

FREE

Port Austin News

End of May

JUNE 2022

Memorial Day
May 30th

Father's Day
Sunday
June 19

"Port Austin Michigan Porch Fest VII, June 25, 2022"

Come One Come All



CRAFT FAIR

CRAFTING FOR A CURE

HURON COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE
SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH
GALLUP PARK
271 W. STATE STREET
PORT AUSTIN, MI. 48467
9AM-4PM

- CRAFT VENDORS
- FOOD TRUCK ON SITE
- SURVIVOR CEREMONY 2:30PM
- LUMINARIA CEREMONY 3:30PM

Roger Hackelberg musical guest playing 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The Port Austin Chamber of Commerce
Presents:
2022 PORT AUSTIN BOCCE BALL
at Gallup Park
(located at west side of Village on M25 by ball field)
June 14th & 15th
Rain day the 16th

Registration Check in at 5 PM
Game Starts at 5:30 PM
4 Person Teams— \$40 per Team
Online Registration Only

portaustinarea.com/chamber-events/bocce-ball

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday May 30, 2022

CEMETERY TIME LINE

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 American Legion		09:40
Arrive @ Port Crescent Cemetery	09:30	09:45 min.
Arrive @ St. Edward's Cemetery	09:55	10:10min.
Arrive @ Kinde War Memorial	10:06	10:16min.
Arrive at St. Mary's Cemetery	10:22	10:33min.
Arrive at Legion's War Memorial	10:45 (POST 499 SERVICE)	depart 11:03
Arrive Port Austin Twp Cemetery	11:07	11:19min.
Arrive at St. Michael's Cemetery	11:22	11:35min.
Arrive at P.A. State Bank	11:38	depart 11:48

Arrive @ Veterans Park 11:55. Service begins approximately 12:00 / Noon.

Greater Port Austin Chamber of Commerce 2022

Spring is finally here. Summer isn't far behind. The Port Austin Farmers Market will start Saturday May 21st and continue every Saturday from 9am to 1pm and run until mid October. Along with vendors the market has music, 50/50 drawings, food trucks, and special interest tents. Something for everyone!

The Farmers Market is an excellent opportunity to get involved and volunteer. Chamber member, Paul Nienaltowski, says with the market's growth they are in desperate need for more volunteers.

To volunteer email:

farmersmarket@portaustinarea.com

Port Austin Farmers Market

Begins Saturday May 21, 2022 and runs through Mid-October
Every Saturday 9am-1pm Rain or Shine

June 18, 2022 Kids Day

"Port Austin Fire Vehicles, Bounce Houses,
Bicycle Helmet Giveaway, and
many other activities for the kids"

PORT AUSTIN LIONS CLUB

Live Televised Event
Saturday June 11, 2022 7pm - 10pm

\$10,000 Grand Prize

Raffles, Auction Packages & 10 Bonus Prizes

\$100 per Ticket

Ticket available now at:
Bird Creek Farm & Lake Street Local
& The Bank 1884 Restaurant & PAKs
Ticket purchase get two drinks one appetizer.

Tickets also available by calling/texting:
Tyler Pettit 989-768-0091

Deadline to Purchase a Ticket June 5, 2022

DAYS ON THE LAKE

GRINDSTONE HARBOUR



RESTAURANT BAR CABINS

HOURS

Monday 11-8

Tuesday & Wednesday **closed**

Thursday 11-8 Friday 11-9

Saturday 8-9 Sunday 8-7

3337 Pointe Aux Barques Rd.
Grindstone, MI

989-738-7665



Copper Trout Cafe

8719 Lake St, Port Austin, MI

989-738-0452

Breakfast and Lunch Daily, Subs cold or toasted,
English Muffin, egg sausage cheese Breakfast
sandwich, the soup of the day, Ice Cream,
Salads, Fish Sandwich & Pizza

OPEN Friday, Saturday & Sunday
from 8am to 2pm

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THE BANK 1884

Food & Spirits

8646 Lake Street, Port Austin, MI

Call 989-738-5353

FOR RESERVATIONS OR TAKEOUT

HOURS

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8-8,

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8-9,

SUNDAY 8-3

~ GOOD PLACE FOR BREAKFAST ~

Shelley's Bar & Grill

8745 Pearson Rd, Grindstone City, MI

989-738-5105

Open to Dine-In and Carry-Out,

Kitchen is Open 7 DAYS A WEEK

NEW HOURS

Kitchen Opens @ 11AM & Closes @ 9PM,

Bar Sunday – Thursday Closes @ 10PM

Bar Friday & Saturday Closes @

12AM

Father's Day

June 19, 2022 Specials:

Prime Rib

&

Coconut Shrimp

from 2pm - 8pm



Watch Facebook for Daily Specials

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J & J's Party Store

next to Shelley's Bar & Grill

8743 Pearson Rd

Grindstone City

989-738-5046

Open 7 Days a Week from 10am—8pm

The Landing Tavern

8724 Lake Street

(Downtown Port Austin)

989-738-9750

BAR HOURS:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 3:30pm-till slow
Closed Wednesday

Thursday 3:30pm-till slow

Friday & Saturday 3:30pm-1am

KITCHEN HOURS

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
3:30pm-8:30pm

Friday & Saturday 3:30pm-9pm

BAR & KITCHEN HOURS CHANGE:
Starting Friday Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, Monday Tuesday Thursday,
Friday & Saturday Open at 3PM

Karaoke every Saturday night 9pm-1am

June 25, 2022

**Entertainers from the Porch Fest will be
at The Landing Tavern from 9pm-12**



Jeff & Harvey

A Mix of folk-blues, classic, and folk-rock.
Jeff and Harvey are from the Ugly and Ruth
area. They started out just getting together to
play music for fun, then started playing at
some parties and bars throughout the county.
Now they are in demand.

The Landing Tavern Bar & Grill.

**Friendly atmosphere. The best Angus burger,
Italian sub and pizza in town. Definitely,
the coldest beer in Port Austin !**

American Legion Post 499

8875 Hellems Road Port Austin MI

989-738-1223

Eat In / Take Out

Kitchen is open to members & non members.

HOURS

Mon - Sat 3-9 pm Sun 12-7 pm

~ Alcohol Sales Members Only ~



Oldies Night

Saturday May 14, 2022

**7pm - 11pm Sock Hop Theme - Best
Dressed Contests - 50/50 Raffle -
Prizes Public Welcome**



**NO FISH FRY
JUNE OR JULY
2022**



Saturday June 4, 2022

Golf Outing

**Bird Creek Golf Course, Port Austin MI
4 person scramble**

\$70 each BC member \$60

Register @ 10am Tee Times 11am - 1:30pm

Lunch at the Golf Course & Dinner at the American Legion

Deadline for Entry June 3, 2022



**Tuesday June 14, 2022
Burning of the Flags**



**The Flag Burning ceremony starts at
6pm at the American Legion**

**As this is a ceremony of the Flag Burning (disposal)
with its history, color, etiquette, etc.**

**It is strongly encouraged that youth attend to learn
the importance of our country's flag!**

**Hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be
served afterwards for those attending.**

**Horseshoes Every Thursdays @ 6pm.
Registration at 5:45 pm at the American Legion**

**Jam Session Every Wednesday 7:30pm
at the American Legion**

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Specialty Shop

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HOURS

Monday thru Saturday

10:00 to 3:00

After hour appointments available.

305 State Street,
Harbor Beach, MI

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Port Austin Village & Township Parks Get 20 Trees by staff

Paul Nienaltowski, Port Austin Township Supervisor, and Thomas Rapson, Port Austin Department of Public Works Supervisor, have been collaborating with *ReLeaf Michigan* to get Port Austin Village and Township some replacement trees.

With the extremely high winds the thumb area has had recently, our parks' tree population has seriously suffered. The first planting is to take place Saturday May 21, 2022 from 8:45am-12pm in Tower Park at the Butterfly House. Volunteers can RSVP to Paul Nienaltowski 810-300-1561 or email villofpa@airadvantage.net

ReLeaf Michigan is Michigan's only statewide tree planting non-profit organization, working with communities and organizations throughout Michigan to protect and restore our urban tree canopies. Founded by some of the most respected arborists in the state, ReLeaf Michigan plants the Right Tree in the Right Place at the Right Time to ensure each tree thrives for generations to come. Their website is worth a look. ~

BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND COMMUNITY GARDENS

Staff & Deanna Kidd

The Butterfly House will be open again this summer. Our hope is to be open late June depending on temps. People should watch the Port Austin Chamber Facebook page for this year's butterfly release date! We would be very interested in families/community organizations having private butterfly releases as well as assisting with the Port Austin Chamber sponsored release.

The community garden will also be available this summer. The hope is to add two more beds with extra veggies! People are free to come and get a few vegetables at their convenience when garden comes in! If you have questions or would like to volunteer at the butterfly house or community gardens, call or text Deanna Kidd at 989-550-6437

The Butterfly Garden is located at the corner of
Madison & Adams Street in Tower Park,
immediately beside the Port Austin Water Tower.



8660 North Street Port Austin, MI

Our Season Kick Off Special

May 21, 11AM-8PM and May 22, 12-6PM

5 and under free, 6 and up \$3.00 a game

Open Weekends from May 27th-June 12th

FRIDAY 4PM-8PM, SATURDAY 11AM-8PM,

SUNDAY 12-8PM Open

(OPEN MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30th, 12-5PM)

Opening Daily Beginning June 16th

11AM-10PM

For Details on field trips or hosting special

events contact us @ 989-550-3185

Follow us on Facebook and Google

Port Austin Welcomes Two Artists in Residence



Valerie Allen

By Stephanie Anderson



Visual artist Valerie Allen will spend two weeks in Port Austin as artist in residence. Allen is a certified working artist for Golden Artist Colors of New Berlin, New York and hosts the podcast, Art Ladders: The Creative Climb. She has exhibited nationally and as the curator for Studio 23, the Arts Center in Bay City,

installed over 37 exhibits that included 50 artists of the Great Lakes Bay Region. Allen looks forward to her time in Port Austin where she says, “the colors, sights, and sounds of the village and surrounding shoreline will inform this body of work.” She will use a combination of printmaking and painting to create an exhibit to share with the community.

Please join us at the Bee Barn, 20 Washington Street, on June 5 from 2-4 pm for a meet and greet with Valerie Allen and preview of her project. Stay tuned for opportunities to join her for a color walk, open studio time, and broadcast of her podcast from the barn. A reception and exhibit opening is planned for June 17 at 6pm in the hayloft gallery of the barn.

Science fiction author Kelli Fitzpatrick will spend one week in Port Austin as a writer in residence. Fitzpatrick’s work has been published by Simon and Schuster, Flash Fiction Online, Crazy 8 Press, Modiphuis Entertainment, and others. A native of Michigan, she taught high school English for eight years and is now earning a graduate degree in Creative Writing and Environment. During her stay, she will work on speculative fiction set in the Great Lakes region that deals with climate change and hopes for the



Kelli Fitzpatrick

future. “The Great Lakes are a unique ecosystem and one of the most beautiful locations on Earth,” she says. “Port Austin is the perfect place to write these stories.”

Fitzpatrick will host a creative writing workshop called “Generating Story Ideas” at the Port Austin Welcome Center on June 22 at 4:00. She will lead activities to help writers ignite their creative spark, allow time for personal writing, and offer sharing time or one-on-one guidance. There is no cost for the two-hour workshop which is open to the community and welcomes all writers, those who have not yet begun to put their stories to paper to those who have been publishing their work consistently. A public reading will be held June 29 at 6:00 pm to share stories and celebrate writing.

For updates about the events offered by these artists or more information about the artist in residence program, find us at portaustinair.org and follow us on Facebook: Port Austin Artist in Residence. If you have questions about the writing workshop, please contact Stephanie Anderson (steph.anderson02@gmail.com).

Port Austin Artist in Residence Events: May/June 2022

May 19: Season opening reception and unveiling of “Colony” by John Roach, 6pm at the Bee Barn, 20 Washington Street.

June 5: Meet and greet with Valerie Allen, 2pm at the Bee Barn.

June 17: Valerie Allen exhibit opening, 6pm at the Bee Barn.

June 22: Generating Story Ideas Writing Workshop with Kelli Fitzpatrick, 4pm at the Welcome Center at 2 West Spring Street.

June 29: Public Poetry and Prose Reading hosted by Kelli Fitzpatrick and the Bards of Bird Creek, 6pm at the Welcome Center.

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Eldon J Knoblock

February 24, 1939 - March 27, 2020

My name is Kelly Busby, my Dad was Eldon (Al) Knoblock. Dad passed away on March 27, 2020, right at the beginning of the covid. Which, sadly, resulted in no funeral or even a memorial

service. I live in Ontario and because of the border crossing restrictions, it has been difficult to organize anything to celebrate Dad's life.

With things officially reopening, the family has decided to have a "Celebration of Life" on Saturday July 2nd, 2022 from 1pm to 5pm. Details to follow in the July issue of the Port Austin News paper and elsewhere.

We are going to have a "memory box" for anyone who would like share their favorite joke, story or trick that Dad played on them.

Obituary:

Eldon John Knoblock, 81, of Port Austin died Friday, March 27, 2020 at McLaren Thumb Region in Bad Axe following an apparent heart attack.

He was one of fourteen children born to the late Edwin and Gertrude (Sosnoski) Knoblock in Port Austin on February 24, 1939.

He graduated from Port Austin High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

He worked for years doing chain link fence construction in the Detroit Metro area. After retiring to the Port Austin area, he owned and operated Al's Market. Until recently, he owned and operated B & B Tree Service in Port Austin.

He enjoyed his treasures. Everything has a value and he never owned anything that was not worth keeping. He had an amazing sense of humor. His uncanny quick wit often would result in extended BS dialogues.

He is survived by his children: Kelly (Steve) Busby of Hillsburgh, Ontario, Canada and Jeffrey Cornett of Royal Oak, grandchildren, Grant (Veronica) Pearson of Burlington, Ontario and Madison Busby of Hillsburgh, Ontario, and his great granddaughter, Savannah Pearson, Burlington, Ontario.

Also surviving are his siblings: Florence Yaroch, Venice Clancy, Irene Pettit, Betty Jane Hertel, Ken (Belle) Knoblock, Dan Knoblock, Don (Marilou) Knoblock, Karen (Jack) Gilbreath, Gary (Beth) Knoblock and Linda (Paul) Burger, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Lorraine Kelterborn, Lillian Dolan, Edwin Knoblock, Jr., and his brothers-in-law; Ed Dolan, Irv Pettit, David Kelterborn, Larry Yaroch and Gene Clancy. ~

Calling all Poets:

Come and share your original poems with the Bards of Bird Creek at the Welcome Center in the heart of "Poetry Austin" (That's Port Austin!) at 4:00 on the third Wednesday of each month through November.

Free

It's a bright summer's day
Cheers and laughter heard
From children far away

In a lake by the shore
One couldn't ask for much more
Oh the beach, 'tis so pure

The sun shining brightly
Clouds floating lightly
The wind blowing slightly

Everything's picturesque
When you're swimming and laughing
And enjoying yourself
Instead of working
and sitting at a desk

By Cameron McLellan
North Huron High School





Huron County Nature Center Announces a Packed Summer Schedule

The Huron County Nature Center's 2022 Summer Schedule is packed with opportunities for you and your family. The schedule has something for everyone from gardening to dinosaurs to birds of prey and more. Be sure to make your calendar for events that will be filled with ways to explore nature, learn and have fun while in Huron County. The non-profit Nature Center is located at 3336 Loosemore Road, Port Austin, east of Oak Beach Road. In addition to these events, the nature center also offers hiking and biking trails.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. Spring Mushroom Walk:

Join Grizzly's Wellness owner and certified mushroom expert, Jen Turner, as she shares her knowledge about finding local fungi and spring foraging!

Sunday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lady's Slipper Festival:

The one-day event will be filled with music, food, arts and crafts, and an activity or two for the kids.

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. Bee Hotel Presentation and Mason Bee Nest Craft:

Come learn about our new Air Bee & Bee! Our team of volunteers will be available to help you build a small bee home to take home and help the hard-working pollinators in your yard!

Saturday, June 18, 10:30a.m. Native American Artifacts:

Kevin Roggenbuck will be joining us with his collection and knowledge of local Native American artifacts. Check the website or Facebook page for this event, at this time it is subject to change.

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. Birding: Join our local birder, Tom Beachy, as he takes us along the trails. Using his keen ear and swift eye he will help you see the center's avian residents and share tips and tricks to be a successful birder!

Saturday, July 2, 10:30 a.m. Birds of Prey, Wildlife Recovery:

This fan favorite fills quickly, come early! Joe Rogers of Wildlife Recovery will bring his birds of prey ambassadors to allow an up-close view of these magnificent birds.

Saturday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. Gardening for Wildlife:

Our naturalist, Caitlin Stone-Webber will help you learn how to attract wildlife to your yard. Local birds, mammals, and insects are eager to visit your yard and Caitlin can help you make your outdoor space beneficial and inviting for many years to come.

Saturday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. Michigan Frogs, Toads & Salamanders:

Nature Discoveries will be bringing along different amphibians. This presentation about our amphibian friends will be an informative session!

Saturday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. Dinosaurs of Hell Creek:

Paleo Joe returns to tell a tale of Dinosaur Hunting in the famous Hell Creek Formation of Montana. Describing the process of "Bone Hunting" PaleoJoe will have visual aids, presentations and hands-on experiences to give the audience an idea of what happens on a Dinosaur Dig. Join Paleo Joe as he takes us on a trip back in time and brings us right into the present, searching for and finding these magnificent creatures of long ago.

Saturday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. The Art of Herbal Tea:

Bevin from Small House Farms will share his knowledge on history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients that create herbal teas. Document your impressions of each herb's aroma and flavor as you explore a well-crafted herbal tea. Create a custom herbal tea to enjoy at home with an optional make and take activity!

Saturday, August 6, 10:30 a.m. Wetland Wonders:

Hit the trails with naturalist, Caitlin Stone-Webber to visit our wetland marshes. We will be netting for little-known creatures who make their homes down below. You will leave this program with a new love of our local marshes!

Saturday, August 20, 10:30 a.m. Snakes:

Nature Discoveries returns with a fan-favorite session. Jim and Carol McGrath, will be joining us with a variety of local snakes. The McGrath's energy and respect for our slithery friends will create a new appreciation of this reptile.

Saturday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. Fall Mushroom Walk:

Jen Turner, owner of Grizzly's Wellness returns for fall mushroom foraging. A certified mushroom expert, Jen's session also provides insight into responsible foraging practices.

More information about the non-profit Huron County Nature Center can be found at:

<https://www.huronnaturecenter.org/>

and

<https://www.facebook.com/HCNaturecenter/>

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. Spring Mushroom Walk: Join Grizzly’s Wellness owner and certified mushroom expert, Jen Turner, at the Huron Nature Center at 3336 Loosemore Road, Port Austin, east of Oak Beach Road. see page 7

Saturday/Sunday May 14/15: Pt Austin B & B Public Tours 8526 Lake St, Port Austin Noon – 4 pm. Visitors will be guided through the house in groups of 5 or 6 to the patio for refreshments. **RSVP:** Facebook-Port Austin Bed And Breakfast or 989-738-0361 or Instagram.com/PortAustinBedAndBreakfast.

Saturday May 14: Oldies Night 7-11pm American Legion 8875 Hellems Rd Port Austin, 989-738-1223 Bar drinks for public purchase. Sock Hop Theme - Best Dressed Contests - 50/50 Raffle.

Saturday May 14: Karaoke Night -The Landing 9pm-1am The Landing Tavern 8724 Lake St. Port Austin 989-738-9750

Monday May 16: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Tues/Wed May 17/18: U & I Club - Sr Lunch & Public Euchre U & I Club at 8255 North Van Dyke Rd serves senior lunch every Tues & Wed at 12 noon, provided by the HDC for Senior Citizens. Call Anne Weber prior to day of meal 989-313-6480. Euchre at 12:45. Euchre is open to everyone, you don’t have to be a senior to play.

Wed May 18: Bards of Bird Creek Poetry Reading 4PM: Come and share your original poems with the Bards of Bird Creek at the Welcome Center in the heart of "Poetry Austin" (That's Port Austin!) at 4pm the third Wednesdays of the month through November.

Thursday May 19 Bee Barn Season Opener 6pm: located at 20 Washington Street, Port Austin reception of “Colony,” Event to revive the Bee Barn’s history as a honey processing facility.

Saturday May 21 Farmers Market Season Open 9am-1pm: in down town Port Austin, West State Street & Lake Street.

Saturday May 21, 2022 Volunteer Tree Planting 8:45am-12pm at the Butterfly House. Volunteers can RSVP to Paul Nienaltowski 810-300-1561 or email: villofpa@airadvantage.net See page 4

Saturday May 21: Karaoke Night -The Landing 9pm-1am The Landing Tavern 8724 Lake Street Pt Austin 989-738-9750

Monday May 23rd Not so humble Plastic Buttons at 1pm: by Joyce Miller Refreshments: Linda D and Sally G. Thumb Button Group meeting-Port Austin History Center see page 11

Monday May 23: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Saturday May 28: Tours to Port Austin Reef Lighthouse. Tours of the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse are to start on Saturday Memorial Day weekend. Departure times are 9:00 am, 10:30 am, noon, and 1:30 pm. The cost is \$65 per person. Minimum age is 12. Six passengers per tour. Reservations required. Info is on the website www.portaustinreeflight.org

Saturday May 28: Karaoke Night -The Landing 9pm-1am The Landing Tavern 8724 Lake Street Pt Austin 989-738-9750

Sunday May 29: “Lady Slipper Festival” @ the Huron County Nature Center 10am-4pm walk the trails and look for the Pink Lady’s Slipper orchid. Fun with music, food, arts, crafts, and an activity or two for the kids at Center 3336 Loosemore Rd, see page 7

***** Monday May 30 MEMORIAL DAY *****
for Memorial Day Observance Schedule see page 1

Wed June 1: Port Austin Historical Society Meets 11am at Port Austin History Center 1424 Pointe Aux Barques Road 989-551-5532 Society Members and the Public welcome.

Saturday June 4: Karaoke Night -The Landing 9pm-1am The Landing Tavern 8724 Lake Street Pt Austin 989-738-9750

Sunday June 5: Meet/Greet Visual Artist Valerie Allen 2-4 at the Bee Barn located at 20 Washington St Port Austin

Monday June 6: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Tues/Wed June 7/8: U&I Club - Sr Lunch See May 17/18

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Monday June 13: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Wed /Thurs June 14/15: Bocce Ball at Gallup Park see page 1

Wed June 15: Bird Creek Poetry Reading 4PM:see May 18

Friday June 17: Valerie Allen exhibit, 6:00 at Bee Barn Located at: 20 Washington Street Port Austin MI

Saturday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. Native American Artifacts: at Huron County Nature Center see page 7

Saturday June 18, 2022 Kids Day 9am-1pm: at the Port Austin Farmers Market Fire Vehicles, Bounce Houses, Bicycle Helmet Giveaway, and many other activities for kids.

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***** **Sunday June 19 Father’s Day** *****

Monday June 20: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Tues/Wed June 21/22: U&I Club-Sr Lunch see May 17/18

Wednesday, June 22: CAN Council GolfSit Fundraiser see page 10

Wednesday June 22: Writing Workshop Kelli Fitzpatrick 4pm: Pt Austin Welcome Center-corner of Lake & State St see page 5

Friday June 24: 6-8pm on the Farmers Market stage Olivia Dear, will be performing to kick off Porch Fest VII.
Saturday June 25: Port Austin Porch Fest VII, 1-5pm there will be 35 musical acts, on porches throughout the Port Austin Village.

Saturday June 25: Relay for Life Huron County Craft Show 9-4 at Gallup Park. American Cancer Society Craft Show with vendors and food. For more info or get a Vendor Application contact: Jeannine at rjehlich29@comcast.net / (989) 553-4358 OR Angie at (989) 375-4251 / adubs331@gmail.com. See page 1

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. Birding in the Nature Center:

Saturday June 25: Jeff & Harvey entertaining The Landing Tavern 8724 Lake Street Pt Austin 989-738-9750 9-12

Saturday/Sunday June 25/26: Log Cabin Days @ History Center 10am – 4pm Port Austin History Center 1424 Pointe Aux Barques Road (1mile East of Port Austin) 989-551-5532.

Monday June 27: U & I Club - Monday Nite BINGO 7pm 8255 North Van Dyke Road Port Austin 989-738-5080

Wednesday June 29: Public Poetry & Prose Reading 6pm: hosted by Kelli Fitzpatrick and the “Bards of Bird Creek”, at the Port Austin Welcome Center. ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>There are so many Port Austin area events listed for the end of May and all of June 2022 we are not able to note them all on the calendar. But, you can review page 8 and list your own preferences. Oh Happy Days !</p>			<p>1 Port Austin Historical Society Meets 11am *Port Austin Chamber of Commerce 5:30pm Meets</p>	<p>2 Port Austin American Legion Horseshoes @ 6pm. Every THURSDAY IN JUNE Registration at 5:45 pm.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Port Austin Farmers Market 9am-1pm see page 10 for Music Group</p>
5	6	7	<p>8 Port Austin American Legion JAM SESSION Every WEDNESDAY IN JUNE 7:30pm</p>	9	10	<p>11 Port Austin Farmers Market 9am-1pm see page 10 for Music Group</p>
12	<p>13 * Village of Port Austin Council 6:30pm Meets</p>	14	<p>15 Bards of Bird Creek meet at the P. A. Welcome Center at 4pm see page 6</p>	16	17	<p>18 KIDS DAY @ Port Austin Farmers Market 9am-1pm</p>
<p>19 Happy Fathers Day</p>	<p>20 *Port Austin Township Board 5pm Meets</p>	<p>21 *Port Austin Township Library Board 9am Meets</p>	22	23	 <p>Friday June 24: 6-8pm on the Farmers Market stage Olivia Dear, will be performing to kick off the Saturday June 25: Port Austin Porch Fest VII, 1-5pm there will be 35 musical acts, on porches throughout the Port Austin Village.</p>	
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	July 2

PUBLIC IS WELCOME=Government Meetings

- * Port Austin Chamber of Commerce 5:30pm meetings are 1st Wednesday of the month at the Welcome Center located the northwest corner of Lake & West Spring Street. 989-738-7600
- * Village of Port Austin Council 6:30pm Meets on the 2nd Monday of month at the Port Austin Village Hall 17 West State Street. Port Austin Village Hall open hours: Mon, Wed & Fri. 8am—4pm, closed from noon to 1pm 989-738-5199
- * Port Austin Township Board 5pm meetings are held 3rd Monday of the month at the P A Township Hall at 8751 N. Hellem's Rd. 989-738-6808
- * Port Austin Township Library Board 9am Meets on 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Pt Austin Township Library 114 Railroad St. 989-738-7212

Point Aux Barques Lighthouse:
7320 Lighthouse Road
Port Hope, MI
Beginning Memorial Day weekend 2022

- ◆ PAB lighthouse museum and nearby gift shop open Thurs thru Sunday from 10am to 5pm through September 25th. Admission to museum is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids
- ◆ Visitors will be able to climb the lighthouse tower: May 28 & 29; July 2 & 3; August 6 & 20; September 3, 4, 24 & 25. Ticket for museum and tower climbing combination is \$8 for adults and \$4 for Kids.. The cost for just the tower climb is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids. See page 15 ~

Port Austin American Legion
See page 3 for details

- ⇒ June 4 - Golf Outing - open license (no membership needed)
- ⇒ June 14 - Burning of the Flags Ceremony then chips, hot dogs & ice cream.
- ⇒ Horseshoes - Thursdays @ 6pm. Registration at 5:45 pm.
- ⇒ Jam Session-Wednesdays 7:30pm.

CAN Council's GolfSit Fundraiser Returns 'Fore' the Kids in Huron County

Join us on **Wednesday, June 22** at [Scenic Golf & Country Club](#) for CAN Council's annual GolfSit presented by [Thumb Bank & Trust](#). Proceeds fund critical child abuse prevention and intervention services in Huron County. There are multiple ways to participate – join us as a Sponsor, a Fundraising Team, and/or as a Golf Team.

Heather Drabek, Senior Vice President, Bad Axe Branch Manager, Thumb Bank & Trust, said, "Our education, prevention & advocacy programs would not be possible without awareness and continued community support of the CAN Council. We are truly blessed and thankful for your participation & support!"

Emily Yeager, CAN Council President/CEO, said, "This community is so good to the children we serve. The participation we get through this annual fundraiser is remarkable – and truly necessary to ensure we are here for the next child and family that needs us."

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Consider an investment in the protection of Huron County's children while gaining significant recognition for your organization.

Fundraising Teams are encouraged to host any type of fundraising event such as denim days, a bake sale, pinwheel sales, or penny drives — Vie for the traveling GolfSit trophy for most funds raised currently held by Agri-Valley Services! Fundraising Teams will be stationed at one of 18 holes at Scenic Golf & Country Club, offering exciting activities, refreshments, and/or competitions for our Golf Teams. There is no cost to register as a Fundraising Team.

Golf Teams will enjoy a fun day on the course while helping to raise funds for CAN Council's child abuse prevention and intervention efforts. Golfers can compete for closest to the pin, longest putt, longest drive, and 50/50 raffle earnings and the chance to take the title from last year's winner, Thumb Bank & Trust! Golf tickets also include breakfast, lunch, and door prizes for each team. A four-person team may register for \$300, or for \$75, an individual golfer can be teamed-up with 3 other golfers.

Both Fundraising and Golf Teams can register on the event website at cancouncil.org/golfsit

The deadline to register a Golf Team is June 1, 2022

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 43 years to meet the needs of the community's children and families, providing services in Arenac, Bay, Huron, and Saginaw counties.

For more information, visit cancouncil.org or call (989) 623-0257.

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Thanks to the efforts of Steve Penn, this summer Port Austin will again be alive with music. Steve has lined up groups for Thursdays and Saturdays for 2022.

Village Green -- Thursdays 5-7pm:

May 26 Roger Hackelberg
June 2 Jeff Guenther
June 9 Cliff Steuhmer
June 16 Dennis Pilaske
June 23 Penn & Ross
June 30 Kenny Lang

Farmers Market -- Saturdays 10am-1pm:

5/28 Spring Street Boys
6/4 Kenny Lang
6/11 Finnigans Cross
6/18 Kids Day - (no entertainment)
6/25 Vinny Charles
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Thumb Button Group Schedule

May 23rd at 1 pm – Location: Port Austin History Center
Meeting program: Not so humble Plastic Buttons” by Joyce Miller
Refreshments: Linda D and Sally G.

June – Expo 4, Jackson, Mich “Michigan on the Move.” June 10, 2022
Fri. evening dinner & program. Sat. 11th showroom opens 9:30 am.

July 25th at 1 pm - Meeting program: TBA
Location: Port Austin History Center Refreshments

August 7–13 - NBS Show, Madison, Wis. “The Greatest Button Show on Earth.” Watch <http://nationalbuttonssociety.org> website for hotel and schedule information.

September 26th 1 pm - Meeting program: TBA
Location: Caseville History Museum Refreshments

September 30 – October 2, 2022 – “Hooked on Buttons” Michigan Button Society Fall Show, Kalamazoo, Mi. Watch: <http://michiganbuttonssociety.org> for schedule and hotel and dinner reservation information.

October 21, 2022 – NBS – “Count Your Button Day”

November 28th at 1 pm - Meeting program: TBA
Location: Port Austin History Center Refreshments

Thumb Button Group is a small group opportunity to study buttons, the Blue Book and work on Award cards of buttons for competition. Watch for more details, dates, and meeting places.

PORT AUSTIN – THE MEMORY MAKER

by Dennis Hafeli

These past few days of bright sunshine and warming temperatures have done a great deal to bolster the spirits and the outlooks of Port Austin residents, particularly those who resisted or simply passed on the opportunity to venture to warmer climes for the winter. Though for a long time it appeared that spring had elected to stick with the cool temperatures and gray skies of winter, it has now begun to tease us with hints of the summer that lies ahead – a Port Austin summer.

And just what is a Port Austin summer? It is so many things. For many, Lake Huron and all that it has to offer is the main attraction. It promises adventures filled with sun-worshipping, multi-colored kayaks; magnificent sunrises and sunsets, pleasure boating, fishing excursions, and educational lighthouse visits. Afterwards, flaming bonfires, mouth-watering cookouts, relaxed family meals at a variety of restaurants, and celebratory nights hoisting drinks and swapping stories at local pubs are always available.

Or it could be the strains of music echoing at regular intervals throughout the streets of town: Saturdays at the incredible Farmers Market, Thursdays on the Village Green, or the fourth Saturday in June, when the always popular Porch Fest lures thousand of music lovers seeking their favorite music or musicians. More and more every summer, thousands of visitors are choosing our little piece of Paradise for their one-day, weekend, week-long, or month-long getaways from fairly near and distant Michigan cities, as well as out-of-state venues.

Are you ready, Port Austin? Let’s give our faithful residents and our fun-seeking visitors a summer to remember. Let’s show the world that the “Other Up North” is actually the “Only Up North.”

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June

2022

The Willow Labyrinth & Creative Spirit Center

720 Port Crescent Road, Port Austin (across from the Farm Restaurant)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The outdoor labyrinth is always open. The indoor labyrinth is available during scheduled events. Any questions may be directed to Karen Knight at kkprice40@aol.com , call or text at (989)971-8555.			1 7pm Into to labyrinths	2	3 1pm Kids Destress Practice	4 Open walk 1pm Intro to labyrinths
5	6	7	8 7pm Intro to labyrinths	9	10	11 1pm Blessing of the Bicycles* Open Walk
12	13	14 Full moon walk	15 7pm Intro to labyrinths	16	17	18 Open Walk 1pm Intro to labyrinths
19	20	21	22 7pm Into to labyrinths	23 Flamingo Day 1pm Story for kids of all ages	24	25 Come see us after Porchfest!
26	27	28	29	30	*First 5 kids win a free helmet!!!!	

Intro to Labyrinths: Never heard of walking a labyrinth? Think it's just a movie with David Bowie? Come for a brief but informative introduction to walking labyrinths for stress release, prayer, meditation and inspiration. **Guided open walks at this time.. Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15 or 22 at 7pm** Saturdays, June 4 and 18 at 1 pm **Kids De-Stress:** kids have had a lot to deal with in the last couple of years. Do yours need some extra tools in their stress reduction toolbox? **Friday, June 3 1-2 pm kids can gather to learn to use a labyrinth and breathing techniques** to assist them to reduce stress, anxiety and anger. Parents should plan to stay on sight **Blessing of the Bicycles:** Saturday, June 11 at 1:00 bring your bike or just the biker for blessings of safety. The first five kids will have a choice of free helmets. **Full moon walk:** Come and walk in the evening moon light, no set time. **Flamingo Day:** Thursday June 23rd at 1pm we'll have a story and a labyrinth walk around the legend of the flamingo. **Come and find out!**





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SAVING THE LIGHT

by Joyce Stanek

Port Austin is rich in history, and many landmarks from the mid-to-late 1800s abound. One that is quite recognizable due to its enormous size and location is the Port Austin Reef Light.

Located on Lake Huron on a shallow, rocky reef nearly 2.5 miles north of town – the lighthouse has served as an important aid to navigation since 1878. The original light was constructed of wood, but it was enlarged and rebuilt to its present configuration using bricks in 1899. In the 1930s the caisson was rebuilt and enlarged, a dormer was added, and the fog signal was upgraded.

Lightkeepers lived and worked at the lighthouse (rotating shifts) until the 1950s when the light was automated. Without the presence of the keepers maintaining and watching out for the structure, over the years it slowly fell into disrepair. After three decades of people “visiting” the unattended lighthouse, sometimes even taking property or vandalizing the structure, and often leaving doors and windows open (thus allowing birds access to nest anywhere and everywhere), by 1979 – it was a mess!

The lighthouse had actually become dangerous for those who were charged with inspecting and servicing the light each year, and in 1979 the Coast Guard recommended that the structure be decommissioned. In fact, the facility was scheduled to be demolished in 1984, but it was saved through the efforts of Louis Schillinger, Port Austin, who obtained a five-year license to restore the structure.

Louis Schillinger was instrumental in forming the Port Austin Reef Light Association, a non-profit

corporation, in 1988. PARLA applied for and received a thirty-year lease of the property in 1990.

So – the title of this article, “Saving the Light” meant LITERALLY saving the light! The lighthouse would not even exist today if it had not been for Lou Schillinger and his rag-tag group of friends and volunteers who worked tirelessly in the late 1980s to clean up and repair the deteriorated structure.

Those of us who were there when the “clean-up project” began in earnest in the spring of 1988 can attest to the fact that the building was falling apart. The amount of cleaning required was beyond even trying to explain to anyone who was not there. On top of that, the roof of the 30’ by 30’ steam room was falling in and had to be totally torn down to make room for a new roof. Most of the windows and doors were broken or gone altogether.

We certainly had our work cut out for us! It was absolutely necessary to complete the clean up and to “bird-proof” the entire structure in order to save it. And THAT is what we did!





POINTE AUX BARQUES LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY

by Mimi Herrington, Lighthouse Society President

Lighthouse County Park, six miles north of Port Hope, is the home of the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse. The original lighthouse was built in 1848 from stone found along the shore of Lake Huron. Peter Shook, the first lighthouse keeper, his wife, Catherine, and their eight children arrived to find a dense wilderness. Peter drowned in 1849 and Catherine was officially appointed lighthouse keeper, becoming the first female keeper in Michigan.

By 1857, the home and tower were in such poor condition that a new keeper's house and light tower were needed. New structures were built out of Milwaukee "Cream City" brick and still stand today.

The PAB Lighthouse remains an active aid to navigation maintained by the Coast Guard. The adjoining keeper's quarters houses the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society museum, which features a variety of exhibits relating to the lighthouse, shipwrecks, and the PAB Life-Saving Station. The Life-Saving Station, built in 1876, operated until 1937 when it was closed by the Coast Guard. In 1959, the Station and its adjoining keeper's quarters were moved to Huron City to save them from being demolished. Both buildings were

recently returned to Lighthouse Park and are in the beginning phases of being restored to their original condition.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend and running through September 25th, the PAB lighthouse museum and nearby gift shop will be open Thursday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Please check the website for possible extended hours.

On the following dates, visitors will be able to climb the lighthouse tower: May 28 & 29; July 2 & 3; August 6 & 20; September 3, 4, 24 & 25. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children; when the tower is open, a combination ticket is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Later this summer, the Lighthouse Society hopes to host private tours of the Life-Saving Station.

For additional information about the Lighthouse, Life-Saving Station and the Lighthouse Society, go to <https://pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pointeauxbarques>



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PORCH FEST VII WILL SOON BE HERE!

by Dennis Hafeli

The warm weather and the beautiful sunny days that lure thousands of visitors to Port Austin every summer will soon be with us. And once again, on the fourth Saturday in June, the musical event that has captured the fancy of residents and visitors alike for the past six summers, Porch Fest, returns as well. Porch Fest VII, scheduled for Saturday, June 25, between 1:00 and 5:00, has thirty-five quality musical acts, representing numerous styles, with each looking to make your afternoon a delightful experience. By checking out the website portaustinmusic.com or the designation "Porch Fest in Port Austin" on Facebook, you can familiarize yourself with all of the entertainers. Then, when the handy schedules make their appearance on the website and in venues around town in the days leading up to the event, you can make your selections as to where and when those whom you most want to see will be performing.

The weekend will actually kick off with a special concert on Friday evening, June 24, at the Farmers Market stage. Olivia Dear, a popular singer/songwriter from the Detroit area with long-time family ties to Port Austin, will be performing from 6-8 that evening. If you check the website, you will learn much about this talented young lady and the impact she has made on the world music scene over the past decade.

The city of Chicago is sending us Denny Svehla, who, using the name "Denny Diamond," has been touring the USA over the past two decades capturing magnificently the classic sounds of Neil Diamond, as well as those of other popular entertainers. Besides performing in the afternoon from 1-3, he will be playing at Bird Creek Tap Room later that evening. Several other of the artists from Porch Fest will be performing at area restaurants, pubs, and other sites on both Friday and Saturday evenings as well. You will find a listing of these performances on social media sites.

Once again, Porch Fest will be featuring for purchase a special 13"x17" poster featuring the artwork of Port Austin-based artist Tony Mocerri (featured in the April issue of The Port Austin News). This will be Mr. Mocerri's sixth Porch Fest poster (none were printed the first year), and they have become collectible prized items for many (see picture of poster on this page). To rectify the failure of the committee for not producing a first-year poster, Mr. Mocerri was enlisted to create a "flashback" poster representing Porch Fest I in 2016 (see accompanying picture), and what a job he did. Both of these will be for sale at \$10.00 each beginning in early June. Also available at 10.00 each will be back posters from Porch Fests II-VI, with bundle prices of 3/25.00, 4/30.00, or all seven for \$50.00.

Also available this year will be sturdy 15 oz. white coffee mugs with a full-color image of this year's poster on one side and a 2022 logo on the other (see picture). The price per mug will be \$10.00. All of the above items will be available for purchase at the Farmers Market and at certain locations around town beginning in early June or by calling (586) 381-2020 to place an order.

Last year, for the first time, specially-marked donation jars were placed on counters of several establishments in and around town, and they were very successful. Be on the lookout for them this year, as all contributions are much appreciated. The 50/50 raffles at two Farmers Markets, May 28 and June 18, will also be held in support of Porch Fest. The website has additional information on how one can contribute financially to Porch Fest.

The website and the Facebook page will be updated as new information is available, so check them regularly. In the meantime, circle the date, JUNE 25, on your 2022 calendar. Ask your friends and relatives to join you in Port Austin that day for a wonderful feel-good experience!

