Van Buren County

2019 LOCAL FOOD & FARM GUIDE

listings, maps, schedules & more!
Fresh & frozen blueberries available, U-Pick, Bakery-Homemade Pies & Muffins, Homemade Jam, Maple Syrup, Pure Honey, Smoothies & many other blueberry products.

Varieties:
Blue Crop, Patriot
Blue Jay, Berkley
Jersey & Elliott

We offer U-Pick & Ready Picked on our farm

(269) 657-3500
34448 44th Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
brooksidefarmsmi.com

OTHER LOCATIONS
(call for product availability)
37988 CR 388 1475 116th Ave/M-222
Gobles, MI 49055 Otsego, MI 49078
(269) 521-7655 (269) 672-5727
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MAEAP

Look for the logo! The MAEAP logo means that farm has been verified by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program because they want to prevent and minimize agriculture pollution risks. The “Working On” means the farm is working hard to become MAEAP Verified and is reducing risk on their farm.

MAEAP Verified Farmers:
Identified environmental risks
Took steps to prevent pollution
Complied with state and federal environmental regulations

This three step process involved:
1. Education
2. On farm risk assessment
3. Third party verification of practices

For more information on MAEAP
Call the Van Buren Conservation District – 269.657.4030 ext. 5
WHY SHOULD YOU BUY LOCAL?

Help to spur economic growth!
Simply put, when you spend your dollars locally, the money circulates locally, positively impacting several businesses before it leaves the area. Spending the same amount of money at a large national chain has very little positive impact on the local economy.

Know what’s in your food!
Buying straight from local farmers lets you ask them important questions about how the food was grown, what farming practices were used and what’s really in your food.

Local food can taste better and have more nutritional benefit!
Studies show that the distance food travels from farm to table affects attributes like taste and nutrition.

Help preserve open space and keep local farms in business!
Buying from local farms helps keep smaller family farms in business. This helps maintain our rural character and helps farmers afford to stay in business.

SOME OTHER RESOURCES FOR EATING & BUYING LOCAL

www.localharvest.org
www.fairfoodmatters.org
http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/EatLocalSWMich
http://mifma.org
www.michigan.org/farm-markets
Conserving for Our Future

Van Buren Conservation District
We provide education, technical assistance, partnerships, and contacts for local resources to help our residents conserve their lands and our environment for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Van Buren County.

Services We Provide
• Water Quality Protection
• Technical Assistance for Landowners and Farmers
• Recycling Education & Collections
• Invasive Species Guidance
• Educational Workshops & Field Days
• Native Landscape Promotion
• Wildlife Information
• Conservation Equipment Rentals
• Local Food & Farm Guide
• Tree Seedling Sale
ALMENA FARMERS’ MARKET
27625 CR 375, Paw Paw, MI at the Almena Township Pavilion (under the Pavilion)
Contact — Julie at jmbakes5@gmail.com

Open Rain or Shine!
Saturdays beginning Memorial Weekend thru October, 9am–1pm; October, 10am–2pm

Vegetables and fruits in season, cajun sausage, quality pies and baked goods, jams, cut flowers, homemade soup, framed art, crafts and more. Visit our friendly market and explore all we offer!

APPLE A DAY FARM, LLC
Type: U-Pick Sweet Cherries & Apples
Location: 53392 38th Ave. Bangor, MI 49013
Directions: From M-43, 2 miles south on CR 215, then east on 38th Ave.
Hours: mid/late June–end of July, also September–October; hours vary.
Call or check our Facebook page.
Website: www.facebook.com/Apple-A-Day-Farm-212330585461592/
Contacts: Danielle Oliver
Phone: (269) 674-7127
E-mail: appleadayfarm17@yahoo.com

Our farm offers 3 varieties of already picked / u-pick sweet cherries and 6 varieties of apples. Located two miles south of M-43 on 38th Avenue just east of Bangor. Hours vary depending on weather and fruit availability, and are posted daily on our Facebook page. Season is mid June–end of July and September–October.
BARDEN'S FARM MARKET
1101 Phoenix St. South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-0000 & bardensfarmmarket.com
FIND US ON FACEBOOK!
Open May–October: Monday–Saturday,
8am to 7pm

We are conveniently located .2 miles west of
the South Haven exit (20B) off of I-196

We support our local farms (as well as our own),
by bringing the best fruit and vegetables from the
farm to you.

We grow some of our own hanging baskets, cut flowers, herbs, strawberries,
sweet corn, tomatoes, string beans, peppers, beets, pickles and zucchini.

Our Farm Market offers fresh pies, baked goods, jams & jellies,
local honey & syrup, homemade salsa, and guacamole.

Selling Local Michigan Craft Beer and Wine!

Come Visit a Free Learning Trail for Kids and Families

Walk our 1/5 mile trail
Learn about bees, wildflowers, & blueberries
Visit the Education Center
Just minutes East of South Haven

OPEN SUMMER THRU FALL
Joe's Blues Visit Joe's Blues Too!
34681 62ND ST. BANGOR, MI
More Info: BeesPleasTrail.com
BLUE HORIZON NURSERY AND GARDENS

Type: Retail/Grower of dwarf conifers, rare trees, and ornamental shrubs
Location: 09721 59th St. Grand Junction, MI 49056
Directions: Located 7 miles East of South Haven on 59th St. (see website for directions)
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday 10:00 am–6:00 pm (April–October) or by appointment outside normal business days.
Phone: (269) 998-8165
Website: www.bluehorizonnursery.com

Located on 56 acres, Blue Horizon Nursery offers some of the rarest and finest trees and ornamental shrubs including dwarf and miniature conifers, ginkgoes, Japanese maples, flowering dogwoods, and more. When visiting, we invite our guests to explore our display gardens or enjoy a walk along our woodland trails.
In Van Buren County we grow a wonderful array of fruits and vegetables. 

Enjoy the flavor of the season!

Members of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau have an assortment of great member services and discounts available to them, such as:

- Legislative activities and seminars
- Promotion & Education programs
- Young Farmer programs
- Blue Cross Blue Shield health Insurance
- Auto, Home, Farm, Life Insurance
- Prescription drug discounts
- Theme park discounts
- Hotel discounts
- Grainger discounts
- Roadside assistance
- and much more!

Call or stop by our office to find out more. 

269-657-3293
DEGRANDCHAMP FARMS

Type: Farm Market/U-Pick Blueberries
Location: 76241 14th Ave. South Haven, MI 49090
Directions: Exit 18 off I-196, 3 miles south of South Haven on Blue Star Hwy & 14th Ave.
Hours: Open Fri/Sat in June 9am–5pm, Open Daily July–August 8am–6pm, Fri/Sat September–October 9am–5pm
Phone: (269) 673-3915
E-mail: info@degrandchamps.com
Website: www.degrandchamps.com

Farm market includes Fresh Blueberries (July–August), Preserves, Mustards, Salsas, Dried Fruits, Honey, Homemade Fudge, Cookbooks and other goodies. Blueberry U-Pick opens in July. Cranberries available in October.
EGLY GRASSFED BEEF

Type: Grass Fed & Grass Finished Beef
Location: 65701 39th St, Paw Paw, MI 49079
Directions: Paw Paw Road to 39th St, south ½ mile, before CR 358.
Hours: Please call.
Phone: (269) 657-1787 or (269) 370-2134
E-mail: eglyreddevons@yahoo.com
Website: www.eglygrassfedbeef.com

We are a small, family owned beef producer. Our cattle are raised entirely on the alfalfa, clover and grasses grown on our MAEAP-verified farm. We raise our Red Devon cattle naturally in a friendly, humane, and socially-responsible atmosphere, assuring our customers a healthy and flavorful alternative for their table.
FRUIT ACRES FARM MARKET & U-PICK

Type: Market & U-Pick
Location: 3452 Friday Road, Coloma, MI 49038
Hours: Market open daily 9am–7pm from June–October. U-Pick open weekends 10am–5pm from July–October.
Phone: (269) 208-3591
E-mail: fruitacres@iserv.net
Website: www.fruitacresfarms.com

On our family farm since 1846, we grow Sweet Cherries, Sour Pie Cherries, Sweet Peaches, Plums, Nectarines, Apricots, and Crisp Apples (including Honeycrisp) for U-Pick or already-picked. Large farm market with friendly service, free fruit samples and a large assortment of locally grown produce. Also available are Jams, Jellies, Honey, Apple Cider (using our own sweet apples), Frozen Fruit & decorative fall produce. U-Pick has hayride and picnic area with playground. A great day in the country with your family!

GREAT MEAD HALL & BREWING COMPANY

Type: Winery / Brewing Co.
Location: 215 W. Monroe, Bangor, MI 49013
Directions: M-43 in Downtown Bangor
Hours: Fridays 5pm–9pm, Saturdays 1pm–6pm
Phone: (269) 906-1415
E-mail: speakeasyinbangor@gmail.com
Website: www.greatmeadhall.net

At Great Mead Hall & Brewing Company, we combine over 30 years of meadmaking experience with fresh local Michigan fruit and honey to create some of the best meads you’ll ever taste. Visit our Bangor tasting room on M-43 and experience mead the way it’s meant to be. Drink mead!
Hidden Savanna Nursery
Native Plants from Michigan Genotypes

We specialize in wildflowers, grasses, sedges, shrubs and trees native to our region. Nearly all of the plants we propagate will be Michigan genotype with most of our seed being sourced from southwestern Michigan. Please visit our website for more information including cultural information on the over 280 native species we plan on offering this year.

Hours: Please visit our website for our 2019 retail sales schedule
Location: 100 N Van Kal, conveniently located 1/2 mile south of M-43

web: hiddensavanna.com
email: info@hiddensavanna.com
phone: (269) 352-3876

Family owned & operated

FROM SAND DUNES TO WETLANDS, AND
FROM FORESTS TO PRAIRIES, WE HAVE
THE PLANTS TO FULFILL YOUR NATIVE
LANDSCAPING NEEDS.™

Hunt's Hillside LLC
RASPBERRIES

U-Pick • Ready Picked • Frozen
July to October

TUESDAY–SUNDAY, 9AM–6PM
Closed Mondays

DIRECTIONS:
FROM KZOO: Take Stadium Dr/Red Arrow Hwy.,
west, turn south on CR 657, east on 66th Ave.

FROM I-94: Exit 60, south on M-40 toward
Lawton, east on 64th Ave., south on CR 657,
then east on 66th Ave.

facebook.com/HuntsHillsideLLC

27867 66th Ave, Lawton • huntshillsidellc@yahoo.com • (269) 624-6513
JERZ ANGUS FARMS

Type: Grain Fed Angus Freezer Beef, Split-Half (1/4), Half or Whole
Location: 50800 Maxon Rd, Decatur, MI 49045
Directions: 5.5 miles south of Decatur
Hours: please call
Phone: (269) 423-2170 (cell) or (269) 426-8634
E-mail: cjjerz@hotmail.com

We are a fourth generation family farm producing quality Angus beef since 1961. Our cattle are raised on the alfalfa/grass hay and grain produced on our farm. Our beef is produced in a natural, humane and environmentally responsible manner without the use of steroids, maintenance antibiotics, or synthetic hormones.
KROHNE’S LAST STAND

Type: Fresh Strawberries and Asparagus
Location: 65295 CR 342 Hartford, MI 49057
Directions: 2 miles east of Sister Lakes, Michigan
Hours: Mid–April through July 1
Phone: (269) 424-5423
Email: info@krohneplantfarms.com
Website: www.krohneplantfarms.com

We sell both retail and wholesale quantities of fresh strawberries and asparagus, specializing in the best tasting varieties available. Our farm stand is filled with local antiques and historical items, including American Indian artifacts. Our stand is open 7 days a week beginning mid April–July 1. We also sell strawberry and asparagus plants.
LAWRENCE
FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS
9AM-1PM
in the
PARK

SPONSORED BY THE LAWRENCE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Saturdays 10am–2pm
July–November, Lewis Park
1/2 Mile South of downtown on M-40
new location: behind tennis courts

Local Fruit, Veggies, Baked Goods,
Homemade Jams, Cut Flowers and more!

(269) 624-1831 / oliverj6@juno.com
Gift Shop • Retail • Online Store

LEDUC BLUEBERRIES
Always Fresh, Always Friendly

Strawberries - Early June
Blueberries - Early July - Mid August

In Season
STRAWBERRIES
Retail & Gift Shop (30th)
Mon to Sun - 8am-6pm
BLUEBERRIES
Retail & Gift Shop
Mon to Sun - 8am-7pm
M-40 Highway
Mon to Sun - 9am-7pm

Off-season hours available,
call for days and times or
check online at:
www.leducblueberries.com
(269) 657-3871

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- Food, Nutrition & Health
- Lawn & Garden
- Agriculture
- Business Development
- Family
- Natural Resources

MSU Extension
801 Hazen St.
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Tel: 269-657-8213
Email: msue.vanburen@county.msu.edu
www.msue.msu.edu

Ask an Expert!
http://expert.msue.msu.edu/
http://www.extension.org/

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MANDIGO FARMS, INC.

Type: U-Pick & Already Picked Strawberries
Location: 61077 41st Sreet, Paw Paw, MI 49079
Directions: 3 miles west of Paw Paw on Red Arrow Hwy, south on 41st Street—follow the signs!
Hours: Early-mid June, Open daily 8am–6pm (weather permitting)
Phone: (269) 674-1033
Website: Visit us on Facebook

MARCELLETTI FARMS

Type: Fruit and Veggie Stand
Location: 67659 29th St., Lawton, MI 49065
Directions: Just 1 mile North of Lawton High School on 29th St.
Hours: May–October 7 days a week
Phone: (269) 998-0373
E-mail: MarcellettiA@gmail.com
Website: www.facebook.com/MarcellettiFarms

Our season starts in May with asparagus. We furnish beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, hot, mild and bell peppers, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, potatoes, summer squash, okra, roma, grape, cherry and beefsteak tomatoes, rhubarb, watermelons, and sweet corn. Also apples, plums, strawberries and grapes, all kinds of pumpkins & gourds, Indian corn, sunflowers, winter squash, cider, Chinese chestnuts, gladiolus, and garlic. Follow us on Facebook for updates!
MATTAWAN FARMERS MARKET

June – July – August
Wednesdays from 3 pm – 7 pm
52530 N Main Street Mattawan
Next to Dragonfly Gardens
Find us on FaceBook

PASSenger Tire
Cleanup Collections

FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY RESIDENTS

Saturday, May 4
9am-5pm
ALMENA TOWNSHIP HALL
27625 CR 375 • Paw Paw

Saturday, June 15
9am-1pm
VAN BUREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES/MSUE
801 Hazen St • Paw Paw
(During HCW Collection)

Saturday, August 3
9am-3pm
ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP TRANSFER STATION
Corner of 52nd St and 26th Ave • Bangor

Saturday, September 21
9am-1pm
SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
1199 8th Ave • South Haven
(During HCW Collection)
Nature’s Art Flowers & Produce
105 E Arlington St. Bangor, MI 49013
269-350-9109
NaturesArtFlowersAndProduce@comcast.net
@NaturesArtFlowersAndProduce

We are a family run, small farm. 7 days a week during season
We safely grow dozens of quality flowers and produce.
BYOB Build Your Own Bouquet or pick up freshly designed
bouquets. Have a bouquet design party! We can deliver
buckets of fresh picked flowers to your events.
Flowers show people you care.
A few of our beautiful flowers: Tulips, Sunflowers, Dahlias.
You can find a complete listing of flowers & produce daily
on our Facebook Page.
Also available to florists.
Own a business and would like some bouquets to sell?
Tulips start the season - April - September
Overhiser Orchards

6405 109th Ave., South Haven, MI 49090
Open 10-5 P.M. DAILY OR BY APPT.
(269) 236-6312 Harvest Update
(616) 836-3341 Farm

“Like” and share us on Facebook Over 150 Years in the Fruit Business

SPECIAL EVENT
“In Search of the Great Pumpkin”
3rd Saturday in October at 3 P.M.
Great Fun! U-Pick Pumpkins! Prizes!

U-Pick • We Pick • Animal Barn • Educational Tours
Hay Rides • Children’s Corn Maze • Fresh Cider • Local Produce

PAW PAW FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAYS 8—2

Late May—Sept
Corner of S. Gremps & Paw Paw St.
Contact: Nadine
pawpawfarmersmarket@frontier.com
Rajzer's Farm Market

"From our fields to you."

Asparagus, strawberries, blueberries, sweet corn, melons and a full line of in-season fruits and vegetables. Flowers, perennials, hanging baskets and more from our own greenhouses. We are a family farm that strives to produce fresh quality products for our customers.

LATE APRIL - SEPTEMBER
Hours vary seasonally, please call ahead

DIRECTIONS:
4 miles south of I-94 on M-51
or 2 miles north of Decatur

76301 M51 Highway, Decatur, MI 49045 (269) 423-4941 RajzersFarmMarket.com

find us on Facebook!
ROY FARMS

Type: Apples, U-Pick or we pick  
Location: 62063 46th St., Lawrence, MI  
Directions: 1 mile south of Reits Flea Market. Red Arrow Hwy to Territorial Rd to 46th St., on the left just before the I-94 overpass.  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10am–5pm, September to November  
Phone: (269) 674-7769  
E-mail: robertdaleroy@gmail.com

We have the BEST Golden Delicious around! U-pick or we pick. Other varieties include Honeycrisp, Red Delicious, Fuji, Jonagold and Mcintosh, plus deer apples, pumpkins and the most beautiful mums around! Find us on Facebook!
OPENING DAY Saturday, May 18, 2019
8am to 2pm Saturdays through October 12, 2019
June, July and August Wednesdays 8am to 2pm

www.southhavenfarmmarket.com
(269) 206-0324 | shfarmmarket@gmail.com
Ver Hage Fruit Farm Bakery & Cider Mill

Open in May with asparagus and rhubarb, hanging baskets, fancy plants and herbs. Also a full line of bakery items (bread, cookies, coffee cakes, donuts, pies, muffins and danishes). On the self jams, jellies, honeys, pickles. Cheese, eggs, butters in the coolers and market baskets. Also, candy shop, cider mill, apple picking and pumpkin picking and lots of things for the children to do!

Live music every weekend in the fall months (Sept and Oct). Late Nov–Dec we have Santa Saturdays and live pony rides for FREE! Come have cookies with Santa!

Directions to Farm
Coming from Paw Paw on Red Arrow Hwy go East to 4th Street then North on 4th to ML Ave go East for 1/2 mile on the North side of the road.

Walt & Marie’s Country Market & Café

- Family-Owned, Eco-Friendly Market
- One-of-a-Kind / Hard-to-Find Items (gluten-free, local, vegan, bulk, etc.)
- Pizzas, Burgers, Soups & Sandwiches
- Homemade Bakery Goods Made Daily
- Catering for Your Special Occasions

Email: wmcountrymarket@aol.com
Web: www.wmcountrymarket.com
Store: (269) 254-9729
Kitchen: (269) 657-7570
Fax: (269) 913-4039

44947 Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw, MI 49079
Wahmhoff Farms Nursery has been family owned and operated since 1950 and is Van Buren County's largest Christmas tree farm and nursery. We have 13 varieties of trees for Seedlings & Transplants, for wholesale and retail/U-Cut Christmas trees, and for the B&B/Landscape market. We also offer Grower Supplies, providing high quality raingear and gloves, pruning accessories and related supplies. Order online at www.mitrees.com.

E-mail: info@mitrees.com
Website: www.mitrees.com

CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS & GARLAND
FREE Santa, Petting Zoo, Horse-drawn wagon rides!

Open the Day After Thanksgiving through December 21st
- FREE SHAKING/BALING/LOADING YOUR TREE FOR YOU - FREE KLING CARD PRESERVATIVE -
- FREE COLORING BOOK - FREE HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES & FREE VISITS WITH SANTA
1st TWO WEEKENDS AFTER THANKSGIVING -
- FREE TRACTOR-DRAWN WAGON RIDES EVERY WEEKEND

$3.00 OFF
ANY WAHMHOFF FARMS CHRISTMAS TREE
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE (VBC FG)
Only our Michigan Grade A goat’s milk, and locally sourced Grade A Jersey cow’s milk goes into making our cheese.

Our farm is committed to conservation-based farming: high standards of animal welfare, nurturing and protecting our precious soil, water, wildlife, and environment.

TO LOCATE OUR CHEESE:

www.windshadowfarm.com
ron@windshadowfarm.com
facebook.com/WFACheese
29TH STREET FARM STAND

Type: Vegetables, herbs and flowers
Location: 30839 29th St., Paw Paw, MI 49079
Directions: 2 miles east of M-40 on M-43, 1/4 mile north of M-43
Hours: May–November, 9am to dusk, 7 days a week
Contact: Nora Trallis
Phone: (269) 628-2392
E-mail: info@29thstreetfarm.com
Website: http://www.29thstreetfarm.com

We are a Family Farm dedicated to providing morning-picked produce and flowers of the finest quality. Asparagus in May, flower bouquets, delicious tomatoes, summer vegetables to pumpkins and winter squash. Kale, swiss chard, collards and okra. Herb cutting garden including cilantro, basil, dill, rosemary and lavender. Please check our website for an extensive list.
Protecting what's naturally good in Southwest Michigan.

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy
www.swmlc.org

We all have an impact on water quality

Two Rivers Coalition

The Two Rivers Coalition (TRC) is a citizen-based group working to protect the health of the Black River and Paw Paw River Watersheds through conservation, education, and advocacy.

Join TRC to help protect water

Visit www.TwoRiversCoalition.org for more information!
VAN BUREN COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS

Almena Farmers Market
Saturdays May 26–Sept. 29, 9 to 1
October 6–20, 10am to 2pm
Almena Twp. Pavilion 27625 CR 375
Contact: Julie
(269) 657-2826
see listing page 6

Lawrence Farmers Market
Late Spring–Early Fall,
Saturdays 9am–1pm
Contact: Jan
(269) 674-8730
see listing page 17

Lawton Farmers Market
July–Nov.; Sat. 10am–2pm
Contact: Oliver (269) 624-1831
see listing page 18

Mattawan Farmers Market
June–July–August
Wednesdays, 3pm–7pm
52530 N. Main Street,
Next to Dragonfly Gardens
see listing page 24

Paw Paw Farmers Market
May 27–Sept. 30 (except Harvest Fest)
Sundays, 8am–2pm
Corner of S. Gremps & Paw Paw St.
Contact: Nadine
(269) 921-1482
see listing page 26

South Haven Farmers Market
May–Oct.; Saturdays 8am–2pm,
and (June–Aug.) Weds. 8am–2pm
see listing page 29

*Please note that this may not be a comprehensive list, contact the markets for more information.
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LOCAL FESTIVALS

HARTFORD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Location: Ely Park Hartford, MI 49057 | Dates: June 7–8, 2019
For More Information: Phone: (269) 621-5303 | Facebook Page: Hartford Strawberry Festival
Website: http://www.hartfordmichamber.org/strawberryfestival.htm
The Hartford Strawberry Festival takes place the 2nd weekend in June, sponsored by local businesses and the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, providing a fun, family-oriented time for all ages. The festival features a pancake breakfast, a 1 mile/5K/10K run/walk, rides, food vendors, a parade, and contests.

HARBORFEST
Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: June 14–15, 2019
Website: http://www.southhavenharborfest.com/home-page.html (contact form on website)
Harborfest is “a celebration of Southwestern Michigan’s unique maritime history.” Enjoy water events including dragon boat races, a craft fair, kid activities and rides, and great music.

MERMAID MEGAFEST
Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: June 14–15, 2019
Facebook Page: Mermaid MegaFest | Website: https://www.mermaidmegafest.com/ (contact form on website)
Mermaid MegaFest is a global festival of mermaids and mermen located on the sandy beaches of South Haven, MI dedicated to the preservation of our planet’s aquatic ecosystem.

61ST ANNUAL SOUTH HAVEN ART FAIR
Location: Stanley Johnston Park, 202 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: June 29–30, 2019
For More Information: info@southhavenarts.org | Website: https://www.southhavenarts.org/
The 61st annual South Haven Art Fair is a two-day juried festival held one block from the Lake Michigan shore in picturesque Stanley Johnston Park. The art fair includes works in acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, drawing, sculpture, photography, glass, wood, clay, and wearable art. In the last 61 years, the art fair has evolved to include as many as 120 local and regional artists, drawing tens of thousands of guests to enjoy one of a kind artwork and all South Haven has to offer summer-time visitors.

LAWTON SUMMERFEST
Location: Lawton, MI 49065 | Date: July 6, 2019
For More Information: Mandi, Director (269) 716-8610 | Facebook: Public Group
Call about Car Show: Ryan Cusentino (269) 760-7399 | Email about Craft Show: bonnierenye@gmail.com
The Lawton Summerfest is an all day event that is fun for all ages! A car show and a craft show is held from 9AM-2PM. There is a parade at 5PM and a street dance with the Bronk Brothers at 7:30 PM. Immediately after the street dance, find a spot to watch the fireworks display! Throughout the day there will be face painting, bounce houses, a dunk tank, and so much more!

VAN BUREN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
Location: 55670 CR681 Hartford, MI 49057 | Dates: July 15–20, 2019
For More Information: (269) 621-2038 | Facebook Page: Van Buren Youth Fair
Website: http://www.vanburenyouthfair.com/
Through the planning and leadership from the Fair Board and the work of countless volunteers and businesses from throughout the county, 4-H leaders and members, 4-H Horse Council members and parents, Small Market Animal Committee, Junior Livestock Producers Association members and directors, The Draft Horse Club, Farm Bureau members, Sheriff’s Posse, and many others, the tradition of preserving what was started more than 150 years ago by a group of people determined to promote the best of what Van Buren county has to offer through livestock and exhibits of all kinds, whether it be floral or garden, woodworking or baking continues.
NATIONAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL
Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: August 8–11, 2019
For More Information: Office Phone: 269-767-7159 | Facebook: The National Blueberry Festival
Website: https://www.blueberryfestival.com/ | E-Mail: info@blueberryfestival.com
The National Blueberry Festival is held on the second weekend of August each year, and is one of the country’s oldest continuously-running fruit festivals. It’s been around since 1963! Van Buren County is the Nation’s most prolific producer of highbush blueberries, and Michigan as a whole produces upward of 100 million pounds each year. Growers, packers, u-picks, specialty equipment, agritourism, cottage industry and more convene right here in Southwest Michigan, and it’s all thanks to the delicious and healthy king of fruits: the almighty blueberry! You can enjoy live entertainment, a pie eating contest, a parade, and lots more!

LAWRENCE OX ROAST & HOMECOMING
Location: Lawrence Village Park 101-299 N Elizabeth Street, Lawrence, MI 49064
Dates: August 30–September 2, 2019
Facebook Page: Lawrence Ox Roast | Website: http://www.lawrencemi.org/lawrence-ox-roast-homecoming/
Heid in our picturesque Village Park, Lawrence’s signature annual event is fun for the whole family. All weekend there will be: various booths to explore, food vendors, Lawrence Lions Club Bingo Tent, Freedom Sports Bar Beer Tent, The Carnival, kids free train rides, kids games, music performances at the Pavilion. There is a 5K/10K/15K Walk & Run, a local farmers and artisan market, a Classic Car & Motorcycle Show, a basketball tournament, live bands, and a fireworks display.

ALL CRAFTS FAIR
Location: Stanley Johnston Park, 202 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090
Dates: August 31–September 1, 2019
For More Information: (269) 637-5171 | Website: https://www.southhavenmi.com/pages/CraftFairs
Over 150 unique craft vendors will be selling their hand-made items at the All Crafts Fair! Come to shop the beautiful art, crafts, jewelry, and delicious food!

PAW PAW WINE & HARVEST FESTIVAL
Location: Paw Paw, MI 49079 | Dates: September 6–8, 2019
For More Information: (269) 655-1111 | Facebook Page: Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival
Website: http://www.wineandharvestfestival.com/ (contact form on website)
The Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival has celebrated the grape growing and wine making industry for over 75 years and will celebrate this year the weekend after Labor Day (Sept. 6-8). Enjoy three days of activities including the St. Julian Parade, the Coca Cola Grape Stomp, the Grape Lake 5K Run/Walk, many stages of live entertainment, the Fireworks sponsored by the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority, the Grape Escape Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show sponsored by Tapper Chevy, GMC and Tapper Ford. New this year is the Triathlon sponsored by Lounsberry Excavating which includes the 5K Run/Walk, bicycling the walk route and kayaking around Maple Lake.

BLOOMINGDALE OKTOBERFEST
Location: Bloomingdale, MI 49026 | Dates: September 28–29, 2019
For More Information: Kim Otten (269) 521-7301
The Bloomingdale Oktoberfest is a small town festival held annually in Bloomingdale with lots of things going on during the day before a fireworks display. A live band plays in the park from 12 noon - 4:00 PM, and there is a silent auction, craft booths, store booths, food vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides, inflatables for kids, a beer tent, corn hole tournaments, open museums, etc. Fireworks start at 9:00 pm - the best in the county, a must see! On Sunday, there is a pancake breakfast hosted by the Bloomingdale Fire Department from 8:00 – 11:00 AM with a free will donation at the fire department. At 10:45 AM, there is a community church service where the area churches get together and hold one church service in the Bloomingdale High School.

BANGOR APPLE FESTIVAL
Location: Bangor, MI | Date: October 12, 2019
The Bangor Apple Festival offers a lot for the whole family! The one-day event kicks off with a parade downtown. Throughout the day, there are kids’ activities, a magical entertainment, and live bands. The Lions Club puts on a car show, and there is a motorcycle show going on during the day as well. Additionally, an arts and craft show is a great stop to find local goods. The committee is adding activities each year, so be sure to mark your calendars for this!
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