



ANNE CUNNINGHAM on Saturday works the TLC Tomato booth at the Suttons Bay farmers market.

# Some farmers markets ending; casino offers Birch Room concerts

**Farmers market season changes**  
Shishito peppers have been the next best thing this summer at farmers markets in Leelanau County.  
“This is a new and trending item,” explained Anne Cunningham, who owns TLC Tomatoes with her husband, Joe Vanderbosch. “They saute them or put them on the grill. Blister it is what they do.”  
Cunningham was busy Saturday manning a booth at the Suttons Bay market, whose season has several weeks remaining. Elsewhere in the county, though, the market season is ending. Leland wrapped up its summer offerings last Thursday, and Empire’s last market will be held Saturday. Glen Arbor’s final market will be held Tuesday, with Northport wrapping up on Friday, Sept. 14.  
Fresh food fans, don’t despair. The market in Suttons Bay will continue on Saturdays until Oct. 27. Vendors’ fares vary from produce to crafts.  
**Free shows at casino’s Birch Room**  
The Leelanau Sands Casino has announced its lineup of free live shows for Saturdays in September in its newly-renovated Birch Room.  
On Saturday, Pete “Big Dog” Fetters, winner of the Detroit Blues Challenge, will bring his best to The Sands, beginning at 8 p.m.  
On Sept. 15, the danceable music from “Funkamatic” will be featured

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with a showtime of 9 p.m.  
Classic rock band Duke & The Studebakers will perform at 8 p.m. on Sept. 22.  
And the soulful rhythm and blues of Ronnie Hernandez rounds out the month, starting at 8 p.m. Sept. 29.  
You must be 18 years of age and older to attend.  
**Crystal Lake moves in S-B**  
Crystal Lake Health Center of Suttons Bay has relocated to Hansen Plaza. The center was formerly located adjacent to the Hop Lot on M-22. Physician’s assistant Michelle MacDonald practices at the center, which moved to the former offices of Drs. Phillip Siemer and Thomas Lammy. The offices of Siemer and Lammy remain in the plaza, moving to Suite C.

**Stompede signals switch to fall**  
It must be autumn as the annual Harvest Stompede is set to kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday at Ciccone Vineyards. The wine tour follows from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on

Sunday. The tickets are \$40, and include a souvenir wine glass and a special wine pour and food pairings at each of the 22 participating wineries along the trail. Designated driver tickets are available for only \$20.

**Idyll Farms wins 4 awards**  
Idyll Farms was anything but idle at the 2018 American Cheese Society Competition held last month in Pittsburgh, taking home five awards. Idyll Farms now has 15 ACS awards under its belt including five World Championship cheese awards. Located in Leelanau Township, the operation claims to make some of the world’s “healthiest and tastiest” goat cheese.

**Gallery opens in big barn**  
A gallery has opened up with deep roots to Leelanau County.  
The Bear Den Gallery, owned by Jason and Debby Saksewski, had a soft opening last week. Located in West Bay Shore Village on M-22 and Hilltop Road, the gallery joins Chateau de Leelanau and Hawkins Farm Cellars in the big barn-shaped building. The store offers art, indoor and outdoor decor, jewelry, and gifts in about 1,000 square feet of retail space.  
While Jason is new to the area, Debby is a fourth-generation resident. Having left the corporate world, they share a passion for home design.

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