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Port Austin News

Happy
Memorial Day

end of May

June 2024

Memorial Day May 27, 2024

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

The men and women of the Port Austin American Legion Post 499 are an assembly of veterans and families of the our military forces. Every Memorial Day the veterans once again don their military uniforms, and then they bus to the area cemeteries and pay honor to the men and women who have serviced who are no longer with us. Then they parade to and meet at the *Port Austin Veteran's Waterfront Park* and honor living veterans. Below is the time schedule of this year's services.

CEMETERY TIME LINE 2024

American Legion Post 499 will perform grave side services at the below listed cemeteries and War Memorials at approximate time listed.

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Depart Legion	09:20	
Arrive @ Port Crescent Cemetery	09:30	09:45 min.
Arrive @ St. Edward's Cemetery	09:50	10:00 min.
Arrive @ Kinde War Memorial	10:05	10:21 min.
Arrive at St. Mary's Cemetery	10:27	10:38 min
Arrive at Legion's War Memorial	10:48 (POST 499 SERVICE)	depart 11:08
Arrive Port Austin Twp Cemetery	11:11	11:22 min.
Arrive at St. Michael's Cemetery	11:25	11:37 min.
Arrive at P.A. State Bank	11:39	depart 11:48

Parade will begin at the PA State Bank and travel along State Street west to Lake Street north to Spring Street west on to the Memorial.

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NEW P A Chamber of Commerce website!

GEARING up for the upcoming season, the **Greater Port Austin Chamber of Commerce** has been hard at work. We are very excited to share some updates with you!

Check out the new website!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, which represents a significant upgrade from our previous platform. Not only is the site a beautiful showcase for Port Austin, but it also serves as a vital hub for local businesses and community support. One of the most exciting features of the new website is the inclusion of individual member profiles, where you can showcase your business or organization with an overview, pictures, contact information, social media links, and more.

Please know, we are still making updates and perfecting the smaller details.

New to Wednesdays!

Furthermore, we are excited to announce the launch of our Wednesday Evening Farmers Market and "Wednesdays on Wheels" event series, aimed at driving more visitors and business into the village during the week. These events present excellent opportunities for members to engage with the community and promote their businesses.

Additionally, our 19th annual Saturday Farmers Market will kick off on May 18th with many fun activities planned for the season.

We will have more news and updates for you soon!

Warmest Regards,

Executive Director, Lisa Marie Giovanni
The Greater Port Austin
Area Chamber of Commerce

PORT AUSTIN RESTAURANTS, TAVERN, AND THEIR HOURS

American Legion

Post 499

8875 Hellems Road, Port Austin MI

989-738-1223 Eat In or Take Out

Kitchen is open to non members

****HOURS****

Monday - Tuesday 3pm-9pm,

Wed 3pm-12:00am, Thurs 3pm- close,

Fri. 3pm-close, Sat 12:00pm- close,

Sunday 12:00pm—7:00pm

Jam Session Every Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday June 1, AMERICAN LEGION-2024 GOLF OUTING

4-Person SCRAMBLE - Bird Creek Golf Club-Port Austin, MI Registration Starts at 9:00AM. Tee Times are Scheduled 10:00AM -12:30PM Lunch at the Course! Dinner afterwards at the Legion! **DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS May 31, 2024. ENTRY FEE:** \$70 ea. BC Members \$60 ea. BC Cart Members \$45 ea. **GOLF OUTING INCLUDES:** ▪ Four Person Scramble Format ▪ 50/50 Raffle ▪ Team Skins Game ▪ Prize Raffles ▪ Hunters' Prize Raffle ▪ Cooler of Cheer Raffle **PRIZES AWARDED FOR:** ▪ Longest Putt for Men & Women ▪ Closest to the Pin for Men & Women ▪ Lowest Team Score-Men ▪ Lowest Team Score-Women ▪ Lowest Team Score-Mixed **PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND - TEAMS MAKEUP AS FOLLOWS:** 1. All Men 2. All Women 3. Mixed Men will play from the White Tees. Women will play from the Red Tees. Seniors 70 & Above will play from the Gold Tees. **TURN IN ALL SCORECARDS AT THE DINNER! ALL PRIZES & RAFFLES AWARDED AT THE DINNER! REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00AM TEE TIMES ARE SCHEDULED FROM 10:00AM-12:30PM THE DINNER!** Registration forms available at American Legion and on Facebook.

Hole-in-One
Prize
Sponsored
by:



LOCATION: PORT AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION

8875 Hellems Road Port Austin, Michigan

Date: June 30, 2024

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!! DINE IN ONLY!

~~WHILE SUPPLIES LAST~~

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, coffee cake, coffee, and juice.

Cost: Adults - \$10.00 Kids (under 12) \$5.00

Veterans Eat Free!

Hosted by: Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion



Open weekends

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-8pm

Starting Memorial Day weekend we will be

Open Daily 1-8pm

Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt

Grindstone General Store

3206 Copeland Rd, Port Austin, MI 48467

(989) 738-6410

The Landing Tavern

8724 Lake Street

Port Austin Michigan

989-738-9750

Friendly place to eat in, take out & drink.

Kitchen Hours

Monday 4-8:30pm

Tuesday and Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 4-8:30pm

Friday 4-8:30pm

Saturday 3pm - 8:30pm

Sunday 3pm-8:30pm

Bar Hours

Sunday, Monday & Thursday closes when slow

Friday & Saturday closes at 1am

Karaoke

Starts at 9pm Every Saturday Night

MORE PORT AUSTIN RESTAURANTS, TAVERN & HOURS

Shelley's Bar & Grill

8745 Pearson Rd,
Grindstone City, MI
989-738-5105

Open to Dine-In or Carry-Out
Kitchen is Open at 11am

Open 7 days a week

Kitchen now closing at 8PM on Sunday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Bar stays open until slow.

Watch Facebook for Daily Specials

All dinner specials come with soup /salad bar.

- Sundays we will have our pool table open all day.
We pay for the games!
- Prime Rib on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

* Father's Day Special,

Prime Rib and Coconut Shrimp

J & J's Party Store

next to Shelley's Bar & Grill
8743 Pearson Rd

Grindstone City, MI

989-738-5046

Open 7 days a week

Store open daily at 10am Sunday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
and Saturday Closes at 7pm.

*~We carry food staples, refrigerated dairy, beer, wine,
liquors and other basic supplies
including some fresh vegetables.*

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Bank 1884 Food & Spirits

8646 Lake Street
Port Austin, MI 48467
Located in Downtown Port Austin
National Historic Site

New Kitchen hours

Wednesday 5 to 8

Thursday 11am - 8

Friday open at 11am -9pm

Saturday 11am-9pm

~ Specials & Events listed on Facebook ~

Days On the Lake

3337 Pointe Aux Barques Road
Grindstone, MI
989-738-7665

June we will be open everyday except
Wednesday.

closed Tuesday and Wednesday in May.

Hours are

Monday 11-8, Tuesday 11-8,

WEDNESDAY CLOSED,

Thursday 11-8, Friday 11-9,

Saturday 8-9, Sunday 8-7.

Breakfast served Saturday & Sunday until 11 am

Hours & days of operation will increase as the season progresses.
Follow us on Facebook

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PAK's Backyard
119 E Spring St,
Port Austin, Mi
89-551-0444

Restaurant and shop hours will change as
summer progresses. List of entertainer
scheduled to perform are on page 14..



North Huron FFA Winners



Star in Ag Placement, Jordan Schave

North Huron FFA members attended the Michigan FFA State Convention held at Michigan State University Campus from Feb 28-Mar 1st 2024. State Convention recognizes members' accomplishments over the last year. Some of the highlights include: Jordan Schave named a STAR finalist in Ag Placement; he was also named the proficiency winner in Diversified Agricultural Production; Jordan also received gold awards in Swine Production Placement and Diversified Livestock Production. Jason Murawski was named a proficiency winner in the Ag Mechanics and Restoration category. Cecilia Kramer received silver awards in Swine Production and Agricultural Sales proficiency categories. Ryan Iseler and Peyton Talaski also received awards in Beef Entrepreneurship and Goat Production, respectively. Degree recipients included 8 State Degrees and 3 Outstanding Juniors. Academic Excellence included 6 gold and 1 silver awards. A scholarship was awarded for the Washington Leadership Conference to Carter Kosinski. Carter will attend that National Leadership opportunity in June. The North Huron FFA in the broiler contest, being awarded the most gold placement Chapter received the prestigious traveling Zindel trophy for our achievements in the broiler contest, being awarded the most gold placements for our entries. Congratulations to all of the members!



Outstanding Junior Award, (left to right) Carter Kosinski, Landen Mergucz (not pictured: Jay Scoviac)



Zindel Award - Chapter Representative: Emily Souva



Jason Murawski, State Winner



Jordan Schave, State Winner



State Degrees (left to right back row) Clayton Stanton, Ryan Iseler, Sara Koth, Jordan Schave, Jason Murawski (left to right front row) Peyton Talaski, Natalie Talaski, Cecilia Kramer

State Convention is a great way for younger members to experience how the FFA journey can impact them. We had 4 freshman members attend the convention and serve on the Courtesy Corp. These students help with convention in ways like greeting attendees and helping special guests find their seats before sessions. We also had 3 students serve as delegates and represent our chapter. They had the honor of voting on next year's state officer team as well as proposed amendments to the current constitution. Students were excited to finally get their hands in the dirt and spend time in the greenhouse. The annual hanging basket sale plants are planted and students are learning hands-on about how to care for each variety. Applying fertilizer and pesticide, monitoring water and light requirements, and pruning are all tasks that classes will participate in. Please watch on Facebook for more information about ordering baskets for your porch towards the end of April.

The State Skills contests will be held on April 19th this year. These contests are varied and unique as each member picks their interest. This is a very anticipated event! Over the next 5 weeks students will choose a contest and fully immerse themselves in learning every aspect from general knowledge to identification, and practicums ranging from taste testing, floral arranging, presenting a sales pitch, or ranking ready to eat poultry. This contest brings together over 2,700 members to the Michigan State University Campus and is very competitive. ~



Lady Slipper Festival Coming on Sunday, May 26th!!

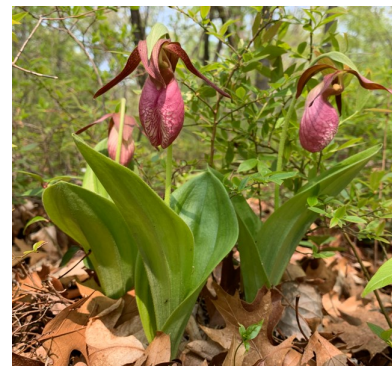
Since 2001, the Huron County Nature Center's annual 'Lady's Slipper Festival' has been held during Memorial Day weekend. This one-day event is the center's official spring opener, the start of our summer programs and, most importantly, timed to coincide with the bloom of the Pink Lady's Slipper orchid. While not threatened in Michigan, this orchid is protected and treasured in the nature center, where it finds the right soils and fungi

that it needs to grow. Though there are many signs of spring in Michigan, this particular flower's re-emergence each year is welcomed and celebrated at the nature center.

This year's festival on Sunday, May 26 is from 10am to 4pm. The family-friendly event will be filled with music, food, arts and crafts, and an activity for kids. The gazebo will have live music during the day. Our board members are serving up hot dogs, hamburgers and munchies. Baked goods will be available too. Local artists, craftspeople, and other vendors will have a variety of items for sale. And, continuing what has become a tradition for many repeat visitors, we'll have a tree-cookie painting station for the kids. In the past years, many of those painted tree-cookies (slices of a tree branch) have been used to keep track of the number of lady slippers found on the walk along the trails.

The Visitor's Center, located at 3336 Loosemore Road, east of Oak Beach Road, will be open the day of the festival. Collin, our Blanding's turtle will be in his spacious tank. Learn about nature with our interactive vernal pool display and native bird exhibit. Take a look at the wildlife area with bird feeders and waterfall feature. Finally, don't forget to walk the trails and look for the flower that adorns the Nature Center's logo, the Pink Lady's Slipper orchid.

The Huron County Nature Center is an all-volunteer run 501c3 nonprofit, with a mission to protect our 280 acres of lovely Michigan forest while making it available for the enjoyment of the public. The land, protected now for over 80 years, is a rare forested dune and wet swale complex, hosting abundant vernal pools, migratory birds, and a wide array of wildlife and plants. Two trail systems with a combined length of almost six miles (and including one short paved accessible trail loop) allow visitors to experience the wilderness all year long, in every season.



More information about the Nature Center – and ways to participate and donate - can be found at <https://www.huronnaturecenter.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/>



Grill and AirBnb Fire Dangers

By Jason Zimmerman, Port Austin Fire Chief

I hope everyone is having a GREAT spring so far!! I know a select few folks out there that refer to this season as allergy season but nonetheless, it is warming up, the Tigers are back on the field, and the calendar says its Spring!! We have been busy training lately, taking advantage of the better weather. You may have seen us doing extrication training earlier in April. We have also been busy doing spring cleaning and taking care of some maintenance around the fire house.

Now is the time to make sure your grill that you put away last fall is working correctly!! Here are some general grilling safety tips:

1. Never grill indoors, in a garage, carport, under an eave or a patio covering. Make sure you are at least ten feet away from a building.
2. Because of fire potential do not grill on a wood deck.
3. Stabilize your grill on a flat surface to prevent it from moving, sliding or toppling over.
4. Keep clothes close to your body, roll up shirt sleeves, tucking shirts in, avoid wearing flowing skirts or scarves and make sure apron strings are securely tied.
5. Cook your food in small batches to avoid overloading the grill.
6. Use proper equipment like long handled utensils and potholders when handling food on the grill.
7. Keep a fire extinguisher within close reach to prevent small fires from spreading quickly.
8. Do not leave a lit grill unattended.
9. Avoid void grilling while intoxicated.
10. Keep children and pets away from the area by declaring a 3 foot kid free zone around the grill even after you are finished since grills can keep their heat for some time.
11. Use a meat thermometer to confirm the food has been heated to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria.

There is nothing like food cooked on a grill, we just want to make sure we are doing it safely!!

Many of us like to stay in an Airbnb or a Vacation Rental by Owner during the spring and summer. Many of these rentals are safe but as with anything it is always a great idea to act as your own safety advocate. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you travel this year.

1. Make sure there are working smoke alarms in the sleeping areas.
2. Make sure there are portable fire extinguishers in the home, and they are easy to reach.
3. Make sure there are working carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home as required by law codes and standards.
4. Make sure the owner has a posted floor plan and ensure it notes all escape routes and exits and provides the emergency contact information.
5. Make sure everyone knows the address of the home or have it posted in a clear conspicuous place.
6. Ensure everyone that is staying in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
7. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
8. Choose an outside meeting place and make sure it is a safe distance from home. Just like in your own residence, make sure everyone knows how to dial 911.
9. Make sure all pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
10. Make sure electrical outlets are free for multiple cords and adapters.
11. Ensure the stovetop is clear of anything that can catch fire such as curtains and towels.
12. If the home has a gas fireplace, make sure you know how to operate it before using it. Only use a wood fire place if you are experienced in using one.

These few safety tips can prevent a major emergency. Every year we respond to many different types of emergencies at a vacation rental so approach staying in one the same way you would your own home.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all the high school seniors and all of the men and women graduating from college this spring!! I would like to wish everyone well on their future endeavors!! This great country is full of opportunities so grab the bull by the horns and take on your next adventure! ~



Cover crops

By Rita Herford

If you are traveling the country side and notice crops dying in the fields, you might question what is happening. Why are fields dying off in the spring time? Why would a farmer be killing their crops? I was recently asked this very question so I thought it would be a good topic for this month's article.

Farmers are full of interesting things and most don't make sense to someone driving past, but I can assure you we have our reasons. Crops that are desiccated (a fancy word for killed) with no intention of being harvested are called Cover Crops. And are planted just for that reason- to be worked back into the ground.

Seems like a lot of money and time just to plant something that will never be harvested. Yup it is, but there are many benefits to growing a cover crop. The broad answer it to increase soil health, because soil is everything! Ever hear the Paul Harvey quote "Despite

all our accomplishments, we owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains."? If that isn't the truth.

The underlying benefits are to increase soil organic matter, increase soil microbes, increase water holding capacity, reduce the risk of water and wind erosion, and break up soil compaction, to name a few.

In the fall after we harvest our regular crop, we plant a cover crop. This could be clover, rye, radishes, chick peas, oats, wheat or maybe even a mix of them. Which seeds we chose to plant really depends on the end goal as each cover crop can benefit the soil in different ways. For instance, black oats have a higher nitrogen concentration and lower carbon to nitrogen ratio than many other common cover crops but can't over winter. Radishes are great for breaking up soil compaction but their root system can grow quickly and easily plug up field tile if not managed properly. Sometimes we plant a cover crop only for it to grow for a month or two before we till it into the soil and other times, we want the crop to last through the winter and into the spring. It just depends on the circumstances and what specifically the farmer is trying to accomplish.

Now you might be asking why a regular crop doesn't do these same things, the answer is that the biomass from the cover crop needs to be left on the ground or worked back into the soil. Think of composting. There is a lot of science to this and if you'd like more details, I'd encourage you to enroll in a soil chemistry, biology and physics class at MSU- they're a hoot!

Not every field is a candidate for cover crops every year. Most of our sugar beets and wheat fields will get a type of cover crop after they are harvested. However, corn fields have enough crop residue on them after we harvest that we don't bother planting a cover crop (silage corn is an exception because the whole plant is removed from the field) and our dry bean fields that will be planted into wheat don't have cover crops because the wheat is planted right after the dry beans are harvested in the fall.

Cover crops are just one way that farmers are taking care of the soil. We take care of the soil so that it takes care of us. Happy June!



Above: Tillage radishes after growing for a month right before being worked into the soil.

Mixture of radishes, sunflowers, oats and cow peas to be grown for cover cropping.



Music Live on Stage in Port Austin

Music on stage at Farmers Market from 10am to 1pm.

Market opens May 18, 2024 from 9am to 1pm every Saturday rain or shine in downtown Port Austin until October 5, 2024.

5/18 Chase William Murphy

5/25 2nd Shot

6/1 Kenny Lang

6/8 Finnegans Cross

6/15 Sarah Schingeck

6/22 Vinny Charles Band

6/29 Mike Ward

7/6 Ruby, T & Valentine

7/20 O'Dwyer Brothers



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AND 15 CHAPTERS EDUCATING BOATERS.**

MAY 2024 Port Austin Area Events

Friday, May 17, Village Green Shops Opens for Season

3:00 PM 7:00 PM The Village Green is at 17 West State St, Pt Austin, **cute little blue shops on the Village Green, go figure !**

Saturday, May 18, Port Austin Farmers Market Opens

on State Street from 9am until 1pm. Live music on stage from 10am to 1pm. Every Saturday Rain or Shine. View more information on the NEW Greater Port Austin Chamber of Commerce web site.

Saturday, May 18, Chase William Murphy

will perform Live on Stage at the Port Austin Farmers Market. Thumb region singer-songwriter, Chase plays a little bit of everything, The entertainment begins at 10 a.m. downtown at the stage adjacent to the historic gymnasium during the Farmers Market. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the free concert during Market hours.

Saturday, May 18, Styles for Scholars Luncheon & Fashion Show

12-2 P.M. at the Pointe Aux Barques Clubhouse, \$50 a Ticket, Contact Joanne by phone 989-550-4449 for Tickets. Ticket Must be Purchased in advance.

Saturday, May 18, The Landing Tavern Karaoke

Starts at 9pm Every Saturday Night. 8724 Lake Street, Port Austin MI 989-738-9750 Friendly place to eat in, take out & drink.

Sunday, May 19, MAGICAL SUMMER OF MUSIC

The Port Austin Community Playhouse will be hosting a wonderful musical event start at 2:00 PM. *The Detroit Social Club, will be performing.*

Monday, May 20, "Monday Night BINGO"

at the U & I Club 8255 N Van Dyke Rd Port Austin, MI 48467 (989) 738-5080. Starts at 6:15 PM *Every Monday Except Memorial Day. All are welcome.*

Friday May 24, Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Opening

7320 Lighthouse Rd, Port Hope, MI. 586-243-1838 GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM OPEN FOR THE SEASON MAY 24TH, Gift Shop and Museum Hours: Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm. *Tower Climb May 25 and 26th. Tower Climb - \$4 Adults & \$2 for Children 12 & under Combo tickets - \$8 for Adults & \$4 Children under 12. From 10am to 5 pm.*

Friday, May 24, Roger Hackelberg performs

on the Village Green from 5:00-7:00 pm. He sings Folk, Country, and Contemporary Christian. Port Austin Village Green is located 8650 Line Street. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! Village Green Shops are open from 3:00-7:00 pm. Single acoustic guitar and vocalist from Capac, MI.

Saturday, May 25, Empty Bowls

Help Fill Local Food Banks. The Port Austin "Artists in Residence" program has joined with Detroit ceramic artists Ani Garabedian

and Byron Nemela and local businesses and non-profit organizations to bring the empty bowls project to Port Austin. An array of handcrafted soup bowls will be available for purchase at the Port Austin Farmers Market on May 18th and May 25th. There will be seventy-five unique bowls to choose from at \$20 each. Patrons who purchase bowls are invited to join us at the Bee Barn (20 Washington Street, Port Austin) on May 25 starting at 11:30 a.m. where community volunteers will be donating crock pots of their favorite recipes

Saturday, May 25, Live on Stage! - 2nd Shot

10:00 AM 1:00 PM Port Austin Farmers Market . 2nd Shot! is John Cotaling and Garry Valentine, two SE Michigan music veterans who joined forces in 2021. They describe the music they play as "singer/songwriter" with a touch of country and classic rock with an acoustic touch. They like to play songs that folks can sing along with! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the free concert during Market hours.

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Sunday, May 26, Pink Lady's Slipper 10am - 4 pm

a celebration of one of Michigan's most beautiful and rare wildflowers, the Pink Lady's Slipper Orchid! This family-friendly event offers a variety of activities for all ages, including live music, food vendors, local artisans showcasing their wares. Visitors can hike and explore the trails in search of Lady's Slippers. Prefer a more leisurely experience, relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Huron County Nature Center, located at 3336 Loosemore Road, Port Austin, MI 989-856-5030

Memorial Day 2024

May 27, 2024

Monday

Thursday, May 30, SMASH M.S. PARTY.

World M.S. Day fundraiser starting at 6pm at the Thumb Brewery, 6758 Pine St, Caseville, MI. Music Bingo, 50/50 Raffle, special Merchandise, Auction and tapping of "Jennerous Pour" - Single Malt and Single Hop IPA. The Benefit is for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Friday, May 31, Sibling Revelry performs

Friday Night Live on the Village Green! 5:00 PM 7:00 PM on the Port Austin Village Green 8650 Line Street, Port Austin. The entertainment begins at 5 p.m. downtown at the Village Green. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the free concert.

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JUNE 2024 Port Austin Area Events

Saturday, June 1, Bird Walk, HCNC. 9:30AM 10:30am
Center address: 3336 Loosemore Road Port Austin, MI.
Join hobby birder Tom Beachy for a morning of birding!
Tom will share his extensive knowledge and passion for
birding as you explore the trails and look for local bird
species. Bring your binoculars and cameras, and be
prepared to observe and learn about the different
behaviors and characteristics of the birds you encounter
at the Huron County Nature Center.

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9pm Every Saturday Night. 8724 Lake Street, Port Austin
MI 989-738-9750. Friendly place to eat in, take out &
drink.

Monday, June 3, "Monday Night BINGO" at the U & I
Club 8255 N Van Dyke Rd Port Austin, MI 48467 (989)
738-5080. Starts at 6:15 PM Every Monday Except
Memorial Day. All are welcome.

Wednesday, June 5, Jam Session Every Wednesday
7:30pm at American Legion Post 499 8875 Hellems
Road, Port Austin MI 989-738-1223

Friday, June 7, Friday Night Live with Kenny Lang
Kenny Lang performs at Friday Night Live on the Village
Green from 5:00-7:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
and enjoy the free concert. Kenny Lang is a singer/
songwriter from Port Austin. His songs brilliantly
illustrate stories about life, love, happiness, and struggle.
Kenny Lang's song "Four-Legged Hero" has been played
at the Michigan War Dog Memorial for K-9 Veteran's Day
as well as interments for Military and Police Dogs. Vil-
lage Green Shops are open 3:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday, June 8, Finnigans Cross concert The acoustic
collaboration of Vickie Vader (Akron, MI) and
Tom Krause (Caro, MI) will perform an eclectic mix of
acoustic Celtic and light rock music. Vickie is a
multi-instrumentalist, and sings lead. Tom is a virtuoso
guitarist and gifted vocalist. The entertainment runs from
10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. downtown at the stage adjacent to
the historic gymnasium.

Saturday, June 8, Sweetie B's Honey HCNC
10:30 AM 11:30 AM Matt Jacobs of Sweetie B's
Honey will offer a general overview of the bee
business operation and open conversation with
attendees. Huron County Nature Center 3336
Loosemore Road Port Austin, MI, It is sure to be a
sweet time.

Saturday, June 8, Harbor Beach Truck Parade
12:00 PM 2:00 PM Watch the Harbor Beach Truck
Show Parade as it rolls through Port Austin!
Time is not yet confirmed. Parade expected to
come through the area. Also visit the Port Austin
Market from 9am & 1pm.

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**Tue, June 11, & Wed, June 12 Bocce Ball Tourna-
ment**

5:30 PM-10:00 PM Gallup Park. The annual Bocce
Ball Tournament is beloved community event
held in mid-June! Anyone is welcome to team up
and compete in this two-day tournament. Each
day offers a fun team contest where creativity
reigns supreme. Anyone is welcome to team up
and compete in this two-day tournament. The
festivities also include 50/50 raffles benefiting
the chamber. Theme suggests, "Bocce, Burgers,
Beer," participants and spectators alike can en-
joy a bite from an food truck on-site, along with
refreshing beverages. Sign up for team and com-
pete the GOAT Bocce Trophy or just join the
fun! REGISTRATION REQUIRED Team \$45.00
Registration form available on the Greater Port
Austin Chamber of Commerce website.

Wednesday, June 12, Jam Session 989-738-1223
Every Wednesday 7:30pm at American Legion Post
499 8875 Hellems Road, Port Austin MI

Saturday, June 15, Singer Sarah Schingeck performs Live
on Stage at the Port Austin Farmers Market from 10am-1pm.
Sarah Schingeck is a musician and singer/songwriter based
out of Bay City, Michigan. Her music is positive, thoughtful,
tender, and hopeful.

**Sunday June 16, Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's
father, or relevant father figure, as well as fatherhood,
paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.**

Wednesday, June 19, Jam Session 989-738-1223
Every Wednesday 7:30pm at American Legion Post 499
8875 Hellems Road, Port Austin MI

Saturday, June 22, Vinny Charles performs Live on Stage at
the Port Austin Farmers Market from 10am-1pm. Band The
Bad Axe native performs a mix of original songs, a hybrid of
folk-rock, country, and blues, as well as classic rock tunes. He
began writing songs at age 11 and said that he has been influ-
enced by musical styles including rock n' roll, classic country,
bluegrass, reggae, blues, and heavy metal. Vinny Charles im-
presses with his vocals and instrumental prowess.

Wednesday, June 12, Jam Session 989-738-1223
Every Wednesday 7:30pm at American Legion Post 499
8875 Hellems Road, Port Austin MI

Friday, June 28, Mike Ward: PsychoSongs Port Austin Vil-
lage Green is located 8650 Line Street. Don't forget to bring
your lawn chair! Village Green Shops are open from 3:00-7:00
pm.

Saturday, June 29, Mike Ward: PsychoSongs. Live On
Stage Port Austin Farmers Market. 17 W State Street. Port
Austin, MI performs at the Port Austin Farmers Market from
10am-1pm. Port Austin Village Green is located 8650 Line
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Shops are open from 3:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday, June 29, The Landing Tavern Karaoke Starts
at 9pm Every Saturday Night. 8724 Lake Street, Port
Austin 989-738-9750. Friendly place to eat in, take out &
drink.

Port Austin area events

Happy Memorial Day

June 2024

Happy Father's Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 26 Pink Lady's Slipper @ Huron Nature Center 10am-4 pm 	MAY 27  MEMORIAL DAY THANK YOU TO THE REAL SOLDIER HEROES	MAY 28	MAY 29	MAY 30  SMASH M.S. PARTY! Thurs May 30, 2024 World M.S. Day starting at 6 pm "Scherous Party" to be topped Single Malt and Single Hop PA (SMASH PA) plus Music, Bingo, 50/50 Raffle, special Merch, and Auction! Proceeds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society <small>Headquarters: 6700 Pine Street, Oak Ridge, NJ</small>	MAY 31	June 1 Bird Walk, Huron Nature Center 9:30AM 10:30am Karaoke Starts at 9pm Every Saturday Night at the Landing Tavern
2	3 MONDAY NIGHT BINGO AT U & I CLUB starts 6:15; every Monday	4	5 Opening Day  WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE PORT AUSTIN WEDNESDAY FARMERS MARKET 3:00PM TO 7:00PM EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE 5TH - AUG. 28TH VENDORS, THIS NEW ADDITION TO OUR MARKET WELCOME! FARMERS ONLY NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS AT: portaustinnature.com information for vendors	6	7 Kenny Lang sings Live on the Village Green from 5:00-7:00 pm	8 Newest Barn Art Installation Completed Public Celebration with Artist June 8, 2024. A 4th barn has recently joined the ranks of massive art installations in Huron County. Inspired by poems of local poet Jane Mayes and created by Detroit artist Bakpak Durdan, the new mural "Confronting Loneliness" covers the south side of a barn on the property of Brian and Leah Hatch of Port Austin.
9	10	11  PORT AUSTIN BOCCIE BALL TOURNAMENT	12 Line Dance class every Wednesday U & I Club 10 am to 11pm Jam Session at the P A American Legion every Wednesday starts at 7:30pm. Come dance & enjoy	13	14	15
16	17	Tue, Jun 11, & Wed, Jun 12, 5:30-10:00 PM		20	21	22
23  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 All You eat Pizza @ American Legion see page 2	SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 = AMERICAN LEGION-2024 GOLF OUTING AMERICAN LEGION = 4-Person SCRAMBLE - Bird Creek Golf Club-Port Austin, Registration Starts at 9:00AM Tee Times are Scheduled 10:00AM -12:30PM Lunch at the Course! Dinner afterwards at the Legion! DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS May 31, 2024. ENTRY FEE: \$70 ea. BC Members \$60 ea. BC Cart Members \$45 ea. OUTING INCLUDES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Person Scramble Format • 50/50 Raffle • Team Skins Game • Prize Raffles • Hunters' Prize Raffle • Cooler of Cheer Raffle PRIZES AWARDED FOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longest Putt for Men & Women • Closest to the Pin for Men & Women • Lowest Team Score-Men • Lowest Team Score-Women • Lowest Team Score-Mixed PUBLIC WELCOME. PRIZES & CASH DONATIONS AND DESSERTS FOR THE DINNER ARE WELCOME! And More. Registration forms can be procured at the American Legion..					

CAN Council's GolfSit Fundraiser Returns "Putt" in your bid "Fore" our Kids!

FUNDRAISER ENSURES SERVICES TO PROTECT
CHILD ABUSE SURVIVORS

[BAD AXE, MI - CAN Council's GolfSit fundraiser, presented by Thumb Bank & Trust, is scheduled for June 26 at Ubyly Heights Golf & Country Club.](#)

All proceeds from this event contribute to funding CAN Council's essential child abuse prevention, intervention, and advocacy services in Huron County. Golf teams participating in the event will not only have an enjoyable day on the course but also play a vital role in supporting these crucial services for children in the community.

This year, participants will have the opportunity to "putt" their bid in on items in GolfSit's first silent auction! Register to bid for free online at golfsit.cbo.io. Online bidding is available for those unable to attend the outing.

Heather Drabek, Senior Vice President, Thumb Bank & Trust: "As we gear up for another GolfSit event, we're reminded of the profound impact community support has on our efforts to prevent child abuse. Thumb Bank & Trust is honored to continue our partnership with CAN Council in this critical mission."

"As we prepare to tee off for another year of GolfSit, we're moved by the support of our community. With every swing and every bid, we're not just raising funds—we're providing hope for our children. Together, let's stand against child abuse, forging a path towards

a future where every child feels safe, loved, and protected." : Emily Yeager, CAN Council President/CEO.

Stand up for children in our community today by joining CAN Council's GolfSit as a Sponsor, a Fundraising Team, and/or as a Golf Team. To donate an item for silent auction, please contact jscharlow@cancouncil.org. For more information on the event, visit golfsit.cbo.io

About the CAN Council

The CAN Council is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through its nationally accredited and evidence-based education, intervention, and advocacy programs. Founded in 1979, the CAN Council has consistently grown over the past 44 years to meet the needs of the community's children and families, providing services in Arenac, Bay, Huron, and ginaw counties. For more info, visit cancouncil.org or Call (989) 623-0257.

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May is here! We need volunteers for spring cleanup and the Memorial Day weekend tower climb. Spring cleanup is Saturday, May 18th. We need to put out the interpretive displays, clean up the gardens, put out benches, clean the tower and help get the museum ready to open. We start at 10:00 a.m. and usually finish by 1:00 p.m., depending on how many volunteers we have. Lunch will be provided.

Tower Climb is May 25th and 26th. We need volunteers in the museum, people taking tickets and organizing groups to climb, including a person at the bottom and the top of the tower. If you are available, please let us know what day and time you can volunteer. Morning is 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and the afternoon is 1:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

If you can help out in May, please send an e-mail to: pointeauxbarques@yahoo.com.

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Empty Bowls Help Fill Local Food Banks

Stephanie Anderson

The Port Austin Artists in Residence program has joined with Detroit ceramic artists Ani Garabedian and Byron Nemela and local businesses and non-profit organizations to bring the empty bowls project to Port Austin.

An array of handcrafted soup bowls will be available for purchase at the Port Austin Farmers Market on May 18th and May 25th. There will be seventy-five unique bowls to choose from at \$20 each. All proceeds from the bowls will be donated to local food banks to help those in our community who are food insecure.

Patrons who purchase bowls are invited to join us at the Bee Barn located at (20 Washington Street, Port Austin) on May 25 starting at 11:30 a.m. for a soup event where community volunteers will be donating crock pots of their favorite recipes. To-go containers will be available for those who want to keep their soup bowls clean.

We look forward to seeing you as we kick off the season of art and artists. Please stop by to talk to our board members and volunteers about our program and, of course, check out the ceramic bowls! ~



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Saturday 5/25/2024	5:00 AM	8:00 PM	Cody Vest
Sunday 5/26/2024	2:00 AM	5:00 PM	Tryin' Our Best
Friday 5/31/2024	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Brian McCosky
Saturday 6/1/2024	5:00 AM	8:00 PM	Amelia Oke
Sunday 6/2/2024	2:00 AM	5:00 PM	Waggoner
Friday 6/7/2024	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Rollin Duo
Saturday 6/8/2024	5:00 AM	8:00 PM	Chase Singer--Loud Thoughts?
Sunday 6/9/2024	2:00 AM	5:00 PM	Barney Fritz Band
Friday 6/14/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Rob Johnson
Saturday 6/15/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Waggoner Solo
Sunday 6/16/2024	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Robot Lovers Band
Friday 6/21/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Kyle Mikolajczyk
Saturday 6/22/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Douglas Wilson
Sunday 6/23/2024	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	TBD
Friday 6/28/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	TBD
Saturday 6/29/2024	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Kevin Allen/Bouton
Sunday 6/30/2024	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Steve Taylor Three



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Port Austin Community Play-ers

2024 Upcoming Events

THE PORT AUSTIN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

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Detroit Social Club concert-

May 19 at 2:00 pm

Denny Diamond concert -

June 22, 7:30 pm and June 23, 2:00 pm

Summer show- "Always, Patty Cline" -

July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

PACP Summer Concert -

August 3 at 7:30pm & Aug 4 at 2 pm

Great Event -

Sunday, August 25, 2024, noon to 5:00 pm

HUCO Concert / Songwriter's Workshop

- September 28

Fall musical "Nunsense" -

October 25, 26 27, November. 1, 2, 3

Sonatas Concert -

Friday, November 29, 7:30 pm

Cookies with Santa -

Saturday, November 30

"Silver Bells" Mini Market, -

Friday, Dec. 6 & Saturday, December 7

Concert - Bill Denbrock Big Band -

December 8 at 2:00 pm

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“Wednesday Morning Line Dance Class”

From 10 am to 11 am. Just come in comfortable shoes and a smile on your face. No Charge.

“Lunch is provided by the HDC every Tuesday.” To sign up for lunch you must call 989-553-1268 the day before at the latest to reserve your lunch. Euchre played after meal.

June 2, 2024 Euchre Party starts at 1 pm. Party followed by a hot meal, no reservation required.

