITE: www.dhd10.org

ADDRESS: 916 Diana St., Ludington 49431

PHONE: (231) 845-7381

WIC: (231) 316-8584

HOURS: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Kevin Hughes, MA, Health Officer

(231) 876-3839

khughes@dhd10.org

Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director

(989) 773-5921 ext 1427

jmorse@dhd10.org

West Michigan Community Mental Health

WMCMH provides mental health services to residents of Mason County on Medicaid, who are under-insured, or have private insurance. WMCMH treats mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders in Mason County, as well as Lake and Oceana Counties.

PHONE NUMBER, GENERAL QUESTIONS:

(231) 845-6294

PHONE NUMBER, MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES: (800) 992-2061

ADDRESS: 920 Diana St., Ludington, 494931

HOURS: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday

FiveCAP

FiveCAP, Inc., serves Mason, Lake, Manistee and Newaygo counties and is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in Michigan, offering a variety of services to help community members. It is a vital part of Mason County, providing indispensable help to the disadvantaged.

FiveCAP offers:

- Early Head Start, a home visiting/school preparation program for pregnant women in the third trimester and infants and toddlers ages 0 to 3 who

meet the federal poverty guidelines

- Head Start, a federally funded pre-school.

- Weatherizing homes to help conserve energy.

- Single and multiple-family homes.

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) /Mothers, Infants, and Children (MIC) — A USDA funded program that provides nutritional food supplements to senior citizens 60 and older, as well as families with children under 6 years of age not eligible for WIC. Recipients must meet income guidelines. Distributions are at the FiveCAP office on the third Wednesday of every other month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), a program providing federally purchased surplus food for low-income families. The income guidelines must be met. Distribution is at the FiveCAP office four times a year, on the first Thursday of every third month.

- The Emergency Food Pantry provides up to 30 days of food on an emergency needs basis. Call the Mason County office for more information.

- Training for families on gardening and food preparation including canning, drying and food freezing workshops.

FiveCAP Mason County office:

ADDRESS: 302 N. Main St., Scottville 49454

HOURS: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but services are walk-in or by appointment.

PHONE NUMBER: (231) 757-9669

Ludington Area Senior Center

The Ludington Area Senior Center provides services and support groups to residents; information and referral assistance; a free 30-minute consultation with a representative from Palmer Law Office; medicare/medicaid assistance; tax assistance; educational forums; tech assistance; low vision sup-



port group; diabetes support group; nutrition programs; medical loan equipment; foot care; social activities; exercises; special interest groups/clubs and the Angel Christmas Tree program.

Vickie Collins is the director.

ADDRESS: 308 S. Rowe St., Ludington 49431

PHONE: (231) 845-6841

Scottville Area Senior Center

The Scottville Area Senior Center provides services such as its homemaker program, medical transportation, respite care, support groups, the senior nutrition program, a Keep in Touch program, many activities and resources.

Bill Kerans is the director.

ADDRESS: 140 S. Main St., Scottville 49454

PHONE: (231) 757-4705

Tallman Lake Area Senior Center

The Tallman Lake Area Senior Center provides many activities and several services.

ADDRESS: 6765 E. Marshall Rd., Fountain, 49410

PHONE: 757-3306

Free Soil Senior Center

ADDRESS: 8480 N. Democrat St., Free Soil, 49411

PHONE: (231) 464-5885

Mason County services

Meals on Wheels

The food service department at Mason County Central receives funding through the Area Agency on Aging, the United Way, the Council on Aging and through customer donations. For more information, contact Mary Ann Nielsen, the program director, or Mary Alway, the program assessor, at (231) 757-5721 or (231) 757-4814.

51st Circuit Court

The Hon. Susan K. Sniegowski oversees the circuit court. The court handles all actions except those assigned to other courts.

Probate Court

The Hon. Jeffrey C. Nellis oversees

Mason County Probate Court. The court has jurisdiction over guardianships and conservatorships; the commitment if needed and the course of treatment for the mentally ill, and the admission of wills, administration of estates and supervision of trusts.

79th District Court

The Hon. John Middlebrook oversees the district court, and Glenn Jackson III is the attorney magistrate. The court handles traffic violations, civil cases when the disputed amount is \$25,000 or less, landlord-tenant and land-contract matters and civil infractions. The court may also conduct marriages in a civil ceremony. The small claims division of the district court handles disputes involving \$3,000 or less. The court itself handles criminal proceed-

ings from the disposition of misdemeanors, conducting preliminary exams for felony cases and appointing attorneys to defendants who may not be able to afford one.

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Probation/Parole

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Mason County Schools

PHONE: (231) 845-1266

Mason County Road Commission

Mary Samuels, manager/director
Office: 510 E. State St., Scottville
49454

PHONE: (231) 757-2882.

Mason County District Library

The Mason County District Library has two branches, one in Ludington and other in Scottville. Beyond books that can be checked out or reference materials reviewed, the library offers curbside services including prints, copies, faxes and reserved item pickup.

ADDRESS: Ludington location: 217 E.

Ludington Ave., (231) 843-8465; Scottville location: 204 E. State St., Scottville, (231) 757-3401.

HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Saturday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday in Ludington; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday in Scottville.

DIRECTOR: Eric Smith, 231-843-8465, esmith@mcdlibrary.org

Mason County Schools

Ludington Area Schools

Kyle Corlett is the superintendent of Ludington Area School District. Dan Mesyar is the Ludington High School principal and Mike Hart is the O.J. DeJonge Middle School principal. Katie Eisinger is the K-2 principal at Ludington Elementary School, and Brian Dotson is the 3-5 principal. Sarah Cooper is the director of pre-kindergarten at Ludington Elementary School.



Ludington Elementary

ADDRESS: 5771 W. Bryant Road, Ludington, 49431

PHONE: (231) 845-3820

O.J. DeJonge Middle School

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Mason County Central Schools

Jeff Mount is the superintendent of Mason County Central Schools. Jeff Tuka is the Mason County Central High School principal and Robert Dennis is the Mason County Central Middle School principal.

Two elementary schools serve the district, plus an early childhood center:

Victory Early Childhood Center

DIRECTOR: Angie Taylor
ADDRESS: 4171 N. Stiles Road, Scottville,
 49454
PHONE: (231) 843-2410

Scottville Elementary

PRINCIPAL: Chris Etchison
ADDRESS: 201 W. Maple St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-4701

Upper Elementary

PRINCIPAL: Kevin Kimes
ADDRESS: 505 W. Maple St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-5720

Mason County Central Middle School

ADDRESS: 310 W. Beryl St., Scottville, 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-3724

Mason County Central High School

ADDRESS: 210 W. Broadway, Scottville,
 49454
PHONE: (231) 757-4748



Mason County Eastern Schools

Paul Shoup is the superintendent of Mason County Eastern. Mark Forner is the principal.

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The staff works closely with students to form relationships and guide children through their lessons. Counselors, a gym, meals and laundry services are available to students.

To learn more, call (231) 845-0922.

West Shore Educational Service District

West Shore Educational Service District West Shore ESD's mission is to provide leadership and support to local school districts. The vision is success for all students. We believe that every aspect of our organization must focus on students, demonstrate servant leadership, and serve as a catalyst for collaborative communities. West Shore ESD serves most of Mason County, including students attending Ludington, Mason County Central and Mason County Eastern.

West Shore Community College

West Shore Community College is a two-year school located in Victory Township with off-campus sites in Sherman Township and soon in the City of Manistee that offers comprehensive general education classes to meet students seeking occupational programs leading to immediate employment or



students aiming to transfer to a four-year institution. Various associates degrees are available to be earned as well as one-year and two-year certifications. The college offers special events and cultural activities during the year. There is also a recreation center and ice arena on campus. The school also provides non-credit community service classes and adult lifelong learning classes.

WEBSITE: www.westshore.edu

Ludington Mass Transit Authority

The Ludington Mass Transit Authority provides public transportation service inside the City of Ludington, the City of Scottville and Pere Marquette Charter Township. The rate to ride a bus is \$2 per person, ages 12 to 59; and \$1 for those 60 and older, 11 and younger and for the disabled. to get a ride, call (231) 845-6218. The service recommends giving the bus driver between 30 to 45 minutes ahead of your planned pick up. For those who are riding in the mornings, the service recommends calling the night before. The service accepts cash or tokens. The service in Ludington and Pere Marquette Township is 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. The service in Scottville is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The service is closed on New Year's Day, Easter, Me-

memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The service ends at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve.

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Mason County Cities

City of Ludington

The City of Ludington is on the shore of Lake Michigan. It is known for its beach, the Ludington North Breakwater Lighthouse and the home of the Lake Michigan Carferry's SS Badger. The city boasts a downtown shopping district and several parks.

CITY HALL ADDRESS: 400 S. Harrison St., Ludington 49431

PHONE: (231) 845-6237

CITY HALL HOURS: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

WEBSITE: www.ludington.mi.us

MAYOR: Mark Barnett

CITY MANAGER: Mitch Foster

CITY CLERK: Deborah L. Luskin

CITY TREASURER: Virginia Didur

POLICE CHIEF: Steve Wietrzykowski (interim)

City of Scottville

The City of Scottville lies near the center of Mason County and the intersection of U.S. 10 and U.S. 31 as U.S.

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10 heads east away from Lake Michigan and U.S. 31 north toward Traverse City. The city is home to Riverside Park, a campground with the grounds for the West Michigan Old Engine Club and a disc golf course.

ADDRESS: 105 N. Main St., Scottville

MAYOR: Marcy Spencer

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Mason County Townships

Amber Township

Amber Township is north of the Pere Marquette River and is between Scott-

ville and Pere Marquette Township. The U.S. 10/31 corridor is one of the busiest stretches in the county, and it's in the township. Riverton Township is to the south, Custer Township is to the east and Victory Township is to the north.

ADDRESS: 144 S. Amber Rd., Scottville 49454

SUPERVISOR: James Gallie

CLERK: Theresa Rohde

TREASURER: Connie Rathbun-Anderson

TRUSTEES: Richard G. Alway, Thomas Alway

Branch Township

Branch Township is along the eastern edge of Mason County and includes the towns of Walhalla and Branch. It is bordered by Sheridan Township to the north, Custer Township in the west and Logan Township to the south.

ADDRESS: 6600 E. First St., Fountain, MI 49410

SUPERVISOR: Michael Shoup

CLERK: Kimberly Tenney

TREASURER: Ralph Razminas

TRUSTEES: Shirley Brayton, Joseph Fiers

Custer Township

Custer Township has all of the Village of Custer within it, and it shares a line with the City of Scottville. To the north is Sherman Township, to the east is Branch Township, to the south is Eden Township and to the west is Amber Township.

SUPERVISOR: Mark Anderson

CLERK: Staci Wood

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TRUSTEES: George A. Allison, Larry A. Larr

Eden Township

Eden Township is along the south



The light of the Big Sable Lighthouse shines over Lake Michigan within Ludington State Park.

Mason County

of Mason County, and it has such as lakes as Eden, Woodruff and Pleiness. It shares a border with Custer Township to the north, Riverton Township to the west and Logan Township to the east.

ADDRESS: 5327 S. Eden Lake Rd., Custer, 49405

SUPERVISOR: Roger Nash

CLERK: Julie Van Dyke

TREASURER: Sally J. Wittlieff

TRUSTEES: Michelle Beenen, Joseph Stickney

Free Soil Township

Free Soil Township is along the north of Mason County, and the village of Free Soil is within it. It shares a border with Grant Township to the west, Sherman Township to the south and Meade Township to the east.

ADDRESS: 2691 E. Michigan St., Free Soil 49411

SUPERVISOR: Gregg Surma

CLERK: Lynda Papes

TREASURER: Lisa Stankowski

TRUSTEES: Philip Gajeski, Kenneth Savich

Grant Township

Grant Township is along Lake Michigan and has the federal Lake Michigan Recreation Area including the Nordhouse Dunes within it. To the south is Victory and Hamlin townships and to the east is Free Soil Township.

ADDRESS: 843 W. Hoague Road, Manistee

SUPERVISOR: Robert Rakowski

CLERK: Mary Jo Janowiak

TREASURER: Kristen Brandt

TRUSTEES: Allen Bufka, Brenda Kelly

Hamlin Township

Hamlin Township is along Lake Michigan and has famed Ludington State

Park within it. Hamlin Lake a major resort area itself, also is within much of the township. The township is bordered by Pere Marquette Township to the south with Lincoln Lake and Lincoln River serving as a line. To the east are Victory and Amber townships.

ADDRESS: 3775 N. Jebavy Drive, Ludington

SUPERVISOR: Nancy Vandervest

CLERK: Catherine Lewis

TREASURER: Susan Ptaszenski

TRUSTEES: Larry Rees, Johnaine A. Gurzynski

Logan Township

Logan Township is in the southeast corner of Mason County and it has branches of the Pere Marquette River and Carr Creek within it. Eden Township is to the west and Branch Township is to the north.

ADDRESS: 3975 Tyndall Road, Branch

SUPERVISOR: Bruce Burke

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CLERK: John Kampfschulte
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Meade Township

Meade Township is in the northeast corner of Mason County. It is bordered by Free Soil Township to the west and Sheridan Township to the south.

ADDRESS: 5435 E. Free Soil/Larsen roads,
Free Soil

SUPERVISOR: Lois Krepps

CLERK: Sue Hasenbank

TREASURER: Mary Hasenbank

TRUSTEES: Jimmy Lee Metzger, William K. Thomas

Pere Marquette Charter Township

Pere Marquette Charter Township surrounds the City of Ludington, and it includes the Mason County Airport, the fairgrounds and Historic White Pine Village along the Buttersville Peninsula. To the north is Hamlin Township, to the south is Summit Township and to the east are Amber and Riverton townships.

ADDRESS: 1699 S. Pere Marquette Highway,
Ludington

SUPERVISOR: Gerald Bleau

CLERK: Rachelle Enbody

TREASURER: Karie Bleau

TRUSTEES: Andrew Kmetz III, James T. Nordlund, Henry E. Rasmussen, Ronald Soberalski

Riverton Township

Riverton Township is situated between the Pere Marquette River and the county line with Oceana County. North Oxbow and South Oxbow lakes are within the township. To the east are Eden and Custer townships. To the west are Summit and Pere Marquette townships. Amber Township is to the north.

ADDRESS: 2122 W. Hawley Road, Scottville

SUPERVISOR: Gary Dittmer

CLERK: Cindy Gerbers

TREASURER: Kristi Griffis

TRUSTEES: Scott A. Dittmer, Greg Thurow, Todd VanNortwick



Sheridan Township

Sheridan Township is along the east side of the county and it contains several lakes including Thunder, Ford and Round lakes. Meade Township is to the north, Sherman Township is to the west and Branch Township is to the south.

SUPERVISOR: Corliss T. Gulembo III

CLERK: Marlynn E. Gulembo

TREASURER: Jennie Borema

TRUSTEES: Jeff Cormany, Douglas Damkoehler

Sherman Township

Sherman Township contains the village of Fountain. Free Soil township is to the north, Victory Township is to the west, Custer Township is to the south and Sheridan Township is to the east.

SUPERVISOR: Joseph Mickevich

CLERK: Kurt D. Lubben

TREASURER: Rita Randle

TRUSTEES: Lori Cregg, Curt Jones

Summit Township

Summit Township is the smallest township in terms of area in the county, and it is in the southwest corner of the county. Bass Lake within the township, and it is along Lake Michigan. To the north is Pere Marquette Township and to the east is Riverton Township.

ADDRESS: 4879 W. Deren Road, Ludington

SUPERVISOR: Wayne Kelly

CLERK: Kay Deanda

TREASURER: Mary Bedker

TRUSTEES: Edward L. Chase, Todd Jorissen

Victory Township

Victory Township is home to West Shore Community College, and the township is bordered by Grant Township to the north, Hamlin Township to the west, Amber Township to the south and Sherman Township to the west.

ADDRESS: 2417 N. Victory Corner Road
Scottville

SUPERVISOR: James Mazur

CLERK: Barbara Egeler

TREASURER: Patricia Geers

TRUSTEES: Robert W. Kesling, Jerome Papes

Mason County Villages

Village of Custer

The Village of Custer is along U.S. 10, just a few miles east of Scottville. The Pere Marquette Railway bisects the village.

PRESIDENT: David Sanders

CLERK: Cathy Sanders

TREASURER: Cassidy Kessel

TRUSTEES: Deborah Howe, Lyle Reene, Carlton Sanders

Village of Fountain

The Village of Fountain is situated near the Lincoln River, and a branch of the Pere Marquette Railway travels through the village.

PRESIDENT: Kenneth Budzynski

CLERK: Kathleen J. Soper

TREASURER: Jeanne VanSickle

TRUSTEES: Donna Taylor, Dallas Shirey

Village of Free Soil

The Village of Free Soil is in the northern portion of Mason County along Free Soil Road between Custer and Stephens roads. A spur of the Pere Marquette Railway travels through the village.

PRESIDENT: David Morley

CLERK/TREASURER: Megan Dennis

TRUSTEES: Robin Haiss, George Merz Sr., Richard Roberts

Mason County facts

The county is named for Stevens T. Mason, Governor of Michigan. It was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1840 as Nottoway County, then renamed Mason County in 1843. The county was administered by Ottawa County prior to the organization of county government in 1855.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 1,242 square miles, of which 495 square miles is land and 747 square miles (60%) is water.

The estimated population is 29,100. 12,115 households.





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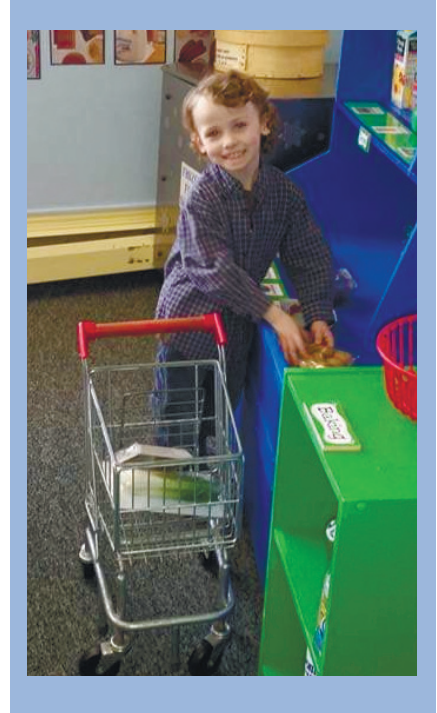
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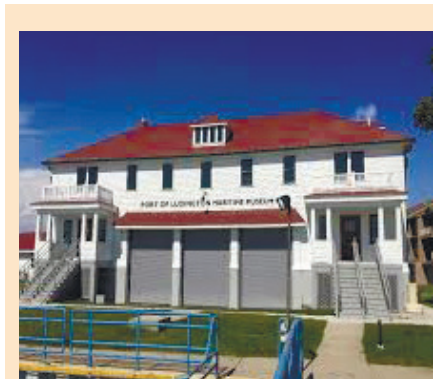
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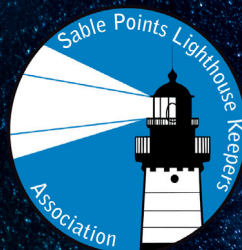
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EVERY TUESDAY, Creative Kids, 4-6:30 p.m., Scottville Library, 204 E. State St., Scottville

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Creative Kids, 4-5:30 p.m., Scottville Library, 204 E. State St., Scottville

EVERY FRIDAY, Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Scottville Library, 204 E. State St., Scottville

EVERY SATURDAY, Lego Block Party, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington; or 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Scottville Library, 204 E. State St., Scottville

FEBRUARY 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY TUESDAY and Wednesday, After School Art Ventures Crafts with Deb Borema, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, After School Art Ventures Pen, Ink and Found Object Sculpture with Mary Case, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Modern Line Dancing with Amy Christian, 6-7:30 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY SATURDAY, Youth Sewing Group, 1:30-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 1, 8, 15

INDEPENDENT POTTER Class, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 1

STATE OF Community Breakfast. Guest speaker TaRita D. Johnson of The Right Place, 8:30-10 a.m., West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Road.

BEGINNING STAINED Glass with Lucy O'Brien, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 1, 8, 15

INDEPENDENT POTTER Class, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 2, 9, 16

INDEPENDENT POTTER Class, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 2

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

FEB. 3

DADDY DAUGHTER Dance to benefit West Shore Family Support, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Radiant Church, 409 S. Washington Ave., Ludington

FEB. 8

WSCC'S HUMANKIND Series, The Future of Work in Healthcare virtual discussion panel, 3:30 p.m., West Shore Community College

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

FEB. 11

LUDINGTON CURLING Club curling clinic, 4-6 p.m., West Shore Community Ice Arena, 3000 N. Stiles Road.

FEB. 14, 28

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 16

ANIME CLUB, 3-5 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

FEB. 17

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

FEB. 22

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

FEB. 23

WSCC'S HUMANKIND Series, I Quit: The Great Resignation and the Future of Labor Markets virtual discussion panel, 7 p.m., West Shore Community College.

WHEEL THROWING with Mary Case, 6-8 p.m.,



Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

FEB. 25-26

SALMON SCHOOL for beginning anglers on Day 1 and advanced tactics on Day 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Captain Chucks II, 75 N. Jebavy Drive, Ludington.

FEB. 26

LUDINGTON CURLING Club curling clinic, 4-6 p.m., West Shore Community Ice Arena, 3000 N. Stiles Road.

MARCH 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Modern Line Dancing with Amy Christian, 6-7:30 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY SATURDAY, Youth Sewing Group, 1:30-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MARCH 2

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Luding-

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ton Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington
MARCH 2, 9, 16

WHEEL THROWING with Mary Case, 6-8 p.m.,
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MARCH 2, 16, 30

ANIME CLUB, 3-5 p.m., Ludington Library, 217
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MARCH 3-12

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MARCH 8

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Li-
brary, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

MARCH 8, 22

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area
Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Lud-
ington

MARCH 8, 15, 22

AFTER SCHOOL Art Ventures Printmaking
with Mary Case, 3:30-5:15 p.m., 107 S. Harri-

son St., Ludington

MARCH 11

BRIAN OBERLIN Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Luding-
ton Area Center of the Arts, 107 S. Harrison
St., Ludington

BRIAN OBERLIN Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Lud-
ington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Har-
rison St., Ludington

MARCH 12

SELKIE & Ben Traverse Concert, 4-6 p.m., Lud-
ington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Har-
rison St., Ludington

MARCH 14

WSCC'S HUMANKIND Series, The Speed
Interview Event, 3:30-5 p.m., West Shore
Community College, Administration and
Conference Building, West Shore Community
College

MARCH 14, 28

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington
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MARCH 17-18

TEXTILE ART Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

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MARCH 18

IRISH JOG 5k/10k, 9 a.m., Legacy Plaza, 117 N.
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MARCH 22

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Lud-
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MARCH 23

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m.,
Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.,
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EVERY SATURDAY, Youth Sewing Group, 1:30-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 1

LIL REV, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 4, 11, 18

AFTER SCHOOL Art Ventures Panting with Cathy Coleman, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 6

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

APRIL 11, 25

KNITTING' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St.,

Ludington

APRIL 12, 26

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 13, 27

ANIME CLUB, 3-5 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

APRIL 18

WSSC CONCERT Choir, 7:30 p.m., Center Stage Theater, West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Road

APRIL 20

WSSC JAZZ Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Center Stage Theater, West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Road

APRIL 21

MASKED SINGER, 6-9 p.m., Sandcastles Children's Museum, 129 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107

S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 23

EARTHWORK MUSIC Collective, Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

APRIL 26

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

APRIL 27

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

MAY 2023

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EVERY TUESDAY, After School Art Ventures Magnets and Printmaking with Cathy Coleman, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington



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EVERY WEDNESDAY, After School Art Ventures Pointillism and Perspective with Mary Case, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, After School Art Ventures Pottery with Mary Case, 3:30-5:15 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MAY 4

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

MAY 4, 11

MODERN LINE Dancing, 6-7:30 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MAY 11, 25

ANIME CLUB, 3-5 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

MAY 9, 23

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MAY 18

SS BADGER'S first sailing of season, 9 a.m., 701 Maritime Drive, Ludington

MAY 18-21

10-MINUTE PLAY Competition/Festival, Ludington Area Center of the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MAY 20

HARBOR RUN 5k/10k, 8:30 a.m., Legacy Park, 117 N. James St., Ludington

MAY 24

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

MAY 25

MOMENTUM BUSINESS Pitch Competition, 5-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center of the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

MAY 26

LUDINGTON ARTISAN & Farmers Market, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

JUNE 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Har-

ison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Live in the Plaza music series, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

EVERY FRIDAY, Ludington Artisan & Farmers Market, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

JUNE 1

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

JUNE 10

LUDINGTON LAKESTRIDE Half-Marathon, 10k, 5k, 8 a.m., Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington.

JUNE 13, 27

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

JUNE 14

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

JUNE 16

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

JUNE 17-18

GUS MACKER Charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, 8 a.m., Saturday through 6 p.m., Sunday, Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive.

JUNE 22

PURE LUDINGTON Sunset Beach Bonfire, 8-10 p.m., Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive.

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

JUNE 24-25

COAST TO Coast Gravel Grinder, 210-mile bicycle race from AuGres to Ludington, 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., Sunday, Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive.

JUNE 24

MASON COUNTY Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023 enshrinement unveiling, 12 p.m., Historic White Pine Village, 1687 S. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington

MASON COUNTY Sports Hall of Fame Class of

2023 enshrinement banquet, 6 p.m., Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 1527 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington

JUNE 28

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

JULY 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Live in the Plaza music series, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

EVERY FRIDAY, Ludington Artisan & Farmers Market, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza 112 N. James St., Ludington

JULY 1-2

WEST SHORE Art Fair, 10 a.m., July 1, through 5 p.m., July 2, Rotary Park, 100 N. Lewis St., Ludington

JULY 4

LUDINGTON AREA Jaycees Freedom Festival & Fireworks, 2 p.m., parade, downtown Ludington; Fireworks at dusk at Lake Michigan shore.

JULY 8-9

LUDROCK MUSIC and Friends, Waterfront Park, Ludington

JULY 10-16

LUDINGTON OFFSHORE Classic, 5 p.m. each day except Sunday, July 16, at 6 p.m. Waterfront Park weigh-in, 391 S. William St., Ludington

JULY 11, 25

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

JULY 12

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

JULY 12

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

JULY 12, 26

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Lud-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JULY 21

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

JULY 26

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

JULY 27

PURE LUDINGTON Sunset Beach Bonfire, 8-10 p.m., Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

AUGUST 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Live in the Plaza music series, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

EVERY FRIDAY, Ludington Artisan & Farmers Market, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza 112 N. James St., Ludington

AUG. 3

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

AUG. 3, 10, 17

MOVIES IN the Park, dusk, Rotary Park, Ludington

AUG. 8, 22

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

AUG. 9

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

AUG. 9, 23

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

AUG. 12-13

40TH ANNUAL Gold Coast Artisan Fair, 10 a.m., Aug. 12, through 4 p.m., Aug. 13, Rotary Park, 100 N. Lewis St., Ludington

AUG. 12

SUDS ON the Shore, 1-6 p.m., Rotary Park, 100 N. Lewis St., Ludington.

AUG. 18

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

AUG. 23

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

AUG. 24

PURE LUDINGTON Sunset Beach Bonfire, 8-10 p.m., Stearns Park Beach, 420 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

AUG. 25-27

FOREST TRAIL Music Festival, 352 W. Forest Trail Road, Free Soil

SEPTEMBER 2023

TBD

SCOTTVILLE 10 & 31 Celebration, details to be announced.

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY THURSDAY, Live in the Plaza music series, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

EVERY FRIDAY except Sept. 29, Ludington Artisan & Farmers Market, 3 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

SEPT. 7

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

SEPT. 12, 26

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

SEPT. 13

ADULT CRAFT Night, 5-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave.

SEPT. 13, 27

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

SEPT. 15

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

SEPT. 27

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

SEPT. 28

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

SEPT. 30

OCTOBERFEST IN Downtown Ludington, 2-6 p.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

OCTOBER 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

OCT. 5

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

OCT. 9

SS BADGER'S final sailing of season, 701 Maritime Drive, Ludington

OCT. 10, 24

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

OCT. 11, 25

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

OCT. 20

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

OCT. 25

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

OCT. 26

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

OCT. 28

RUN FOR Your Lives 5k/10k, 9-11 a.m., Legacy Plaza, 112 N. James St., Ludington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

NOV. 2

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

NOV. 8, 22

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

NOV. 14, 28

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

NOV. 17

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

NOV. 22

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

NOV. 25

AGLOW ON the Avenue Parade, 6-7 p.m., downtown Ludington

DECEMBER 2023

EVERY SUNDAY, Oil Painting, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Evening Music Jam Session, 6-8 p.m., Ludington Area Center for The Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

DEC. 12, 26

KNITTIN' AT the Mitten, 6-9 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

DEC. 7

FAMILY BINGO Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

DEC. 13, 27

UKULELE GROUP, 1-3 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Lud-

ington

DEC. 15

VISUAL ARTS Critique Group, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ludington Area Center for the Arts, 107 S. Harrison St., Ludington

DEC. 27

RACIAL EQUITY Book Club, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

DEC. 28

YOUNG ADULTS Just Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ludington Library, 217 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S Eve Balloon Drop, 5-8 p.m., Sandcastles Children's Museum, 129 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington

DEC. 31-JAN. 1

NEW YEAR'S Eve Ball Drop, 9 p.m., Dec. 31, through 12:15 a.m., Jan. 1, downtown Ludington

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Eleven must-see places to visit in Ludington State Park



Lake Michigan

Enjoy swimming, sunbathing and sunsets along seven miles of sugar-sand beaches that line the Lake Michigan shoreline in Ludington State Park. More than three miles of these beaches are but a short walk from your vehicle, providing easy access to Lake Michigan's waters.

Big Sable River

Gently gliding through the park for a mile from Hamlin Lake to Lake Michigan, this short stretch of tree-lined river is home to some of the best wildlife viewing in the park.

Fishing is a popular activity on the Big Sable and tubing the river is a wonderful way to spend a hot summer day.



Big Sable Point Lighthouse

A 2-mile hike or bike ride north of the park entrance, this iconic structure stands watch over Lake Michigan and the freighters that ply its waters. Tour the museum or climb to the top for breathtaking views of the park's dunes and waters.

Lost Lake

Shallow Lost Lake is separated from Hamlin Lake by a series of islands and peninsulas. The Lost Lake and Island Trails circumnavigate this kayak-friendly lake, allowing hikers to experience its serenity. Fishing can be good, so bring along a pole.

Skyline Trail

An elevated boardwalk guides visitors for a half mile along the ridge of a large sand dune south of the Big Sable River. South facing vistas overlook the southern half of the park, its dunes and jack pine barrens, and the community of Ludington.

Hamlin Dam

Holding back the waters of Hamlin Lake, this popular location is an excellent place to begin a short kayak or tubing trip downstream during the summer.

Boardwalks below the dam are fine fishing spots and the walkway across



the top of the dam provides a great view of salmon fishing action in the fall.

Canoe Trail

Want to get away and discover one of the quieter areas of the park?

This four-mile trail takes paddlers along Hamlin Lake and into the wetlands, ponds and marshes that line its shore. Signs guide paddlers through the waterways and over four short portages. Wildlife abounds.

Amphitheater

After a day spent enjoying the park's beaches and trails, unwind during the evening while enjoying programs at the park amphitheater. Musicians, magicians, storytellers and wildlife rehabilitators provide entertainment for visitors of all ages at this outdoor stage set in the pines on the south side of the river.

Trail Shelters

Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps as the park's trails were being created, these stone structures provide visitors with a sheltered place to rest while exploring the park's interior. Three shelters remain of the original seven. Can you find them all?

Lake Michigan Beach House

In 1935, Camp Ludington Civilian Conservation Corps members built the Lake Michigan beach house just north of the Big Sable River outlet using Mason County lumber and repurposed bricks from the old Morton Salt factory in Ludington.

Their work has stood the test of time, as this beautiful building continues to provide views of Lake Michigan sunsets at the end of the day.

Historic Town of Hamlin

Before there was Ludington State Park, there was the small lumber town of Hamlin. Founded by lumber baron Charles Mears, this community thrived along the Big Sable River before floods destroyed it in the early 1900s.

Remnants of the town are still present. Join up with one of the park's guided hikes through this area to learn about the town's fascinating history.



Area organizations

Community Foundation for Mason County

At the Community Foundation for Mason County, collaborating with donors, grantees, advisors and individuals to identify issues that are important to local communities is the goal. By bringing people together around a common mission and creating links between resources and a vision for the future, the organization helps to ensure that communities remain vital and strong.

Every year, the foundation awards grants and scholarships that benefit student education, the arts, community development, the environment, health and human services and other emerging community needs. Projects the Community Foundation has supported include the City of Ludington Pickleball Courts, an accessible state park play-

ground, the Lakeshore Resource Network, Rotary Park, an early childhood museum discovery zone, regional recreational trails, backpack food and more than \$76,500 yearly in scholarships that continue to enhance life throughout Mason County. Gifts from community members support these projects.

Donations to the Community Foundation are invested for long-term growth, providing grants back into the community. If everyone leaves 5 percent of their estate to a Foundation fund, more than \$136 million will be invested in Mason County by 2055.

More information is available by calling (231) 845-0326, emailing alarge@cffmc.org or visiting www.mason-foundation.org.

COVE

COVE — which stands for Communi-

ties Overcoming Violent Encounters — has been the safety net for women, men and their children who are experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault in Mason, Oceana and Lake counties for more than 40 years.

The nonprofit, located at 906 E. Ludington Ave., offers a temporary shelter for those who need to leave dangerous situations, a crisis hotline, a sexual assault nurse examiner unit, victim resources and speakers and events to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence and how to help friends and family members in those situations.

The organization operates in Mason, Lake and Oceana counties, and offers support groups and other resources, including clothing and necessities. All money donated to COVE stays in west Michigan. COVE serves men, women and children in need.



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Contact COVE in person or by mail at 906 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington, MI 49431. Make donations by credit or debit, or get more information by calling (231) 843-2541.

See www.callcove.com for more information, and check out COVE's Facebook page for upcoming events.

If you or someone you love needs help, call the 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-950-5808.

HELP Ministry

HELP Ministry, or Hands Extended Loving People, works to provide furniture, appliances and household goods to families and individuals in need. As resources allow, HELP assists clients

with rent, utilities and medical bills in collaboration with area social service agencies and churches. The group also helps with minor home repairs, including the construction of handicap ramps, and provides transportation for medical purposes.

HELP is a nonprofit, faith-based service ministry. The primary focus of HELP is to meet needs in cooperation with other agencies, ministries and churches in Mason County.

Volunteers of HELP are the greatest asset of the ministry, and are the key to meeting needs. People with many and varied talents willing to share their time and resources are the “unsung heroes” of our community. In showing the love of God in their unselfish acts of kindness, they are demonstrating their faith by putting feet to it, says Director Larry Lange.

To learn more, volunteer or donate to

HELP, contact Lange at (231) 843-6811 or see www.help-ministry.org.

Lakeshore Food Club

Healthy, balanced food options are a vital need in any household. For those struggling to make ends meet, there's the Lakeshore Food Club.

A subsidiary of the Lakeshore Resource Network at 920 E. Tinkham Ave. in Ludington, the food club offers \$10 monthly memberships to those in need. Set up like a grocery store, shoppers are able to spend weekly points on different items — healthy items, like fresh fruits and vegetables, cost fewer points than snacks like cookies and granola bars.


The food club focuses on education, nutrition and financial literacy, and the buy-in and point system are ways to give shoppers more control.

Contact Executive Director O'Nealya

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Gronstal at (231) 480-4334 or ogronstal@lakeshorefoodclub.org to donate or get involved. Financial contributions and food donations are welcome, as well as non-food products like hygiene items and cleaning supplies. Those looking to donate food are encouraged to consider things like hot chocolate, tea, coffee and soups. Diapers, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes are also needed.

To volunteer or for more information, visit www.lakeshorefoodclub.org.

Ludington Area Center for the Arts

The primary purpose of the Ludington Area Center for the Arts is to promote Ludington's art scene.

To do this, LACA offers gallery displays, music, performances and dinner events, craft shows, concerts and art sales, to name a few.

The center, at 107 S. Harrison St. in Ludington, is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.

Call (231) 845-2787 or contact info@ludingtonartscenter.org for more information or to donate to LACA.

Mason County Historical Society

Mason County is an area with a rich history. The goal of the Mason County Historical Society is to preserve and honor that history, by engaging the community and visitors with experiences that will enhance understanding of the county's past and help build a better future.

In accordance with this mission, the society maintains and runs Ludington's Historic White Pine Village, an interactive, educational historic turn-of-the-century village housing more than 30

buildings, including a trapper's cabin, the original courthouse of Mason County, a general store and a farmstead. The village hosts historical events and demonstrations during its summer season. The Society also operates the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum, which documents the area's seafaring history, including replicas of ships and lighthouses, authentic artifacts from local carferries and other vessels, and offers visitor-rich, interactive exhibits. The historical society also houses an extensive research library covering West Michigan and Mason County history.

The Mason County Historical Society welcomes new members and volunteers. It also seeks donations toward its continued projects.

To donate, volunteer, join the society or learn more, call (231) 843-4808 or email Rebecca Berringer at rebecca@mchshistory.org.



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Lake Michigan water safety

Each year, Ludington State Park's visitors are drawn to the coastal dunes and sandy beaches of Lake Michigan. On a hot summer day, there is nothing better than jumping into this wonderful, unsalted sea to cool off.

The big lake can be dangerous. Conditions can change with little notice. Throughout the day, all summer, park staff monitors the lake conditions and fly flags indicating the swimming hazard.

These flags are located at the park entrance and on the beach side of the Lake Michigan beach house.

The park's beaches do not have life guards and all visitors swim at their own risk; however, rescue throw buoys and life jackets are located at points along the designated swim beach in the

event of an emergency.

A limited number of loaner life jackets are also available for use by visitors.

Days when waves are large can be fun, but they come with the possibility of long-shore or rip currents being present.

Before entering the water, visitors should learn how to react to getting caught in one of these currents. Signs located along the beach and at life-saving equipment kiosks explain the best methods for getting out of rip or long-shore current. See sidebar for more details.

To learn more about Great Lakes beach safety, visit www.dangerouscurrents.org, and to learn the latest beach forecast for Ludington State Park, visit the beach forecast page of the Grand

Rapids National Weather Service Office.

Have an enjoyable and safe beach season.

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

STAY CALM: Don't panic. Focus on breathing and keeping your head above water.

SWIM TO the side, parallel to shore, then back to the shore: If tired, switch between swimming and floating until you reach shore.

IF IN danger: Face the shore and call for help.

IF SOMEONE else is caught in a rip current, call 911 and use the rescue equipment to assist them. Wear a life jacket if you must enter the water.

Stay Safe

Attention: Flag Warning System

There are dangerous currents at this beach, and fatalities have occurred.



Red = Stop.

Stay on the beach and out of the water.



Yellow = Caution.

Watch for dangerous currents and high waves.

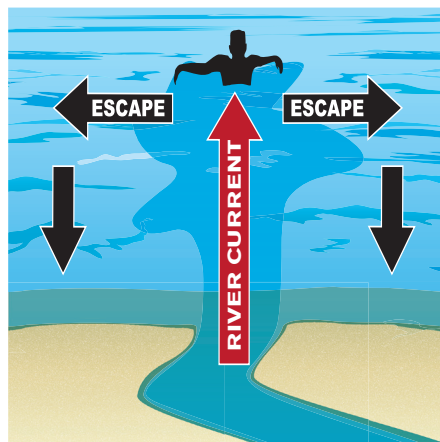


Green = Go.

But stay aware of changing conditions.

- A red flag means that there is a high risk of drowning.
- Swimmers: Stay away from piers and other structures.
- Even an Olympic swimmer couldn't win a race with a dangerous current.
- Absence of flags does not assure safe waters.

Dangerous Current Beware of Strong River Outlet Current



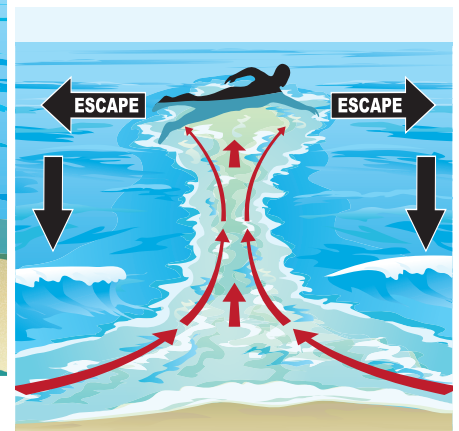
Caution, fatalities have occurred

If trapped in a dangerous current:

- Swim to the side, out of the current, and then to shore.
- If in danger, call for someone to throw a life ring or anything that floats.

Dangerous Currents Avoid Dangerous Areas:

- Stay in designated swim areas.
- Avoid swimming near piers and breakwalls. Many fatalities have occurred.



If trapped in a dangerous current:

- Swim to the side, out of the current, and then to shore.
- If in danger, call for someone to throw a life ring or anything that floats.

State officials

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat, Michigan's 49th governor, was sworn into office Jan. 1, 2019 and began a second term in 2023. A native of west Michigan, she is a lawyer, educator, former prosecutor, state representative and state senator. Gov. Whitmer was first elected to office in 2018.

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Constituent Services, (517)
335-7858

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Gretchen Whitmer,
P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI
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State Senator Jon Bumstead

Jon Bumstead, Republican from North Muskegon, was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 2018, and then elected in 2023 for the 32nd District that serves Mason, Oceana and Benzie counties with parts of Manistee and Muskegon counties. He was sworn into the new district in January 2023.

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State Rep. Curt VanderWall

Curt VanderWall, Republican from Ludington, was elected to the Michigan State House in 2022 for the 102nd District that serves parts of Mason, Manistee, Oceana and Muskegon counties. He is the owner of Turf Care Mole Man of Ludington. Vanderwall previously served in the State House and the State Senate.

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State Rep. Joseph Fox

Joseph Fox, Republican from Fremont, was elected to the State House of Representatives in 2022 for the 101st district. The district includes a parts of Mason, Oceana, Lake and Wexford counties with all of Newaygo County. Fox is a retired private school administrator

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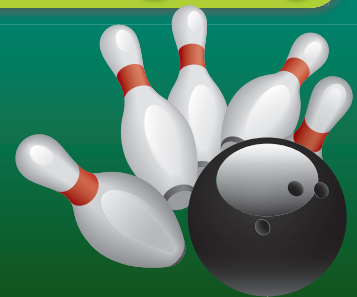
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Since its founding in 1973, the Scottville Area Senior Center (SASC) has been part of Mason County Central Schools, seeking to empower Mason County adults on the “upside” of 50 with personal independence, healthy aging, social connection, and life-long learning.

The primary reason for this notice is to reach out and inform county residents of all ages about these services and identify those who could benefit from them. We want to not only connect directly with seniors, but also with their family and friends who can help make sure eligible seniors are aware of the programs designed for them.

We hope you will encourage seniors to contact us (231-757-4705) to learn more about our services and activities that could be of benefit.



Our key mission is to provide in-home and other services available to eligible seniors throughout Mason County – for you, or for an older person you care about.



Services

Services include:

- Homemaker Services
- Caregiver Respite Services
- Medical Transportation to doctors (up to 100 miles away)
- Support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

ACTIVITIES

At our senior center, we have lunch M-F; activities for multiple interests (quilting, crafts, cards, bingo, painting, billiards, and more). Help with Medicare, estate planning, taxes; support groups and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for all!

Opportunity! We are always interested in friendly, dedicated people to help seniors in paid positions as homemaker or respite aides.

We also seek volunteer drivers to take seniors to Dr. appointments, with full federal mileage reimbursement.

Interested? Please call 231-757-4705



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