

May Is Festival Time In Michigan

May is springtime in Michigan, a coming-of-age time when the tulips bloom by the thousands in Holland and the blossoming orchards look like rows of giant pink and white popcorn balls in Berrien County.

The May events calendar leans heavily toward outdoor activities highlighted by Holland's 39th annual Tulip Time and St. Joseph-Benton Harbor's 55th Blossom Festival.

Colorful floral floats from around the state, numerous bands and celebrities make the parade one of southwest Michigan's biggest annual events.

ELSEWHERE AROUND Michigan, canoe races will be held in Holly, Mt. Pleasant,

Lansing, Bear River and Linden. Anyone with a wee bit of Scottish blood will enjoy the striking of 20 bagpipe bands and kilie dancers in the first Highland Festival and Games in Alma on May 25.

Two historical moments in

Michigan's past will be re-enacted—the landing of Father Marquette at Saull Sta. Marie and the Indian massacre at Fort Michilimackinac.

The re-enactment of Marquette's landing at the 500-year anniversary will take place May 19 as part of the 500-year-

long tricentennial celebration and the Indiana 1793 Michilimackinac takeover will be staged May 30-June 2 in the shadow of the Mackinac Bridge.

FISHERMEN LOOK forward to May in Michigan, too, with the black bass season opening

May 30 and the Bass Festival May 31-June 2 at Muskegon.

For a free, complete list of Michigan's spring-summer events, or any Michigan vacation planning materials, write to the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Mich., 48926.

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The Klompen Dancers, 500 high school girls in Dutch dress and wooden shoes, are a favorite attraction and give several free performances daily.

Noted for their cleanliness, the Hollanders scrub the street, hold square dances and stage parades. Tulip Time visitors can tour a wooden shoe factory, a typical Dutch market and see the 12-story, 200-year-old windmill, "De Zwaan," brought over from the Netherlands and re-assembled here.

JUST DOWN THE Lake Michigan shoreline from Holland is the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Blossom Festival set for May 12-18. It opens with the traditional blessing of the blossoms in one of the area's orchards.

Twenty-nine lovely Blossom Queens, fashions, dancers and a Count Basie concert lead up to the May 18 Grand Floral Parade, the highlight of the week.

Two Lanes Of US 131 'Retired'

The State Highway Commission plans to take bids in July to retire two of the four lanes of divided US-131 in Antrim County and to convert the other lanes to two-way operation.

The Highway Commission said the lanes to be retired were built in the 1920s and have outlived their usefulness. The lanes to be retained were built in 1956 and the Commission said the approaches to this pavement will be rebuilt to accommodate two-way traffic.

Estimated cost of the project is \$170,000 and it is expected that the work will be completed this year.

The Commission said the 13-mile stretch of US-131, between Manalapan and M-32, was not designed to be a four-lane highway, but in the big push to open multi-lane highways in the mid-60s, the old roadway was not retired as planned.

The Commission considered reconstruction of the old roadway at a cost of \$1.5 million, but said its traffic counts show that two lanes will be adequate in the foreseeable future to accommodate two-way traffic.

The Commission's long-range plans call for extension of the US-131 freeway to the Straits of Mackinac.

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BY BOB BREWSTER
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BEDTIME FOR BASS

Spawning time is fishin' time. And it's right around the corner, already underway in the south, about to begin up north.

For many bass fishermen this event signals the start of the widest action they can expect to find during the season.

The spawning of America's favorite game fish holds more than passing interest, comment the angling experts at Mercury outboards.

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