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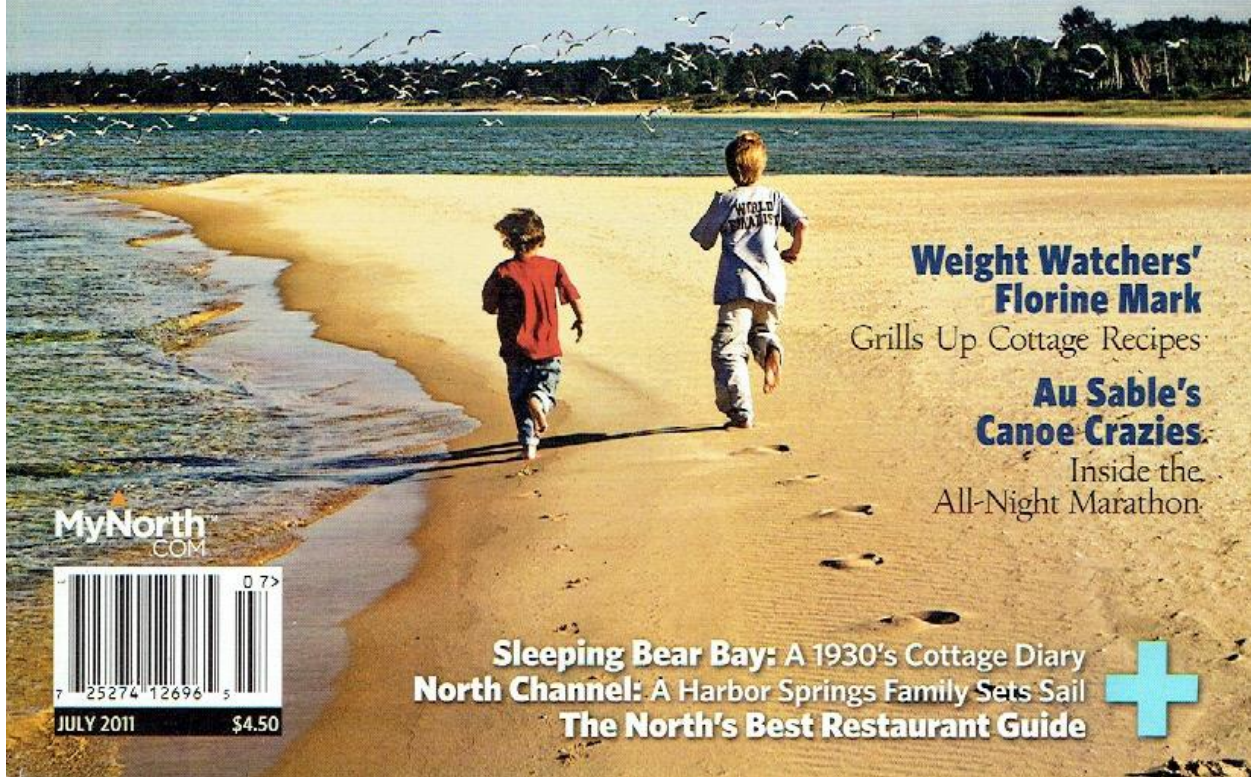
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BEACH READS, CONT'D

1,000-Mile Walk on the Beach, Loreen Niewenhuis

In 2009, Niewenhuis walked around Lake Michigan. This book chronicles her journey, a six-month-long voyage of discovery around the world's fifth-largest lake.

As If We Were Prey, Michael Delp

Working-class male characters are tried, tested, and pushed to their limits as they struggle with the demons of childhood and the indignities of adult life.

The Girl Who Ate Kalamazoo, Darrin Doyle

Audrey Mapes is a beautiful Midwestern girl born with no feet and given to eating nonfood items like wood, metal, fabric or plastic without any adverse effects.

The Hanging Tree, Bryan Gruley

Gruley, Edgar Award nominee for his first novel, *Starvation Lake* (2009), returns to Starvation, a Michigan resort town whose best days are fading in the rear-view mirror.

The Leisure Seeker, Michael Zadoorian

Yearning for one last adventure, self-proclaimed "down-on-their-luck geezers" John and Ella Robina escape the adult children and doctors who run their lives and steal away on a journey of rediscovery.

South of Superior, Ellen Airgood

When Madeline Stone walks away from Chicago and moves 500 miles north to the Upper Peninsula coast of Lake Superior, she isn't prepared for how drastically her life is about to change.

Thrift Store Saints, Jane Knuth

A collection of true stories based on the author's experiences serving the poor at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in inner city Kalamazoo. —Aaron Brooks

A CLASSIC

Baroque on Beaver

Alliteration aside, there's nothing predictable about the Baroque on Beaver Festival which pairs a fabulously remote Lake Michigan island legendarily settled by brawny, brawling Irish, with the exquisitely civilized strains of Baroque music. Which, of course, is its allure.

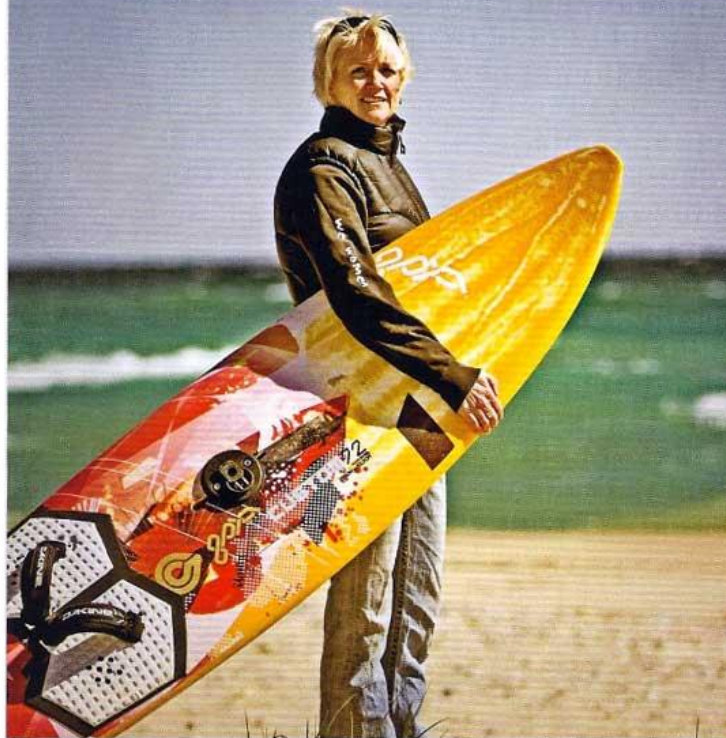
At this year's festival (July 26-31), expect Handel's "Water Music" (fitting, yes?), Mozart's Symphony No. 9 and the world premier of composer Thomas Cipullo's "Something About Autumn," based on poetry by Beaver Island bard Robert Cole. Bonus: Besides their scheduled concerts, the musicians form impromptu chamber groups and rock out at coffee shops and taverns around the island. baroqueonbeaver.org—Aaron Brooks



WATER WARRIOR

Morgan Fisher

Morgan Fisher is a painter and printmaker in Leelanau County, but it's her women-oriented water sports business, Wet Women, that's making a splash. She recently launched a nontoxic, biodegradable and compostable surf wax that is getting national attention and riding waves from here to Hawaii. After a 20-year hiatus, she's back home and playing in the chop and churn of Lake Michigan.



What is Wet Women?

The name Wet Women calls attention to women in a unique way that is playful, sassy, contemporary, a bit cavalier. It's a business promoting women on the water. It's about women who have a passion for water and a joy for life.

Why wax?

Knowing the negative impact that other waxes and products can make on our waters and beaches made me want to create a product designed to be harmless to the environment and to surfers. I wanted to create an eco-intelligent product that was viably certified as a cradle-to-cradle product versus a cradle-to-grave product.

How has the new product been received?

The reviews have been fabulous. Wet Women has been covered by many magazines as well as tested and favorably reviewed by both professionals and recreational

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surfers around the world. I've received a number of inquiries about private labeling the wax and licensing Wet Women Surf Wax by both big and small companies around the world.

Where do you surf in Northern Michigan?

I prefer to windsurf on Lake Michigan and enjoy paddle boarding on smaller lakes in Leland, Glen Arbor, Empire and Frankfort. I have surfed and windsurfed recreationally and competitively the most in Maui.

How does the ocean compare with the Great Lakes?

Maui is great because there are more predictable waves and reliable spots for specific conditions. The water is wonderfully warm and easy to sit in and surf on for hours.

The Great Lakes are amazing for both surfing and windsurfing. It is always a challenge: never-ending changes in waves, wind, weather, temperature and seasons. I find Lake Michigan often more challenging to work with because of shore breaks, swell, unpredictable waves, random swell and shifting wind.

What's most fabulous about here is the scenery, solitude, beaches and so many spots to choose to go and play on the water.

Do you surf or windsurf with a group of women locally?

I'm a single mom of a 4-year-old boy, and getting the time I'd like to find friends with whom to surf/windsurf while I'm painting and working is definitely on my list. When I've been out looking for the spot I want to jump in and sail, I see women of all ages on surfboards in the water and boards on their cars, heading out!

What do you love about here?

Growing up in Leelanau County allowed me to build my aptitude in the water. There is the opportunity on our lakes and hills and beaches to do most anything people are doing on the oceans and mountains. What I love the most is the fresh water, the space, the beaches, our national and state parks, the weather and the people. So much!
—Kandace Chapple

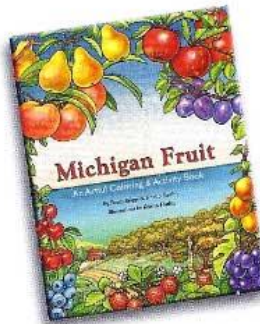
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