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In the Heart of Lakeview: Summer-fest 2026



By Mindy Raglin

The Lakeview Summer-fest was a series of fun filled community events on June 18th through the 20th, 2026. The morning started out with fast paced townees and even out of townees looking forward to the sales event of the town wide yard sales. Young and old alike anticipating the thrill of finding a treasure or two at a great price. Boujee on Main even joined right in with a sidewalk and in store sale as well. The local Community First Federal Credit Union first annual community cares yard sale was raising funding for our community and being their helpful selves.

Hands down the best at cards were all in at the Euchre tournament at the beer tent, and everyone had a deck of a good time. The festivities continued on into the next day, Friday with a craft and vendor show where creativity shown at its brightest. The museum open house opened up later that fine

sunny morning and as everyone gathered to embrace the rich history of Lakeview a home style cookie and pink lemonade offered a fun treat.

The Peddler Patch hosted a sidewalk sale and Boujee on Main had a kids rock painting event. The creativity sparked as children delighted in painting their own treasure. We are all so thankful to fully support our local businesses.

There was a South side street party and kiddie carnival rides as children laughed and enjoyed the simplicity of being from a small town. The kids games at Lakeside Park showed off our talented local children in their best at having fun and comradery among one another.

A celebratory was in town as Miranda the M80s attended our Lakeview celebration. The yell of bingo could be heard later that afternoon at Bingo in the beer tent. Congratulations to all the winners! Hold onto your hats because the fireman parade was at dusk. What a sight to see as

shiny red trucks wailed out into the night.

Saturday started out with a pancake breakfast at Griffith field from 7-11 am. The stack of golden brown pancakes greeted everyone as they stretched as if to greet the brisk new day. The LCWC Vitality 5 k run at the Lakeview Wellness Center was at 8 am. The runners warmed up that early morning as well with gentle slaps of tennis shoes on the pavement sounding in the air. There was disc golf the Lakeview Middle School from 9-4 and more local sales on the sidewalk and even a craft/vendor sale peddling handcrafted wares.

The museum open house did not disappoint.. There were kiddie carnival rides, a unity tent and even a car show on main street. The cars lined up shinier than a Christmas penny as lovers of automobiles checked them over in awe.

A parade on Lincoln Avenue had everyone smiling and clapping as veterans marched along in a salute and each float repre-

sending a vital part of our village and beyond. A kiddie tractor pull competition was held after the parade at the Lakeview Elevator with a free scoop of ice cream of ones choice in a cup or cone. The competition was fierce, folks, as children lined up to see who could be the next tractor pull champion.

Project 90 was at the beer tent offering a great time as well and late into the night as the sky began to darken, fireworks lit up the starry sky, as if to announce it was the end the festivities.

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Town Topics

Summerfest was a big success with beautiful weather. The Montcalm County Fair is going on this week. Next week July 3-5 is Dizzi Daze in Six Lakes. There are celebrations in Morley and Sand Lake for the Fourth of July. Enjoy our Michigan summer.

Summer Forecast

Thu A chance of showers before 8am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Thu Night A 30 percent chance of showers before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Fri Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Fri Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Sat Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Sun Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Sun Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Mon Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.



Gravel Ridge Band Kicks Off Music in the Park

By Steve Charnley, MIP Team Leader

We were back for another great summer of music on Wednesday, June 17th, with our favorite, perennial hometown band, Gravel Ridge! How grateful we are for a perfect indoor performance venue through the gracious hospitality of the Lakeview Community Church, to pastor Dave Hansen, Ramon Holcomb and all the other members. When you see them, be sure to share your thanks! Few summer music programs can boast of contin-

uing week after week, rain or shine.

Our nine-week, free concert series doesn't just appear by magic, but is the result of a year-long planning process by our excellent Music in the Park Team. Joining me are: Kayla Dexter, Tim Erspamer, Dean Gilbert, Ramon Holcomb, Chad Lincoln, Dallas Lincoln, Tom Scott, Ben Stout, Christine Winter, and Claire Zynda.

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Gravel Ridge Band (from left to right): Cassie Luchies on fiddle/vocals, (with her young son), Gary Padden on upright bass/vocals, Jon "Junior" Henderson on mandolin, Ian Tronson on banjo and Jon Gigowski on guitar/vocals

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