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VILLAGE OF *Benzonia*

The supervisors of Grand Traverse County organized the township of Benzonia in October 1861. In the late 1850's the Rev. Charles Bailey, a Congregational minister from Oberlin College in Ohio, came to Benzie County seeking a location for a colony. The Congregationalists established a college in Benzonia, which existed for 56 years (1862-1918) and completed building a church in 1887. The last principal of the college was George Catton, whose son Bruce Catton became a Pulitzer Prize winning author and Civil War historian. The church now houses the Benzie Area Historical Museum, which preserves and presents the history of the Benzie Bounty area.

Notable people from Benzonia are Bruce Catton, American Civil War historian; grew up in Benzonia. Gwen Frostic, artist, author, Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductee; moved to Benzonia April 26, 1964 to open up a shop selling books, stationary,prints and other items,until her death in 2001. The shop is still open. Douglass North, economic historian and nobel laureate; had his summer home in Benzonia. Dr. Dee Thornell, Dr. Dee, Alaska Vet, on Animal Planet Cable Channel; Deanna, as she was known then, grew up in Benzonia and graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1976 at Benzie Central High School.

Beulah 1910 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

Benzonia 1920 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

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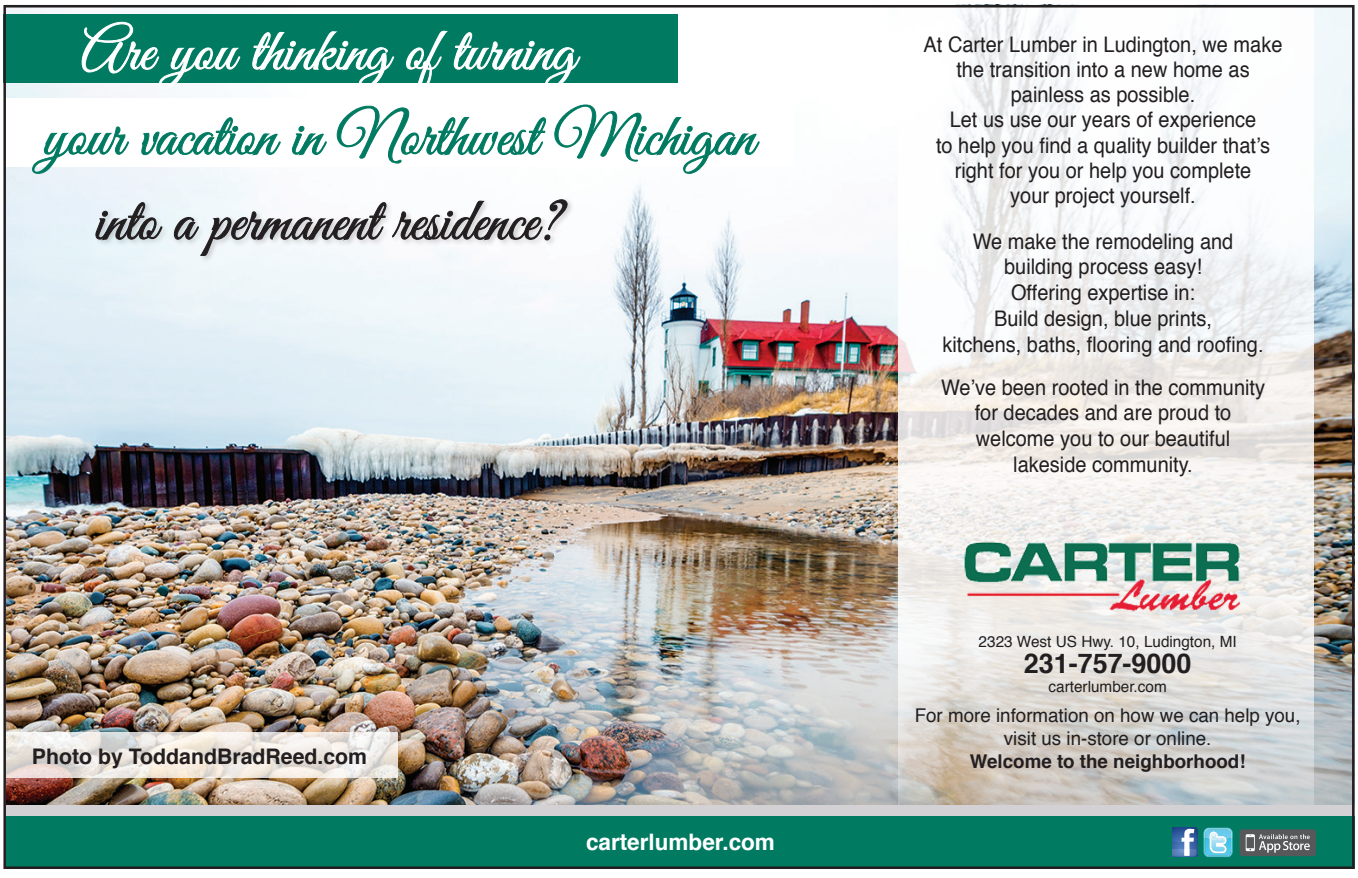
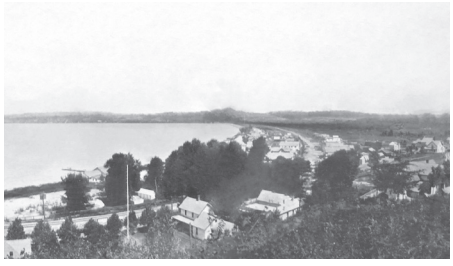


VILLAGE OF Beulah

Beulah became the fifth and final place to hold the Benzie County seat in 1918. When 1873 plans to build a canal between Crystal Lake to the Betsie River ignored the difference in water levels between Crystal Lake and Lake Michigan, Crystal Lake was accidentally lowered and a beautiful beach was exposed. Beulah became a summer resort and tourist destination.



Beulah 1905 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

The village of Beulah has two commercial areas. One area is known as "downtown" Beulah and the other is referred to as the US-31 corridor.
The mainstay of businesses in Beulah operate year-round with only a few being seasonal.

Downtown Beulah is situated near the shores of beautiful Crystal Lake. Shopping opportunities abound for art, flowers, jewelry, antiques, home decor, clothing, kayaks and kayaking accessories, gifts and books.

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Beulah 1919 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

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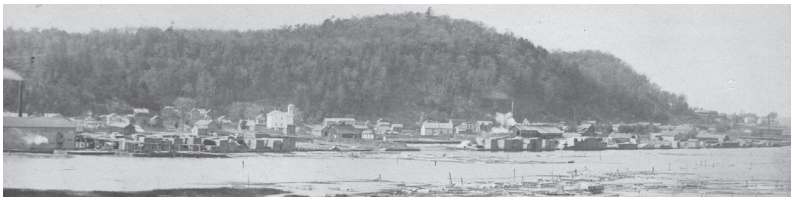
VILLAGE OF *Elberta*

Gilmore Township was organized in 1866 and has one incorporated village, Elberta (formerly south Frankfort). In June 1855, blacksmith John Greenwood and his wife Caroline settled in what is now Elberta where he operated Elberta's first business. In 1860, a small business for the distillation of balsam, cedar, and hemlock began and the population increased rapidly. In 1869 the Frankfort Iron works was organized and in 1871 a machine shop was built. In 1870 Crane Lumber Company owners opened the Betsie River for floating logs. Their mill operated until 1904 and, at one time, they lumbered 11,500 acres, most of which was within six miles of South Frankfort.

It is still a fruit growing-farming area. South Frankfort was renamed Elberta for the Elberta peaches that grew in the area. The Smeltzer packing plant processed the fruit.

Elberta was also home to the Ann Arbor Railroad and Car ferries and was a major industrial town for many years.



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CITY OF *Frankfort*

The Grand Traverse County Board of Supervisors organized Crystal Lake Township in October 1859. Between 1859 and 1873 other townships were organized and detached from Crystal Lake township and its present boundaries were set in 1873. One of the first European men to visit Benzie County was Father Jacques Marquette, who died while traveling in the Frankfort area. He was temporarily buried in Frankfort the moved to St. Ignace for permanent burial.

Historians believe that Joseph Oliver, a hunter, trapper and fisherman was the first white settler in this area. When seeking refuge from a storm, a ship captain accidently discovered Betsie Bay (Frankfort-Elberta harbor) and in 1854 the ship's owner, George Tift of Buffalo, purchased land around the harbor in a development venture, a settlement was established and businesses followed.

Frankfort's first early economy depended upon the lumber industry, commercial fishing, and fruit farming. The world's first successful voyage of a shop carrying loaded railroad freight cars across a large body arrived in Frankfort from Kewaunee, Wisconsin, in November 1892. As a result, the Ann Arbor Railroad and Car ferries were the main Benzie area employers for 90 years. Car ferry service continued out of the Frankfort-Elberta harbor until April 1982.

The Frankfort-Elberta area became a national center for glider plane activity and in 1938 and 1939 hosted the American Open Soaring Contest. Today Frankfort is a thriving tourist destination.

Frankfort 1895 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

City of Frankfort
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VILLAGE OF *Honor*

Honor was named after the daughter of an official of the Guelph Patent Cask Company, which established the settlement in 1895. Honor was a major logging town and incorporated as a village in 1914.

Honor 1900 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

Honor Michigan is located in a beautiful river valley along a top-notch trout stream called the Platte River. Each year during the month of August, this sleepy little town comes alive to host the " National Coho Festival" honoring the 'salmon run' along the first river that began salmon fishing in Michigan. Honor is known as the Coho Capital because each year Coho Salmon make their way back up river, back to their birthplace, the Platte River State Fish Hatchery just outside of town.

Honor has the only drive-in theater left in Northern Michigan and because of its close proximity, is considered a gateway to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Honor 1910 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

Village of Honor
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VILLAGE OF Lake Ann

The first settlers in Almira Township were believed to be John and Alec Heather who came from Canada in 1862. The first family to build a house in Almira Township was the Burrell family. Andrew Burrell and his wife, Almira –the township's namesake- lived on the North side of Sancrainte Creek.

Lake Ann was founded in NE Benzie County in 1862 as well when A.P. Wheelock built a lumber sawmill. Wheelock named both the village and the lake after his wife Ann Wheelock. A. P. Wheelock also served as the first sheriff of Benzie County. Another of Lake Ann's founders was Elijah Ransom built the villages second mill works which consisted of both a lumber sawmill and a gristmill on Ransom Creek.

Lake Ann was one of a string of lumber camps and mill towns between Traverse City and the Port of the City of Frankfort in the 1870's. Lake Ann was incorporated as a village in 1893 but as hard as it may be to believe, did not receive electricity until 1939!

Lake Ann differed from many of the other mill towns in the region because of the lake and several other smaller lakes nearby which provided sites for gristmills and sawmills, with the largest one built on Lake Ann's north shore. That mill was named Habbeler's, for William and George Habbeler. The site location for the mill, which was built in 1892, was selected because of the proximity to the M& NE Manistee and Northeastern Railroad coming to the village (servicing the village from 1892 to 1930). Habbeler's Mill was very active, employing 125 or more men in the late 1800's. The Habbeler's also built the villages first General Store which became the hub of most village activity. With the railroad coming to the village, the next ten years were Lake Ann's heyday!

The village grew to a population to more than 800 (some say 1000), having several types of mills, a railroad depot, several "first class" hotels, a mercantile, several grocery and drug stores and other assorted business including lake resorts, livery's, carriage and wagon shops and several saloons. Lake Ann had a school and two churches plus a growing agricultural element as the timber industry began to wind down.

Lake Ann Village was virtually destroyed by fire three times. The first fire occurred on July 4, 1897, when Lake Ann was in competition with Traverse City as the metropolis of this area of Michigan, with nearly 1,000 inhabitants. It is not known whether the fire began in the engine room of William Habbeler's sawmill or by a spark from a tug anchored near the shore. The local firefighting equipment and water supply were inadequate, and Traverse City was summoned by telegraph. Fifty-four minutes and two water stops later (that came by rail), the Traverse City Fire Department was on the scene. The fire destroyed 88 building in all including over a dozen businesses, railroad freight and flatcars, the M& NE depot, endless homes and nearly a half-mile of track. Many of the businesses rebuilt only to be wiped out again by another fire in 1914. When the third fire erupted in 1918; it was almost too much for the village, and Lake Ann was never rebuilt to its former status.

Lake Ann 1900 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

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Thompsonville is best known for the ski resort located there, Crystal Mountain. Thompsonville is also known for its Iron Fish Distillery.

Thompsonville 1900 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

Thompsonville 1904 – Photo courtesy of Benzie Area Historical Society

City of Thompsonville
Created: 1892
Village Hall:
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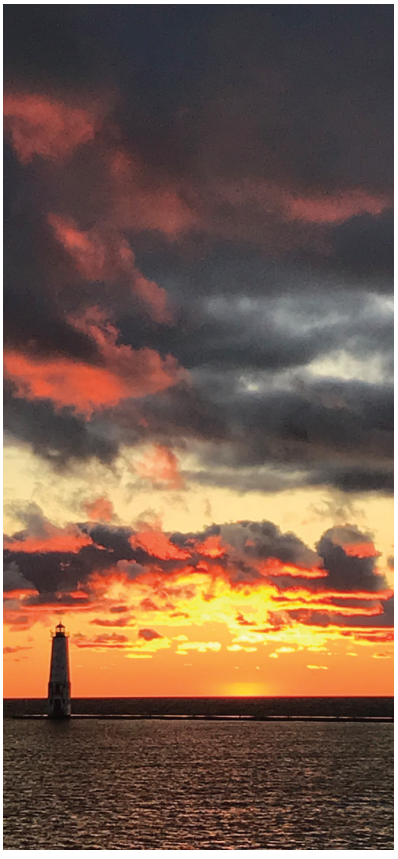

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Hall Meeting 2nd Wednesday of Each Month 7:30 p.m.

BLAINE TOWNSHIP

Created: 1876
Township Hall:
4760 Herring Grove Road
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Supervisor: Tom Campbell
Clerk: Courtney S. Gillison
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Hall Meeting 1st Tuesday of Each Month 7:30 p.m.

COLFAX TOWNSHIP

Created: 1868
Township Hall:
7607 Michigan Avenue Thompsonville, MI 49683
Phone: (231) 378-2144
Fax: (231) 378-4665
Web site: www.colfaxtownship.org

Supervisor: Ron Evitts
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CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP

Created: 1859
Township Hall:
1651 Frankfort Hwy Frankfort, MI 49635
Telephone: (231) 352-9791
Fax: (231) 352-6689
Web Site: www.crystallaketownship.org

Supervisor: Amy Ferris
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Trustees: Richard Nielsen, MD, Tammy M. May
Zoning Administrator: Tom Kucera
Assessor: Dave & Jill Brown

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GILMORE TOWNSHIP

Created: 1866
Township Hall:
Elberta Community Building
401 First Street Elberta, MI 49628
Telephone: (231) 352-5047
Fax: (231) 399-5002

Supervisor: Carl Noffsinger
Clerk: Shannon Spencley
Treasurer: Laura Manville
Trustees: Ronald Beyette, Douglas Holmes
Zoning Administrator: Josh Mills
Assessor: Barbie Eaton

Hall Meeting 2nd Tuesday of Each Month 7:00 PM

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP

Created: 1864
Township Hall:
11508 Honor Hwy Honor, MI 49640
Telephone: (231) 325-6772
Fax: (231) 325-2031

Supervisor: Shannon Purchase
Clerk: Mary Geetings
Treasurer: Shelley Rosa
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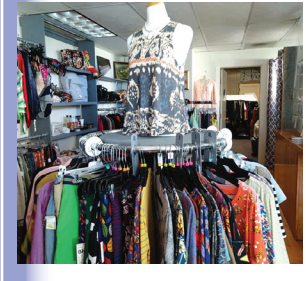

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Supervisor: Paul Beechraft
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Zoning Administrator: Roger Williams
Assessor: Christy Brow

Hall Meeting 2nd Monday of Each Month 7:00 p.m.

JOYFIELD TOWNSHIP

Created: 1868
Township Hall:
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Telephone: (231) 882-0133

Supervisor: Matt Emery
Clerk: Ted Wood
Treasurer: Patricia Daugherty
Trustees: Jim Evans , Mark Alan Evans
Assessor: Guy Sauer

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LAKE TOWNSHIP

Created: 1868
Township Hall:
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Telephone: (231) 325-5202
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Supervisor: Anna Grobe t
Clerk: Dotty Blank
Treasurer: Maryanne Goodman
Trustees: John Rothhaar, Sally Casey
Zoning Administrator: Richard C. Krupp
Assessor: Carol Merrill

Hall Meeting 1st Thursday of Each Month 7:00 PM

PLATTE TOWNSHIP

Created: 1886
Township Hall:
11935 Fowler Road Honor, MI 49640
Telephone: (231) 325-2459
Fax: (231) 325-2530

Supervisor: Paul L. Solem
Clerk: Alison Michalak
Treasurer: Cynthia Gottschalk
Trustees: Matt Wieber , Pete Laman
Zoning Administrator: Dave Neiger
Assessor: Shelley Rosa

Hall Meeting 1st Tuesday of Each Quarter 7:00 PM

WELDON TOWNSHIP

Created: 1868
Township Hall:
14731 Thompson Avenue Thompsonville, MI 49683
Telephone: (231) 378-2477 for Clerk's Office (231) 378-2237 for Treasurer's Office

Supervisor: Ron Hitesman
Clerk: Carrie Aldrich
Treasurer: Sally Bobek
Trustees: Gary Stevens, Sue Meredith
Zoning Administrator: Craig Meredith
Assessor: Carol Merrill

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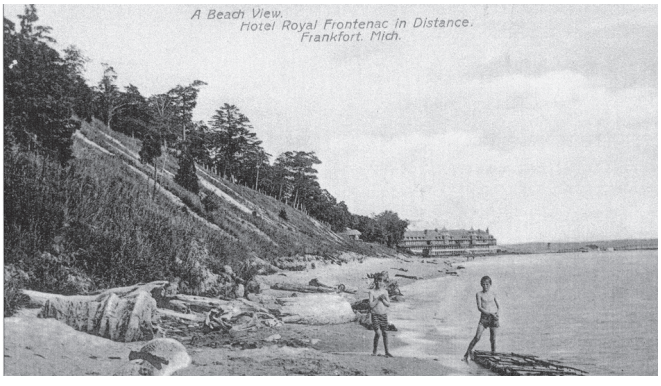

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