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Ice Island Draws Looks Up North Michigan

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A towering collection of ice blocks is seen in Lake Michigan off the coast of Emmet County. (Photo courtesy of the Outfitter of Harbor Springs)

READMOND TWP. (WWJ/AP) – An [ice](#) island that’s formed off Michigan’s northern Lower Peninsula is attracting attention.

Outdoor enthusiast Josh Baker told WPBN-TV that he and his family came across the towering collection of ice blocks Sunday in Lake [Michigan](#) off Emmet County.

“It was just a bunch of blocks piled on top of each other and they were welded together with the wind and [snow](#) ,” Baker said. “The side facing the lake was almost sheer, it was pretty neat. So the side I was on was all

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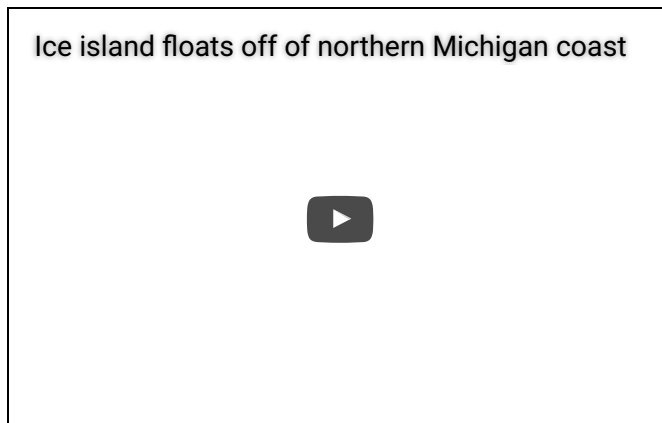
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jumbled and the opposite side was just sheer down to the water.”

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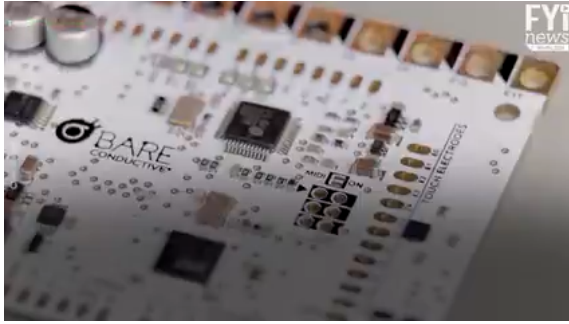
Good Hart General Store Owner Jim Sutherland says [cold weather](#) and wind combine to build ice into mountains and caves. He says it's been many years since he's seen such a large ice island form in the area. It's likely been growing for 6 to 8 weeks.

The ice island is the latest winter creation of Lake Michigan to draw looks. Earlier this year, hundreds of ice balls and boulders piled up at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park. They were the size of beach balls or basketballs.



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