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East Jordan Community Mourns the Loss of Two Young Men

By Catherine L'Heureux

Twelve years ago in a reading buddy program at East Jordan Elementary School, then-third grader TaiLee Jordan Fick walked into Mathew William Warrington's first-grade classroom to help the younger kids with their reading skills. That moment marked the beginning of a lasting friendship between the two boys.

Fick preferred the outdoors as a boy, whether he rode his bike, fed fish in his grandfather's pond or caught frogs in the creek behind his family's house. Sometimes, he threw those frogs in jest at his older sister BobAnn.

Like Fick, Warrington was dedicated to his football-loving family. He was protec-

tive of his two sisters, Ashley and Natacsha, especially when he and his sisters played on the high school football team together.

TaiLee Fick, 21, and Mathew Warrington, 19, both of East Jordan, died in a car accident Wednesday, August 15 in Jordan Township, Antrim County.

Fick is survived by his parents Stephen and Deborah Fick; brother Rodney Black; sister BobAnn Fick; nieces Lilly, Katey, and Anny; nephews

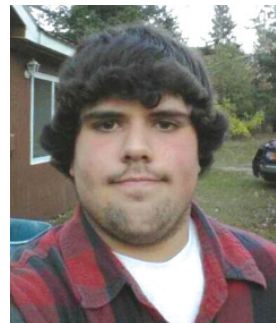
Isaac, and Mason; paternal grandfather Joe Fick, all of East Jordan; maternal grandmother Norma Black of Palmer, Texas, plus numerous aunts and uncles.

Warrington is survived by his parents Stewart and Dorothy Warrington of East

Jordan; sisters Ashley (Pierce) Shivley of Washington, DC and Natacsha Warrington of East Jordan; nephew Xavier Shivley; grandmothers Jackie Hosler of East Jordan and Margaret Warrington of Caro, plus numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Matt was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Roger Warrington and maternal grandparents Viva and William Miner.

Fick and Warrington were honored in a memorial service August 19 at the Light-house Missionary Church in East Jordan, attended by more than 450 people.

A stocky young man with dark hair and



TaiLee Jordan Fick(l) and Mathew William Warrington will be missed by their families, friends, former classmates and the entire East Jordan community.

brown eyes, Fick could often be found in a polo shirt and blue jeans, meeting with friends at the docks and basketball courts in East Jordan or playing pool at the Zone

See **East Jordan Mourns Loss-5A**

BOYNE CITY COUNCIL

Storm Water Management, Kirtland Products Hot Topics at City Meeting

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—Boyne City Council members refused consideration of a storm water management ordinance that would be enforced by the county, heard an update from Kirtland products, and amended the land division ordinance.

The City Council voted 3/2 not to consider a proposed Storm Water Management Ordinance for a second reading on the

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The Annual Drag Race at the Boyne City Airport landing strip revs up on Sunday, September 2nd, with exciting side-by-side races featuring a wide array of vehicles including sports cars, muscle cars, modified cars, family cars, diesel pickups, motorcycles...even asphalt-ready snowmobiles. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

Labor Day weekend in Boyne City has become the prime northern Michigan destination for vehicle enthusiasts of every age and interest. From classic to modern vehicles on display, to nearly every type of vehicle speeding down the "drag strip" on the airport runway, this is the place to be if you love classic steel and burning rubber.

The Kiwanis of Boyne City or-

ganizes the annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show, and it will be held this year on Saturday, September 1st. The show will be held at Veterans Memorial Park along the beautiful Lake Charlevoix shores, and registration will begin at 8 am. Those attending the show can expect to see virtually every type of vehicle, including cars and motorcycles ranging from new models all the way back to turn of century vehicles. Among the anticipated 200-plus vehicles will

also be hot rods, street rods, Corvettes, Mustangs and more.

Awards will be presented starting at 2 pm on Saturday, and the vehicles will parade through the streets of Boyne City at 3 pm. Registration is \$25 per vehicle, and the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau is the major sponsor of this year's show.

On Sunday, the Boyne City Police Department will present the

See **Drag Race-13A**

Charlevoix County is First "Connected" Community in U.S.

By Catherine L'Heureux

Charlevoix County has emerged as the first "Connected" certified community in the U.S. and a national leader in broadband accessibility.

The Charlevoix County Broadband Team met last week, Wednesday, August 22 at Boyne City High School to announce completion of a broadband certification program, offered by Connected Nation. More than 40 people attended the event, including community leaders, the Michigan Public Service Commission chairman and the president of Connected Nation.

Rick Diebold, superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, expressed satisfaction with Charlevoix County's achievement.

"We're proud of this accomplishment. We're proud of being recognized as a connected community," he said. "We're honored to receive this status but more importantly I think that we are invigorated as we move forward to continue to serve our friends, our neighbors and our constituents as we work to make Charlevoix County the best place in the country to learn, to work and to live."

A national non-profit organization, Connected Nation aims to expand broadband Internet and technology access in formerly underserved or overlooked communities.

See **Connected-8A**

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It's All Good: A Family Motto That Breeds Success

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—After an extensive nationwide search where contestants were chosen based on a wide range of skills, Ellsworth native Scott Heeres has been selected by Sears to compete as one of the country's most tal-

ented handymen on an HGTV program where 10 Handymen and Handywomen test their skills each week through a series of challenges hoping to win the title of 'All American Handyman.' "It's all good, we'll make something out of it," says Dave Heeres,

Scott's father, explaining the motto on the top of Scott's website. "It's just something we've been saying for a lot of years; 'When you're making something out of nothing, it's all good we can make it beautiful.'" Scott credits his northern Michigan upbringing

for his well rounded talents. He was lucky to have two 'Handy' grandfathers and a tradesman father. "I was a farm boy and that means you have to do it all. You have to be capable of doing a little of everything," said Dave. Scott began working with the men when he was two. "They asked him to measure something for them and he ran in the house demanding a tape measure, he couldn't even say tape measure," said Donna Heeres, Scott's mother.



Scott Heeres on set PHOTO COURTESY OF HGTV

Scott's parents, Dave and Donna Heeres stand in front of their home in Ellsworth. In 2000 Scott lead a crew of three men including his father and framed the entire house in six weeks. Scott is competing for the title of All American Handyman on HGTV's show running on Sunday nights.



Scott's grandfather, Ken Staley who has lived in Charlevoix since 1927 and even served as Mayor for a time, spent many hours with Scott in his garage on Sherman Street in Charlevoix. 36 year old Scott graduated from Ellsworth High School and earned his Associates degree from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. The ten week long competition which began on August 19 airs Sundays at 10p.m. /9 Central. Each week Scott and his competitors will be faced with

two challenges the 'Fix it challenge' where his skill in assessing and completing a repair is tested and the 'Build it challenge' which is a test of his construction ability and creativity. Although the show was filmed in April no one knows the outcome of the competition. "All we can tell you is that when this was filmed he was there the entire three weeks and never went home, so we assume he's in the top 4,"

said Dave. The ultimate prize Scott is competing for is a \$10,000 Sears shopping spree, an HGTV talent development deal and the title of All-American Handyman. The show will air again this Sunday night and you can follow Scott's journey through Hollywood on his website thegoldenhammer.com. You can also vote for Scott while you're there.

OBITUARIES

Rosemary A. Spaay, 74
(JUNE 27, 1938 - AUG. 25, 2012)
Rosemary A. Spaay went to bed with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, after a long illness. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Walloon Lake Community Church where family and friends are invited to celebrate her life. A luncheon at the church will follow. Rosemary was born in Detroit on June 27, 1938. She graduated from Scottville High School in 1955. She married Herman L. Spaay on Sept. 29, 1956, and he survives. Also surviving is her brother, Duane Marlan, and sister, Yvonne Beatty; children, David Spaay (Dawn), Myron Spaay (DeAnn) and Nancy Lauzun; grandchildren, Dean and Sawyer Spaay, A.J. Spaay and Whitney Skop (Matthew) and James Lauzun; also great-grandson, Jackson Skop. Preceding her in death were her parents, Myron and Pearl Marlan, and a grandson, Alex Lauzun. Rosemary held many jobs throughout her life, but mostly loved being a mother and grandmother to her direct family and others, affectionately known as "Ma" to many. She loved to cook and will be missed greatly by all those who knew her. She had requested instead of flowers donations be made to hospice, where she had been a volunteer and patient. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Dale H. McWatters, 81
(JAN. 12, 1931 - AUG. 22, 2012)
Dale H. McWatters of East Jordan, died Wednesday, August 22, 2012, in Petoskey. Funeral service was Saturday, August 25, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Reverend Jimmie McWatters officiated and burial followed at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan where military honors took place. Dale was born January 12, 1931, in Charlevoix, the son of Henry J. and Beatrice (Wordell) McWatters. He served in the US Army during the Korean War as a Corporal. Dale fell in love with Kimiko Mayahara and on November 6, 1948, in Yokohama, Japan, they married. They made their home in East Jordan. He drove truck for the Michigan Milk Producers Association Creamery in East Jordan, worked at Mor-Weld in Ellsworth, and retired from the East Jordan Iron Works in 1993. He enjoyed fishing, and going to Bradenton, Florida, where he lived during the winter. He loved taking annual cruises with his family. Dale is survived by his children, Linda (David) Rodgers of Tampa, Fla., Betty (Pat) O'Rourke of Holland, James "Buck" (Nancy) McWatters of East Jordan; grandchildren, Alisa Griffin



of Tampa, Fla., Erin (Ian) Stewart of Houston, Tex., Corynn O'Rourke of Encino, Calif., Jeremy (Kristie) McWatters, Nathan (Tatum) McWatters, and Patrick (Tracy) McWatters all of East Jordan; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Jimmie (Toni Lynn) McWatters and Ronnie (Vicki) McWatters both of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Yvonne Combest, Clara Prevo, and Mamie Bolser; and brothers, James and George McWatters. Memorial contributions may be made to the East Jordan Fire Fighters Association, P.O. Box 50, East Jordan, MI 49727

Allan Martindale Warner, 84
(MAY 28, 1928 - AUG. 20, 2012)
Allan Martindale Warner died peacefully at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital on Aug. 20, 2012, following complications from pneumonia. A resident of the Chicago Club in Charlevoix for more than 25 years, he recently moved to Independence Village in Petoskey. He was born May 24, 1928, in Farmington, Mich., to Clarissa Martindale Warner and Howard Maltby Warner, and graduated from Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., and received a master's in economics from Michigan State. He also served in the Army in Okinawa from 1950 to 1953. His career took him from teaching to banking (Farmington Savings Bank), advertising (McManus, John & Adams) to interior design, where he opened and managed the Baker, Knapp & Tubbs showroom in the Troy Design Center. In 1968, he married Jean Katherine Parsons, who predeceased him in 1991. He is survived by two stepchildren, William A. Powel (Sandra), Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Edwina U. Powel, Chicago, Ill.; a brother, Harley D. (Clicquot), Carmel, Calif.; four granddaughters; two nieces, a nephew, seven grandnieces and nephews, and many cousins. He was also predeceased by a brother. A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

Barbara Jean Cook, 72
(JAN. 7, 1940 - AUG. 18, 2012)
Barbara Jean Cook of Charlevoix, passed away, Saturday, August 18, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A Rite of Christian Burial was Friday, August 24, at Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton officiated. Burial at Saint Mary's Cemetery. Barb was born January 7, 1940, in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Edwin and Ethel (Finewood) Schram. She graduated from Portage High School in 1957, earned a Bachelors in Home Economics from Western Michigan University in 1961, and a Master of Arts in Consumer and Home-



making in 1973. She taught one year in Ellsworth and 26 years at the Charlevoix Middle School until retiring in 1996. Barb enjoyed gardening, sewing and traveling with her family. After retiring she became a Master Gardener through MSU. She was a member of Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club. On September 5, 1959, she married Norman Cook at St. Thomas More in Kalamazoo. Norm preceded her in death on July 27, 2006. Barb is survived by her daughters, Joan (James) Mills of Aurora, Ill., Kathryn (Kirk) Heckendorn of Charlevoix, Sheryl (Kip) Greene of Grand Haven, Patricia (Michael) Loper of Petoskey; grandchildren, Alex, Jason and Jessica Mills; Jacklyn (Kevin) Chadwick, Michael (Alisa) Heckendorn; Trevor, Terry, and Rya Greene; Brian, and Ellen Loper; brothers, James (Deb) Schram of Pentwater, John (Luba) Schram of Portage, David Schram (Amy Oswalt) of Portage. Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727, or Saint Mary Parish, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Those wanting to share a memory of Barb, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

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Community Service Announcement
DRIVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM

What: AARP Driver's Safety Program
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MEDICATION AND SENIORS



Whether you are a senior citizen, or the caregiver of a senior citizen, being aware of the risks of accidental medicinal poisoning is very important to ensuring safety. If you are aging and beginning to have numerous prescriptions, the various medications can be confusing, leading to mistakes in taking the medication which could cause poisoning through improper combination or overuse. While you may have a schedule by which to take your medication, the various types can still become quite confusing, and taking numerous medications at once can still be a bit dangerous. It is important to understand just what you should do to re-main safe from medication poisoning.

Identify Medical Interactions
If you have any side effects to the medications you are taking, or with the combination of medications that you don't feel is right, you must write it down so you are able to remember and inform your physician. It is important that the physician is notified immediately in case discontinuing a medication is necessary to ensure safety.

Keeping Everything in Control
Keeping a routine to follow, in which you follow a strict schedule of medication taking will ensure that you aren't mixing up medications or making other mistakes. Having complete control also means maintaining a source of contact in case there are any issues or emergencies in which you need help.

fering from even minor medication poisoning or an issue with medication you are taking, inform your caregiver or physician immediately. You should do all you can to prevent accidental harm due to medications.

Following Important Guidelines
To avoid medicinal poisoning, you can follow several important guidelines that will ensure you are taking the medicine you are intended to take, at the time you are supposed to take it, and with the medication it is safe to be taken with. Following these guidelines is an option, but if you want to avoid accidental poisoning, you will be wise and follow these guidelines to ensure proper taking of medication.

Keep a Medicine List
Keeping a list that details and describes each medication that you are taking, whether generic or name brand, will ensure that you are always aware of just what you are taking, or administering if you are a caregiver. You can keep this list with your medication in order to have it there if you aren't sure if you are taking the right pill or other type of medication.

Maintain Constant Doctor

Contact You should maintain constant communication with your doctor or pharmacist to ensure that they are aware of medications you may be allergic to, or any side effects you have experienced. It is very important that you keep contact to ensure they are aware of what you are taking at all times, and just how you are reacting.

Understand Your Meds
Of course you aren't going to be able to know just what medication is for what and how it is going to react to you, but taking the time to learn your medication can ensure there are no accidental mix-ups. If you are aware of what you are taking and how you react to it, you will be able to understand when something goes wrong and just why.

Use a Primary Pharmacy
If you are only interacting with one pharmacy and become well-known and familiar with that pharmacy, you will get much better and comprehensive services. As you are prescribed medication, and as your prescriptions are being filled, you want to know that there are professionals ensuring that you are getting the right and safest medication.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 30	Friday, August 31	Monday, Sept. 3 CLOSED - LABOR DAY	Tuesday, Sept. 4 1 p Paint class 5p Rummy Raffle	Wednesday, Sept. 5 Brown Bag Bingo after lunch	Thursday, Sept. 6 1p Pinochle 7p Cribbage	Friday, Sept. 7 5:00p Rummy
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 30 Wii Bowling	Friday, August 31 Petoskey Chorale 11-12 Bake Sale	Monday, Sept. 3 CLOSED - LABOR DAY	Tuesday, Sept. 4 Wii Practice BASC Board Mtg 9:30	Wednesday, Sept. 5 10-11 Exer. Class Brown Bag Bingo	Thursday, Sept. 6 Wii Bowl	Friday, Sept. 7 Cousins 11-12 p Backwood's Maestro 11- 12 Bake raffle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 30 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table	Friday, August 31 11am MUSIC BINGO/gift raffle	Monday, Sept. 3 CLOSED - LABOR DAY	Tuesday, Sept. 4 11am line dancing 12:30 Bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, Sept. 5 MOVIE & POPCORN 1pm	Thursday, Sept. 6 GAME DAY!	Friday, Sept. 7 BIRTHDAY! 11am Gail Williams Bingo / gift raffle
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Resident's React to Kirtland Products Zoning Reassessment

By Catherine L'Heureux

Boyer City—The city commission met August 14 and decided to send the Kirtland Products, LLC conditional permit back to the planning and zoning department for reassessment.

The Kirtland Products plant manufactures wood pellets at its location in Boyne City's Industrial Park, 1 Altair Drive.

City residents' complaints about Kirtland Products operations include noise and emission issues as well as reduced home values for those who live close to the plant.

CEO of Kirtland Products, Leon Tupper, spoke at the city commission meeting to discuss

the company's progress in receiving findings that afternoon from Kodiak Group, an industrial engineering and computer IT services company. The Kodiak study presents recommendations for Kirtland Products to reduce noise problems. Tupper said the Kirtland Products plant planned to examine the results of the study, provide a timeline for the issues and present answers within a month.

City commissioners still moved to remand the plant's conditional permit to the planning and zoning department. The planning and zoning department's decision could result in the plant's closure if the Kirtland Products permit is not approved.

We asked a few Boyne City residents to tell us their reaction to the situation. Their responses appear below.

Question: What are your thoughts on the recent city commission decision to send the Kirtland Products permit back to the planning and zoning department?

"There are two sides. They're both right."

-Don Smith

"I'm sure there's a compromise. We don't need any more closings. There has to be a way to work it out."

-Keely Frye

"I'm really torn between the two. I am not affected by the noise where I live....It's hard to say but I float to the business side."

-Debbie Bingham

"It's too bad they didn't realize this before they came here."

-Gary Blakeslee

"I'd like to see the business stay in town. I hate to see Boyne City lose any business. We're not just a resort town."

-Glenda Planck

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops in Boyne City and Petoskey

By Jim Akans

In 1984, the Challenge Mountain 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization was founded to raise funds to develop an adaptive ski program to allow physically and mentally challenged individuals enjoy the thrill and excitement of the sport of downhill skiing free of charge. With a motto of "If I can do this I can do anything!" the Challenge Mountain organization grew over the years to include Summer Games, Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Camp Quality, Winter Games and much more.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. The 6,600 square foot facility in Boyne City and 4,200 square foot facility in Petoskey each present a seemingly endless array of men's, women's and children's clothing items, books, music, furniture, linens, glassware and other household items to select from.

The Boyne City store is located



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at 1158 S. M-75, just east of Boyne City toward Boyne Falls (where the facility was actually once located), and the Petoskey store is at 2429 US 31 North across from Houghton Gas.

Each store is open Monday through Friday from 10 am

until 4 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am until 3 pm. For additional information about Challenge Mountain, please call (231) 582-5711 or visit www.cmski.org.

Four Elected To Great Lakes Energy Board

The four winners in the annual election of Great Lakes Energy directors are incumbents Paul Byl of Shelby, Mark Carson of Boyne City, Robert Kran of Free Soil and newcomer Paul Schemanski of Petoskey.

Seven candidates vied for four open board positions. All are three-year terms. Incumbent Dale Farrier of Kalkaska was defeated in his bid for reelection. Other candidates were Triston Cole of Mancelona and Benjamin Harris of Bitely.

Byl is a farmer who has served as director for 28 years. Carson, who has been a director for six years, is store manager for Gordon Food Service in Petoskey and an adjunct business instructor for Spring Arbor University. Kran is a dairy farmer with 10 years of director experience. Schemanski is an analyst at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Winners were announced today at the cooperative's annual business meeting in Boyne City.

Great Lakes Energy is an electric cooperative governed by a board of directors who are elected by the cooperative's membership. Great Lakes En-



The four winners in the annual election of Great Lakes Energy directors are (L to R) Paul Byl, Mark Carson, Paul Schemanski and Robert Kran.

ergy customers are members and owners of the consumer-owned business, which provides electric service to more than 125,000 members in 26 counties in western and northern Michigan.

Election was held by mail-in ballot contained in the July issue of Michigan Country Lines.

Director Election Results

Mark Carson*	2,167
Paul Schemanski*	1,905
Robert Kran*	1,877
Paul Byl*	1,810
Dale Farrier	1,726
Triston Cole	1,431
Benjamin Harris	1,179
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East Jordan Mourns Loss

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Sports Lounge with his older brother Rodney.

Fick also cared for his five young nieces and nephews, taking them out to walk down the road, ride bikes, catch frogs and play basketball or baseball. He tended a bonfire while surrounded by the children almost every summer night, said his sister BobAnn.

Wearing cowboy boots, his favorite Mountain Dew shirt and blue jeans, Warrington was the first to greet classmates and teachers when he walked down the hallways in high school and the first to stick up for a classmate who was being picked on. An outgoing young man with blue eyes and brown hair buzzed into a military haircut, Warrington always cracked jokes, his freckled face lighting up whenever he laughed with a distinctive chuckle.

Tailie Fick

Fick was born November 11, 1990 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, attended East Jordan Public Schools and graduated from high school in 2009. He played defense on the soccer team during all four years of high school, earning varsity letters.

Considered friendly and reliable by former high school soccer coach Peter Elliott, Fick worked hard, kicked hard and played with heart.

"He was a nice kid to have on the team. He was cooperative. You could count on him. All those things come together to make a player that fits with the group," Elliott recalled.

Fick worked in the lumber business with his grandfather Joe Fick and at the McDonald's in East Jordan.

His other interests included swimming in Lake Charlevoix, snowboarding and snowmobiling.

Fick will be remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle, said his sister BobAnn.

"Everybody's going to miss him, his family especially," she said. "He was just always here for all of us."

Mathew Warrington

Warrington was born December 16, 1992 in Charlevoix, attended East Jordan Public Schools and graduated from high school in 2011. Growing up, he loved to play kickball, baseball and football with his sisters as well as snowboard down the hill in his family's backyard during the winter months. He enjoyed hunting and fishing as well.

Warrington played football—his greatest passion—all four years of high school as offensive guard and nose guard on defense. During that time he also set records for weight lifting.

After enjoying Auto Technology, his favorite high school course, Warrington continued to pursue work in mechanics. His projects included work on wheel bearings, oil and brake changes along with various other automotive specialties. He was willing to help people with their cars at any time, sometimes working late at night in order to finish.

Like Fick, Warrington worked at the McDonald's in East Jordan. He moved to Plainwell for a brief period to work in the construction business.

Frequently, he rescued stray animals and gave them a home. His assorted mix of pets in the Warrington household included dogs, bunnies, cats, mice, a snake, a tarantula, a scorpion, a rat and—kept in the backyard, unbeknownst to his mother—a possum.

"He was a wonderful kid with a huge heart," his mother said in a Facebook message late last week. "The last words I heard my son say to me were 'I love you too, Mom' and I will cherish those words for the rest of my life."

Tailie and Matt's Friendship

Fick and Warrington were close as they grew up and attended school. They worked together at McDonald's in East Jordan for awhile. Recently, the two saw each other almost every day, two-tracking and mudding with friends in the East Jordan area. Together, they helped people in the community, with everything from offering car rides to moving heavy furniture.

Families, friends, former classmates and the entire East Jordan community grieve the loss of these two young men.

Fick received fire and EMS escorts to his burial site at Mount Bliss Cemetery in Jordan Township. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123-1718.

Warrington received police, fire and EMS escorts to his burial site at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The Fick and Warrington families expressed appreciation for the support they continue to receive from the East Jordan community.

"Everyone has stuck together in this town. We really appreciate everything that everyone has done for us," Matt Warrington's sister Natascha said.

Boyne City & Charlevoix Featured in Pure Michigan YouTube Commercial

By Catherine L'Heureux

A statewide Pure Michigan sing-along video showcased Charlevoix and Boyne City as filming locations last Saturday, August 25.

Last weekend's spotlight on northern Michigan originated with Status Media co-founders Jeff Barrett and Rob Bliss. In 2011, the two men featured the city of Grand Rapids and attracted almost five million views on YouTube with their first filming excursion, "The Grand Rapids LipDub." Continuing their successful promotion of Michigan tourism, Barrett and Bliss collaborated with the Pure Michigan organization and automaker Chrysler Group, LLC to organize a second lip dub, filmed in 50 cities across the state in seven days.

Their weeklong trip began Sunday, August 19. Revamping the song "Good Time" by Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen with retooled Michigan-themed lyrics, the video will showcase various people, businesses and natural landscapes that are unique to the state. Filming locations for the sing-along were organized ahead of time and open to the general public for participation.

Driving in an "Imported from Detroit" Chrysler vehicle, Barrett and Bliss began the 50-city trek at Sugarloaf Mountain in Marquette, making their way to the Lower Peninsula and driving south down I-75 with various stops on the east side of the state. After filming Detroit locations that included Comerica Park and the Detroit Institute of Arts, the film crew then traveled up the western shoreline, heading to northern Michigan destinations. Their stops in our area also included Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Traverse City.

In Charlevoix, 40 people boarded the Keewenaw Star last Saturday, August 25 for filming of the Pure Michigan sing-along video. A camera crew followed the cruise ship as it glided through Round Lake, under the drawbridge and toward the lighthouse on Lake Michigan.



Boyne City was included as a last-minute destination for filming of a Pure Michigan sing-along video, one of 50 Michigan cities featured in the crew's seven-day road trip across the state.

Amanda Wilkin, director of the Charlevoix Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, organized the event in Charlevoix and highlighted its contribution to tourism and economic development through the city's inclusion in the project.

"It's very, very good for Charlevoix," she said. "Especially being a tourism-based community where everything revolves around tourism, it's really important to get our name out there as much as possible and to keep people seeing that it's fun in Charlevoix and we've got a lot going on."

Boyne City participated in the 50-city tour as well. Hugh Conklin, manager of the Boyne City Main Street Program, said the town was included as a last-minute filming destination on Saturday Last Saturday, Status Creative co-creator Rob Bliss emailed Boyne City officials when a scheduled community unexpectedly cancelled. Bliss had visited Boyne City this past March when he

spoke at a Boyne City High School assembly.

In a short period of time, the city assembled more than 30 people to participate. The group gathered on a rooftop above the building that houses Alpine Chocolate Haus, Cafe Santé and the Michigan Community Dental Clinic. They sang for the Pure Michigan film crew with the downtown streets of Boyne City as a backdrop.

"It's great. It can't do anything but be a great thing for [Boyne City] to be a part of a lot of other great towns in Michigan and to show the world what a great place Michigan is," Conklin said.

The three and a half minute sing-along video will be available on YouTube and the Pure Michigan website sometime next week. A specific date for the video's release was unavailable at press time.

For more information visit www.michigan.org.

New Pavilion Open at Whiting Park

By Catherine L'Heureux

Boyne City—Whiting Park officially unveiled its new pavilion in a dedication ceremony Monday, August 27.

15 people attended the event to celebrate completion of the project, including members of the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Committee, executive directors from the Boyne City and East Jordan chambers of commerce, Charlevoix County commissioners as well as representatives from Petrie Construction Company, the contractor for the site.

The former pavilion, built in the early 1940s, was torn down three years ago. The Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Committee began



Whiting Park in Boyne City offers a new pavilion, dedicated Monday, August 27 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by members of the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Committee.

planning construction for a new pavilion in 2010.

Petrie Construction Company of East Jordan finished

construction in less than two months, breaking ground at the end of April and completing the structure in early June.

Ross Maxwell, parks and recreation director at Whiting Park, thanked everyone involved with the project and expressed satisfaction with the new structure.

"It's a fine building here at Whiting Park," he said. "We're very happy of course, and already we're using it."

After a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by refreshments for all guests, the Parks and Recreation Committee convened for its monthly meeting.

Whiting Park is located on Lake Charlevoix at 05820 Lakeshore Road. The 160-acre recreation park includes a campground, half-mile beachfront and several rental facilities, such as the new pavilion, for large groups and events.

Walking Tour of Camp Sea Gull open to Public Saturday, September 1st

Hayes Township, Charlevoix County is holding an open house walking tour of Camp Sea-Gull on September 1 from 1-4 p.m. This is the public's opportunity to see this pristine property. This property and the need to preserve it will speak for itself. It may not look that impressive from the road but once you tour the property you will be awed by its grandeur.

Hayes Township representatives will be on site to answer questions and give tours. Golf cart rides will be provided for those unable to walk the property.

In response to the many questions received regarding the development of the park the Township would like to state "If we are fortunate enough to acquire this property we will be holding public meetings to get everyone's input on what amenities to provide"

The Township has a conceptual plan with a wish list of amenities;

The Township envisions a launch for small boats of the type that Township residents might use for fishing, as an example. There is no plan to compete with large commercial boat launches but only to

provide a place for the use of modest craft. The Township is seeking engineering information on exactly how a small boat launch could be created. Hours of operation would be established along with other park rules by Township ordinance.

The Township wishes to preserve as many of the existing cabins and buildings to be rented out for overnight and short term visitors. At some time in the future rustic camping may be discussed.

The Township plans to use the year-round residence on the property to house an individual who will be present to manage the property. This is practiced in many other parks. The use of the residence would be a substantial part of the resident manager's compensation. This would be implemented as soon as possible after acquisition of the land.

Regarding land preservation, the Township has received a wetland delineation for the property, and all plans will involve protection of those wetlands.

We understand people's desire for more specific information. It is a tough balancing act because on one hand, the Township wants to provide as

much information as possible to residents. On the other, there is no guarantee that the grant for acquisition will be approved and so we don't want to spend too much money on a detailed site plan that might be premature. The Township has drawn on the experience of other jurisdictions in the area which have parks, to look at budgets, relations with neighbors, etc. regarding the feasibility of the project, and has gained a lot of information from other jurisdictions who have created and who operate parks. This is not an uninformed effort.

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BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

Music, fun and great times will fill the streets of downtown Boyne City starting Friday as Stroll the Streets returns for its ninth season. Aug. 31 entertainers - Craig Cottrill Band, Duck Soup, Kristin Glasgow, Randy Reska, TNT, The Kowalske Family Band, Balloon fun w/ Popper & Twister Joe, Dawn Nelsey (Face painter), and Robin Lee Berry & Glenn Wolff on the SOBO Blissfest Stage.

CHARLEVOIX

Downtown Concert

2012 Charlevoix Concert Series Schedule at the Odmark Performance Pavilion in Downtown Charlevoix's beautiful East Park.

Thursday, August 30, 7pm, Sister Wilene (Traverse City MI) Country

BOYNE CITY

RAMBLER DAY

The Boyne City Sports Complex is hosting Rambler day on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 10am to 10pm. The Boyne City Booster Foundation urges you to mark your calendar for this action-packed day that will feature six school sports events ranging from soccer to volleyball and ending with the varsity boy's football game vs. Kent City at 7 p.m. Also included in the all-day fun will be face painting, carnival games, dunk tank, balloon animals, door prizes, live music, barbecue and more. You might even win \$2,000 cash or an iPad in the Ping Pong Ball Drop Raffle. For raffle tickets or information contact Megan Neidhamer (mneidhamer@boyne.k12.mi.us) or Cathy Wonzki (gcwonski@gmail.com).

CHARLEVOIX

Harsha House Museum Exhibits

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum is featuring several exhibits: "Treasures of the Museum" with artifacts and documents never shown before, highlighting a French battleship galleon model made of over 3400 metal parts; "The Life and Works of Bob Miles, Photographer" showing many examples of his work over 42 years; "Frank Fountain—Charlevoix's First Coast Guard Commander;" "Vintage Toys;" and "Charlevoix's Involvement in the American Civil War." Hours are Monday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m. through Labor Day. Call 231-547-0373 for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Dancin' in the street

The summer's second Dancin' in the Street party is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at the corner of South Lake and Main Streets in the SOBO District. The Mark Sanders Band will provide the music and SOBO merchants will provide refreshments..

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market

Thru October 31st, (Wed. Sat.), 8 am to Noon in Veteran's Park. From the garden to your table. It doesn't get any fresher than this. Come browse in our lovely town on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

BOYNE CITY

Rubbish collection

Rubbish collection will begin in early June in the City of Boyne City. The first pickups will take place in areas on and south of Main Street on

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 12 and 19. Areas north of Main Street will be picked up on Thursdays, Sept. 6, 13 and 20. For more information click here or call City Hall at 582-6597.

BOYNE CITY

Senior center lunch

Boyne Area Senior Center has finished a highly successful summer program of evening meals instead of lunches on Wednesdays - but now it's back to lunches at noon Monday through Friday. Suggested donation for lunch is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$6 for those under 60. For more information call coordinator Terri Powers at (231) 582-6682.

CHARLEVOIX/EMMET

Playgroups

Playgroups are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, are for children aged 0-60 months and preschool-aged siblings. The summer schedule is: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson. Playgroups in Petoskey and East Jordan will resume in September. Call (231)347-0067 for more information.

EAST JORDAN & ELLSWORTH

Farmer's Market

Both the East Jordan and the Ellsworth Farmer's Markets are looking for vendors for the upcoming Summer market season. Produce & Hand-crafted items are welcome at both locations. For information on the East Jordan Market contact Laurie Wakeham at 231-536-2636 or for the Ellsworth Market contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351.

The East Jordan Market takes place every Thursday from 9am - 1pm and the Ellsworth Market takes place on Tuesday evenings from 5 -7pm.

EAST JORDAN

Leaf Peeker Craft Show

Crafters are needed for the Leaf Peeker Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 10 am - 4 pm in downtown East Jordan. The craft show is being held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival. Outdoor and indoor spaces are available. For more information contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351 or e-mail at info@ejchamber.org.

BOYNE CITY

Hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste collection will be held from 9am to 2pm Sept. 8 in Boyne City. Call 582-6193 to schedule an appointment.

BOYNE CITY

Car show

Kiwanis of Boyne City produces the annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 1. The car show begins with registration at 8am, awards at 2pm and a parade through Boyne City at 3pm. Car owners are also encouraged to show their vehicles during Stroll the Streets from 6 to 9pm. Friday, Aug. 31; no registration is needed for Friday, just bring your car downtown (Water Street) between 5 and 6pm. The car show is held at Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. Thank you to our major sponsor, the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. Pre-registration fee is \$20 per car. Registration at the show is \$25 per car. Make checks payable to: Kiwanis of Boyne City.

Please send registration fee and form to Kiwanis of Boyne City, c/o Hollis Ehrlich, PO Box 458, Boyne City, MI 49712. Questions, Contact Hollis Ehrlich, jhehrlich@ledesign.biz, phone 231-459-4080

FAIRVIEW

Gun show

The 10th annual gun show at Steiner Museum, M-33 North of Fairview, will be held Sept. 1, 10am - 4pm. Buy guns, sell guns, trade guns and more from friendly, quality dealers and collectors. Rent a table for \$15. Call Tammy Emig, 989-848-5320.

CHARLEVOIX

Wednesday Gallery Walks

The 6 downtown art galleries; Ellair, Elements, North Seas Gallery, Circle of Arts, Round Lake Gallery and Todd Warner Studio will be hosting Gallery Walks every Wednesday through Labor Day from 7-10. Special food and desserts will be offered!

CHARLEVOIX

Plant sale

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is holding their annual plant sale, Saturday, September 1, 9am to Noon, rain or shine, at Ferry Beach (near the corner of Ferry Rd. and Stover Rd.) in Charlevoix. Many varieties of perennials, both shade and sun tolerant, grown by members and friends of the garden club, will be available for sale. Master Gardeners will be available for advice and to answer questions. For more information, call Margaret at 231-547-4182 or Janine at 231-547-7384.

BOYNE CITY

Regatta

Sept. 1-2 - Red Fox Regatta, Veterans Park

HORTON BAY

Bridge walk

Horton Bay hosts Labor Day Bridge Walk and pig roast on Labor Day the Horton Bay United Methodist Church will host its annual Labor Day Pig Roast from 4 to 7 p.m., with entertainment by the Rowlands. Also available will be booths with crafts and "homegrown goodies" from 1 to 7. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10, and free for those under 5. Then, at 8 p.m. Horton Bay will host its annual Labor Day Candlelight Bridge-walk with entertainment by Michelle Chenard. At dusk participants will attempt to walk the great Horton Bay Bridge by candlelight. Those that make it across will receive a certificate of accomplishment and free ice cream from the Horton Bay General Store. Bring yourself, friends, and family as there is no better way to end this summer than to walk the Horton Bay Bridge under the stars and candlelight.

EAST JORDAN

School open house

East Jordan Elementary School Open House Sept. 4, 5-6:30pm. Come in and visit your teachers, your classrooms and more at the building open house!

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next "Wellness Wednesday" will be from 8am until 11am on Wednesday, September 5. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Total Choles-

terol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting required. However, if you are fasting an LDL and triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and all test results at the time of the screening. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital 231-547-8906 or by email: kjacobsen@cah.org. Walk-ins are always welcome.

EAST JORDAN

Pumpkin Fest & Leaf Peekers meeting

The committee has been meeting to set plans for this year's Pumpkin Fest and Leaf Peeker Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 20. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 6 at 8am in the E.J. Community Center (Senior Center). If you would be interested in helping with an event please call the Chamber Office at 536-7351 or join us at the meeting. The Committee is looking for a family friendly, band to play in the bandshell the day of Pumpkin Fest from 1-4 PM. If you would be interested please contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351 or email at info@ejchamber.org.

PETOSKEY

Homebuyer workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), a certified HUD housing counseling agency, will be presenting a three day workshop on Homebuyer Education. This 8 hour workshop will be held September 4 and 6 from 6pm to 9pm; and September 11 from 6pm to 8pm. This course will teach you the basics of the home buying process including options for low income and moderate income families. The workshops are offered free to the public at 2202 Mitchell Park, Suite 4. Attend all three workshops to get your certificate of completion! To register or to find out about future workshops, please call 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

CHARLEVOIX

Sunset cruise

The Charlevoix Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraising Sunset Cruise aboard the Keweenaw Star on Thursday, September 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Historical narration along various shorelines included. Tickets: \$25 per person, available at the Harsha House Museum, 103 State Street, Monday-Saturday 1-4 p.m. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

EAST JORDAN

Blurred Boundaries Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Blurred Boundaries at Raven Hill Discovery Center will be Sept. 16. Come join us. Please support Blurred Boundaries with a contribution. The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts grant award of \$6000 must be matched with \$6000 of monetary or in-kind contributions. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org for more information on Blurred Boundaries or to see how you can help.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Area Organizations Asked to Submit Project Ideas

Charlevoix County organizations are asked to submit requests for help with their organization's needs. Each year, the current Leadership Charlevoix County class completes a Community Service Project over the nine-month course, in which they select a pertinent need within the county and work together to address that need. The project addresses an issue that class participants are passionate about. Submitting a request helps to create awareness for your organization's needs. If you would like to submit a need or a project idea, visit the Submit a Need page at www.leadershipcharlevoixcounty.com. If you have any questions, contact Program Coordinator Mishelle Shooks at mshooks@c3f.org or call 231.536.2240.

CHARLEVOIX Material Obsessions

Material Obsessions, the exhibit of Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, features a unique array of imaginative and inventive textile art pieces. Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists meet monthly at the Charlevoix Public Library for learning and support. Together, this group of artists meets to promote the freedom of expression, experimentation, and individual style among participants. These artists have demonstrated their commitment to using textiles as a vehicle for visual expression and have created a unique display. The opening reception, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, is an ideal time to meet the artists and view their work. Material Obsessions will be on display at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St. through October; call the library for further information, 231-237-7340.

BOYNE CITY

Community Potluck Picnic

Mark your calendar for the 7th annual Boyne city Community Potluck Picnic at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at Veterans Park. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages; hot dogs will be provided along with music, face painting, children's games, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, barbershop singers and a softball game. Contact the Boyne Area Chamber for details, 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets Extended

The sound of music on Friday evenings in downtown Boyne City will be heard a few weeks longer this summer. Due to popular demand, Stroll the Streets will not be ending the Friday of Labor Day weekend. Instead, two additional Fridays have been added and Stroll the Streets will continue through Sept. 14. "Stroll the Streets was scheduled to end Friday, Aug. 31, but there have been so many requests, we have decided to extend the season," said Main Street manager Hugh Conklin. "The one comment we have been hearing more than any other is the sadness people have that Stroll the Streets is ending. We decided 'Why not give it a try and see if extending the season two more weeks is successful?' If it is, great; if it's not that's okay, but we won't know until we try. For Sept. 7 and the 14 the number of musical entertainers will be scaled back from the 6 to 8 groups featured each week in the summer. There will be four groups, one each on the 100 and 200 blocks of Water and Lake streets.

CHARLEVOIX LEGO club

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce LEGO Club @ the Library. The LEGO Club will be meeting this fall in the Youth Activity Center, the second Monday of each month, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kids will be able to utilize the library's giant LEGO table and collection of LEGOs, including new kits to help spark kids' creativity. For information about this or other youth activities at the Charlevoix Library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call, 231-237-7350.

EAST JORDAN

Freedom Festival meets

The first meeting for the 2013 East Jordan Freedom Festival will be Monday, September 10 at the East Jordan Police Dept. conference room, at 6:30 PM. We would wel-

come anyone to join us. Many hands make light work! It's a great way to be part of a community event!

CHARLEVOIX Software, the Basics

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting fall computer training classes. All library computer training takes place in the Coeling Computer Lab at the Library, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The classes are designed for those who have basic computer skills (use a mouse and search the internet) and are ready to learn a little more about specific applications. Microsoft Word 2007 Basics, September 10 and 12, will focus on basic documents and formatting. QuickBooks: Just the Basics, September 26, will introduce participants to the basics of this business accounting software. Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics, October 8 and 10, will focus on basic spreadsheet operation and basic formulas. The instructors ask that all students register for computer classes by calling: 231-237-7340. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W Clinton in downtown Charlevoix and can be visited at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Womens club meeting

The Sept. 12 luncheon meeting of the Women's Club will feature a guided tour of Castle Farms in Charlevoix, including the gardens, Garden Railroad and a view of the museum collections, followed by luncheon. The tour begins at 10:30am and will last about 1½ hours. Cost of the tour and luncheon is \$25. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes (and wheelchairs are available for those who need them). Please make your reservation with Sally Hunt at 231-348-8183 by noon on Sept. 5. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BOYNE CITY

State of the Community

Lunch is scheduled for noon to 2pm Thursday, Sept. 13, at Sommerset Pointe.

BOYNE CITY

Art for Animals

Sept. 13 - Humane Society Art for Animals Wine & Dine Evening, Walloon Lake Inn

BOYNE CITY

Aviation Safety-Education Seminar

Boyne City Municipal Airport (N98), 1040 Main Street. Sponsored by the Boyne City Airport & the Boyne City Airport Advisory Board. Thursday, September 13, 6:30pm. Admission to this program is free. Topic: The Results of small Pilot Deviations. Attendance counts toward credit for the FAA Wings Program. Register for this and other programs at www.faasafety.gov

BOYNE CITY

Settlers to Sidewalks

Boyne City history book, "Settlers to Sidewalks," written by former Boyne City Elementary School teacher Bob Morgridge, is now available at the Chamber office for \$15.

BOYNE CITY

Young professional meet

The Chamber's Young Professionals group will hold its next get-together Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Thirsty Goat, 220 S. Lake St. It starts with socializing from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by sit-down discussion from 6 to 6:30. Any area resident under the age of 35 is invited to attend; you do not need to be a business owner or manager. No reservations are needed. If you would like to be notified of future YP events, contact Ryan Moskal at 517-937-2428 or ryancmoskal@gmail.com.

VANDERBILT

Car show

First ever auto show and swap meet Sept. 14 & 15 at 2 locations: Mill St. Diner and Racal Jakks. 9am - close. Music at both locations Sat. night. To register call 989-619-

2937

ELLSWORTH

Archery touney

Enjoy the 3rd Annual Archery Tournament at Community Park in Ellsworth Sept. 15. www.ellswortharchery.com

EAST JORDAN

Artist Gathering Retrospective Exhibit

An Artist Gathering Showcase is opens at the Jordan River Art Center. Forty artists have submitted 100 art works that will be exhibited producing an exciting show of creative, diverse artworks. The exhibit runs thru Sept. 16 at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St.

CHARLEVOIX/EMMET

Day of Caring Kickoff

Wednesday, September 19, 7:30am to 8pm. County wide day of community service with non-profits and senior citizens in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The day will begin with our 12/13 Campaign Kick-off at 7:30am. Light breakfast will be served at Fletch's in Petoskey and Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. Community services projects will continue all day. Volunteers are still needed! Visit website to register www.charemunitedway.org

CHARLEVOIX

Poker Run & Pig Roast

Show your colors poker run & pig roast sponsored by Charlevoix Elks Lodge #2856. Proceeds to benefit Michigan Veterans. Saturday, Sept. 22. Registration from 10-11:30am; Pre-Show Event at 11:30am. Poker Run begins at Noon, Pig Roast at 5pm with live auction & entertainment: Open to public (\$10). Cost \$25 bike, includes Pig Roast. Entertainment after the run. \$10 additional rider includes pig roast or \$25 additional rider to play poker. Pre-register for free shirt. Donations for auction items are welcome. This year's event "Freedom Don't Come Free" will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, Forgotten Eagles, & Local Veteran Charities. For more information, contact Ken Rogers at 231-675-2297.

PETOSKEY

Mom to Mom Sale

3rd Annual Northwest Michigan Mom to Mom Sale, save money for your next trip to the Petoskey Area by hitting the Mom to Mom Sale while you're

here. Head to the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey from 10am to 2pm for this event. All sorts of clothes and toys in a variety of sizes will be available under 1 roof. For more information contact Julie Witthoef at 231.881.4302. Sept. 22, 10am - 2pm.

BOYNE CITY

Concert

Billy Dean will perform in concert Sept. 23 at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center, sponsored by Boyne City Firefighters, in shows at 3 and 6 p.m. Morgan Frazier also performs. Tickets are available at the Boyne Area Chamber office, \$22 or \$50 per family. Info: 231-225-0275.

EAST JORDAN

Powder puff football

E.J. Homecoming Powder-Puff Football Game Sept. 26 at Boswell Stadium

EAST JORDAN

Fiber Exhibits & Workshops

Jordan River Arts Council - Fantastic Fiber Exhibits & Workshops Sept. 23 - Nov. 13

PETOSKEY

Plumbing workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) will be hosting a workshop on Plumbing to be held September 25, from 6pm to 9pm. This workshop is offered free to the public at NMCAA's Petoskey office located at 2202 Mitchell Park, Ste. 4. To register or to find out about future workshops,

please call 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

BOYNE CITY

Marketing seminar

The Boyne Area Chamber will be presenting a free business marketing seminar, "Two Big Questions" from 8 to 9am Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Greg Zirkle is the owner of Fox Marketing Group, which brings professional marketing services to the smallest of businesses. He is a former sales professional for a Global 200 company and his clients range from financial institutions to manufacturers, retailers to contractors, and startups to 100-year-old companies. His presentations are relaxed, entertaining and practical. To reserve your seat at this free seminar, call or email the Chamber at 582-6222.

EAST JORDAN

Gun show

The Jordan River Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a Gun Show, at the Harvest Barn Church. Bigger and Better! Friday, September 28, 4 PM - 8 PM, Saturday, September 29, 9 AM - 4 PM. Dinner Friday, Breakfast & Lunch Saturday available on site. For Reservations Contact Ken Kryscio 231-497-0124

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Crop walk

29th Annual Charlevoix County CROP Walk Saturday, September 29th at 9am, the six-mile walk will commence from three Charlevoix County locations. Those from East Jor-

dan will meet at Elm Pointe. Boyne City participants will assemble at Whiting Park and Charlevoix walkers will gather at the Charlevoix Middle School. The walkers will all end at the Congregational Church in Ironton where lunch will be provided to all who participated. All area churches and individuals are encouraged to join in this annual fundraiser. This year an anonymous donor will donate \$20 for each new walker participating in the annual walk.

BOYNE CITY

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is held Oct. 6 in Boyne City's downtown with music, crafts and fall produce, and is jointly organized by Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber. The entire Boyne City Farmers Market will move to Water and Lake Streets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The farm market booths will sell a variety of apples and other harvest items including pumpkins, squash, apple butter, jam, honey and cider. Portions of Water Street and Lake Street will be closed to traffic during the festival to make room for the Farmers Market, music and more than 30 arts and craft vendors. The festival will also include folk art demonstrations, children's games, hay rides and a scarecrow-making contest (application) for residents and businesses. Festival hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Local churches and non-profit organizations that would like to participate by organizing children's games or harvest crafts are encouraged to contact the Boyne Area Chamber at 582-6222.

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Down

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, August 20, 2012

7:31am Assist EMS in the 200 block of N Lake St
 8:03am Unlock in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
 8:59am Keys dropped off at PD that were found near Marina. Were returned to owner.
 9:10am Report of water overflowing at Avalanche
 12:05pm Suspicious situation reported in the 300 block of N Lake St
 2:49pm Report of a confrontation in the area of Park and Water Streets
 3:26pm Subject calling ref custody exchange concerns
 5:04pm Larceny reported from the 400 block of Lewis Av
 9:16pm 911 hang up from the 700 block of Pleasantview
 9:34pm Welfare check in the 900 block of Second St
 10:15pm Report of skateboarders in the road near Lake and Lower Lake Streets
 10:50pm Report of lost wallet. Later located

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

3:24am Alarm on W Water St
 9:08am Report of dog running at large in the 400 block of N Lake St
 9:45am Driving complaint received from Lake and Water St
 1:08pm Report of personal injury accident
 2:25pm Subject in with juvenile complaint
 2:49pm 2 vehicle property damage accident near Lake and Ray Streets
 3:57pm Found memory card dropped off at the PD
 4:19pm Subject in with civil dispute
 6:47pm Stalking complaint received
 10:09pm Report of screaming at State and Jefferson. Kids playing.

Wed., August 22, 2012

8:20am Citation issued for burning without permit in the 400 block of N East St
 9:30am Report of missing crosswalk sign from Water and East Streets
 10:12am Pneumatic nailer dropped of at PD that was found in road
 11:15am Assist Sheriff Dept with intoxicated subject on M-75 S
 12:01pm Report of attempted phone fraud
 1:33pm found driver's license dropped off at PD
 1:32pm MDOP to grass at Tannery Beach
 1:46pm Unlock vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St
 3:17pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 3:50pm Report of lines down at Lewis and Division
 4:08pm Larceny in the 300 block of E Division St
 4:08pm Report of lost keys
 5:28pm Report of loud motorcycle near Jefferson and Vogel
 8:06pm Report of domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of First St
 9:33pm Report of loud music in the 300 block of Silver St

Thursday, August 23, 2012

1:16am Welfare check in the 400

block of State St
 1:38am 911 hang up from the 1000 block of First St
 1:36am Noise complaint in the 300 block of E Division
 8:31am Unlock vehicle in the 400 block of W Michigan
 1:19pm Trespass complaint from the 600 block of Call St
 3:20pm Found driver's license turned in. Was returned to owner
 3:20pm Health and Safety complaint received in the 300 block of Silver St
 3:43pm Unlock vehicle at Avalanche Mountain
 4:48pm Civil complaint received from the 100 block of E Michigan
 5:11pm Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division
 5:46pm Parking complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
 5:06pm Arrested subject for Misdemeanor Traffic Violation
 5:17pm Report of children playing in street again on Jersey St
 8:11pm Report of dog on roof in the 500 block of Spring St
 8:25pm Report of open door in the 200 block of E Water St
 11:06pm Suspicious subject reported in the 200 block of Silver St

Friday, August 24, 2012

2:36am Domestic assault reported in the 300 block of E Division St
 4:12am Arrested subject for Domestic Violence
 9:40am Report of possible child abuse in the 500 block of Jersey St
 12:02pm Report of harassing text messages
 1:05pm Marijuana seized in the 400 block of Trent St
 4:14pm Unlock vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St
 5:00pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 5:40pm Assist Emmet county in locating subject
 7:32pm Unlock vehicle in the 300 block of E Water St
 7:35pm Report of possible animal abuse in the Park
 8:30pm Report of someone driving on the grass in the 300 block of E Division St
 8:43pm Driving complaint on M-75 N
 10:21pm Driving complaint on Leroy St

Saturday, August 25, 2012

12:46am Report of 2 subjects arguing on the beach on Lakeshore Dr
 12:54am Alarm on W Water St
 1:18am Assist Sheriff Dept with MIP party
 10:10am Citation issued for no seat belt
 10:25am Larceny of debit card from the 300 block of Silver St
 11:45am Unlock vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1:58am Escort motorcycle group through town
 2:46pm threats complaint received from W Main St
 7:27pm Report of lost wallet downtown
 10:02pm Fireworks complaint on N Lake St
 11:13pm Fireworks complaint on E Main St
 11:13pm Report of fight in the 100 block of E Water St

Sunday, August 26, 2012

3:04am Assist to Leelanau County
 8:03am Domestic dispute in the 200 block of Vogel St
 8:39am Citation issued for no

seat belt, no proof of insurance, and cracked windshield
 11:38am Welfare check in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 2:30pm Report of dog running at large on E Main St
 7:14pm Unlock vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

August 20-26, 2012

911 Hang Up Call 1
 Abandoned Vehicle 1
 Abuse 7
 Alarm 0
 Animal Complaint 21
 Annoyance..... 3
 Assault..... 2
 Assist Citizen..... 1
 Assist Motorist..... 0
 Assist Other Agency..... 22
 Attempt to Locate 2
 Attempted Suicide..... 1
 Bank Alarm 0
 Boating Accident..... 0
 Boating Violation 1

Breaking & Entering..... 3
 Car/Deer Accident..... 5
 Citations Issued..... 27
 Civil Complaint 8
 Criminal Sexual Conduct... 1
 Death..... 0
 Disorderly Person 0
 Disturbance 0
 DNR Complaint 0
 Domestic Dispute..... 1
 Driving Complaint..... 5
 Fireworks Complaint 2
 Found Property..... 1
 Fraud 1
 Health & Safety..... 1
 Hit & Run 0
 Intoxicated Person 2
 Juvenile 3
 Larceny 4
 Lockout 6
 Lost Property..... 2
 Malicious Destruction of Property 1
 Mental Subject 0
 Minor In Possession..... 2
 Miscellaneous Criminal 2
 Missing Person..... 0
 Noise Complaint..... 2
 Operating Under the Influ-

ence..... 0
 Paper Service 13
 Parking Violation..... 0
 Personal Injury Accident... 0
 Personal Protection Order 0
 Private Property Accident .3
 Property Check 3
 Property Damage Accident 4
 Prowler 0
 Road Hazard 3
 Stalking..... 0
 Suspicious Situation..... 20
 Threat 3
 Traffic Stop 85
 Trespassing 1
 Unknown Accident 0
 Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile 0
 Vehicle in the Ditch..... 0
 Violation of Controlled Substance Act 1

Man injured diving from boat while on Lake Michigan near Fisherman's Island State park

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investi-

gated a water accident with injuries on Lake Michigan near Fisherman's Island State Park in Norwood Township at approximately 7:36 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Alex Mitchell, age 58 of Charlevoix, dove off the back of his vessel and injured his back and neck. Mitchell was transported to Munson Hospital in Traverse City. The extent and severity of his back and neck injuries are unknown at this time.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the United States Coast Guard, Charlevoix Fire and EMS, Charlevoix City Police, and Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

The accident remains under investigation.

Connected

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Last February, Charlevoix County collaborated with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to participate in Connected Nation's community engagement program. Over 36 community leaders led the Charlevoix County Broadband Team, representing municipalities and chambers as well as business, economic development, healthcare, library and education sectors.

Connect Michigan, the statewide Michigan branch of Connected Nation, helped the team to assess the area's current state of broadband access, use and adoption as well as formulate plans for further development.

Results and future plans were unveiled at the August 22 certification announcement. The Connect Michigan assessment includes a technology action plan, presenting recommendations for projects such as digital literacy programs, website and social media classes for local businesses and an improved presence of government online.

Several broadband team members spoke to discuss the program's impact on different areas of operation in Charlevoix County.

Mary Faculak, executive director of the East Jordan chamber of commerce, said she considers "Connected" certification a recruiting tool to attract entrepreneurs to Charlevoix County, as well as a way for industries such as the East Jordan Iron Works to remain in the area.



Charlevoix County is a national leader of broadband accessibility as the first "Connected" certified community in the U.S. Pictured from left to right: Eric Frederick, Tom Ferree, Jan Kellogg and Michael Cain.

"These industries have to stay connected. They have to be able to operate on a global network," Faculak said. "We're keeping these industries here and we're allowing them to be able to grow in an area where they do want to stay and where they want to live and where their roots are."

Eric Frederick, state program manager for Connect Michigan, said Charlevoix County's success could motivate other municipalities to participate in the program: "Our hope is that Charlevoix's success here today will inspire other communities to take a closer look at their broadband landscape and help their families, businesses and institutions to really increase their quality of life through a span of broadband access adoption use."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Dear Editor:

I want to thank all who voted in the primary election on August 7th. I believe that voting is not only a fundamental right but our duty to exercise. Our votes ultimately shape our community, and the most vibrant communities have engaged citizens. Thanks for ensuring your voices were heard.

Second, thanks to my fellow candidates, who ran good, clean, issue-oriented campaigns.

Third, thanks to everyone who took time from your busy day to talk to me during this campaign. I also truly appreciate all who supported me by: addressing envelopes, talking to friends and neighbors, making phone calls, donating funds, allowing me to place signs in your yards, and providing encouraging words, throughout the campaign. And I thank those of you who voted for me.

Lastly, thanks to my wife, Cathy, for her great support during the campaign, and always.

For those who either voted for one of the other candidates in the primary or who did not vote at all, I sincerely hope that you will consider voting for me in the November general election.

Larry Sullivan
 Charlevoix County 6th District Commissioner Candidate

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Fix it or sell it?

Dear Dave,
 My old car has been having lots of problems lately. Do you have any advice on how to decide when it's best to just fix an old car or get a newer one instead?

Kristin
 Dear Kristin,
 This is a good question! Mathematically, the first thing to look at is the car's worth if you don't make repairs. Should you spend \$1,000 to increase the value of the vehicle \$500? Dumb question, right? At that point, you sell the car as-is and put the \$1,000 it would take to fix it toward something newer.

On the other hand, let's say you've got a little hootie worth \$1,000 but by putting \$500 into it, you can have it up and running again. Suddenly it's worth \$2,500. That's money well-spent, because what you've done has significantly increased the value.

The other side is that at some point, the hassle factor of an old car can turn it into a money pit. If you

can't get anywhere because the car's always busted, then you need to find something else for the sake of safety and reliability. If this happens, though, you should still pay cash for a better car. Even if you're not taking a step up in price or fanciness, it's still better than taking on a car payment. I'd walk or ride a bike everywhere before I did that!

—Dave

You lacked clarity

Dear Dave,
 About 17 months ago, my wife and I allowed a lady who had lost her home to a fire to move into an empty house we own and had thought about selling. During that time she's made no effort to pay rent. My wife wants to write it all off and just give her the house and title, but I think she owe us something for putting a roof over her head. What do you think?

Thomas
 Dear Thomas,
 Honestly, I think you handled this situation poorly from the very begin-

ning. From what you're telling me, you put her there originally on a charity basis, and now you want to change the deal. You didn't say anything about giving her a house, but you didn't set up a rental agreement either. And now you're acting like she owes you 17 months of back rent. I don't think so. I think that's on you.

Now, you have some decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this lady has experienced a terrible tragedy, but even with that, I'm not hearing lots of evidence that she's moving toward gaining control and getting her life back together. You may be giving a drunk a drink, if after 17 months of this situation she's not back on her feet again and out on her own.

If it were me, I'd sit down with her and have a gentle talk. Let her know the last 17 months were a gift, but you want to see her making her way and winning at life again. Set a reasonable time limit, whether it's six months or even a year, and tell her you'll be selling the house at that point. This is fair to her and to you guys as well.

—Dave
 * Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

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Volunteers Missy Luebke, Corey Dixon and Nicole Wallesverd collected school supplies for area children last weekend.

Volunteers make Char-Em United Way's Stuff the Bus a Success!

Dozens of volunteers from many local businesses and organizations helped collect school supplies during Char-Em United Way's 5th Annual Stuff the Bus which will benefit students in Charlevoix and Emmet County schools.

Each year during the back-to-school season, Char-Em United Way collects donated school supplies to distribute to children in need in the Char-Em Intermediate School District. On Aug. 18 school buses were parked at the K-Mart plazas in Petoskey and Charlevoix and were filled with items donated by the community that will help students succeed in school.

"With assistance from volunteers we collected two buses full of items to help children in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to go back to school with confidence. Many families in our communities are still struggling to meet basic needs like rent and groceries and the community's support of Stuff the Bus provides a huge relief," stated Lisa Luebke, Char-Em United Way Project Coordinator.

Char-Em United Way would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors that made Stuff the Bus possible including Agree Realty, WTCM, Petoskey Department of Public



Petoskey volunteers collected school supplies for hundreds of area school children

Safety, Charlevoix Township Fire Department, Bergmann Center-Aktion Club, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Charlevoix Public Schools, Johnson's Buses, Inc. and Fletch's of Petoskey as well as many local businesses and individuals.

Supplies will be distributed to schools in the Char-Em Intermediate School District within the next two weeks. Students in need of school supplies should ask their teachers about Stuff the Bus supplies.

Volunteers Still Needed for Day of Caring

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In observance of the National Day of Service and Remembrance, you're invited to join Char-Em United Way's Day of Caring. Hundreds of local volunteers along with thousands of other groups statewide and millions of people nationwide plan to pay tribute as part of the single-largest charitable service effort in the U.S.

The goal of the annual September National Day of Service and Remembrance is to bring Americans together in the same spirit of compassion, unity, and service that existed after the 9/11 attacks. Day of Caring for Charlevoix and Emmet County non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies still need volunteers to complete service projects on Wednesday, September 19th. Day of Caring is an incredible annual event for people in the community to get involved and volunteer their time to benefit local organizations that don't have the staff, time, or funds to complete without help. Volunteers can assist with a variety of projects from painting and landscaping to stocking a food pantry and sorting at a resale shop.

All available projects are listed online through Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections at <http://volunteer.truist.com/charemunitedway/volunteer/home/> or visit our website at www.charemunitedway.org and follow the links to volunteer. Once you register as a volunteer, search keywords "Day of Caring" to find a project you want to complete. Click on "I'm interested in this opportunity" to send a message to Char-Em United Way and you will be contacted by United Way staff with details to complete your volunteer match. Or you can call the Char-Em United Way office at 231-487-1006 to register as a volunteer.

Farmer's Market Depends upon Community Support

The Ellsworth Farmer's Market has been blessed to have some great people volunteering their time to make the farmer's market a fun, family friendly event on the Breezeway in Ellsworth. Market Master Shannon Fender would like to extend a big thank you to the following people and organizations that have already shared their time with the market.

- East Jordan EMS
- Banks Township Fire & Rescue
- Mandy Peterson – Great Start Parent Coalition
- Karen Moon – Early Head Start/Head Start for Charlevoix & Antrim Counties
- Kelly Shively and Friends
- Dwain Martin and Friends
- Cindy Bassett
- Moms & Tots Center of Ellsworth

There are plenty of market dates and entertainment left in the season. The Ellsworth Farmers Market will continue through the middle of October. Please make plans to bring your family and friends and join us every Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 PM across from the High School in Ellsworth on the Breezeway (C-48).

The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments provided a great to the village of Ellsworth to fund the market master position and create a successful business plan to ensure the future of this event in the Ellsworth community.

For more information on becoming a vendor contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351 or email to ellsworthfarmersmarket@yahoo.com. To view the schedule of upcoming events at the market please visit the website at www.ellsworthfarmersmarket.net



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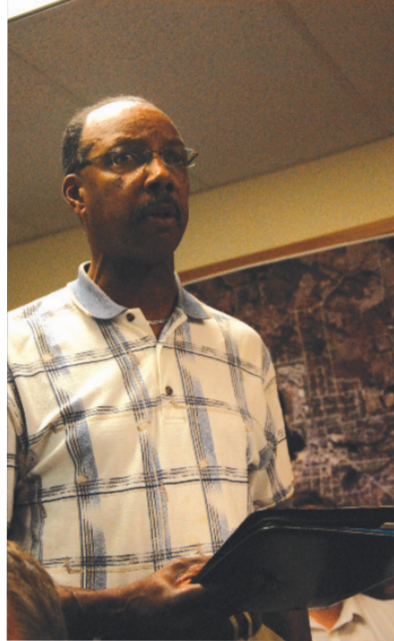
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grounds that they were uncomfortable with the county enforcing their ordinances. Council members could have scheduled the ordinance for a second hearing with the intention of passing the ordinance but not sign an agreement with the county to enforce it but there were some concerns voiced by an engineer with C2AE, an engineering firm utilized by the city which raised questions about the pertinence of the ordinance to the city. Although City Manager Michael Cain was in favor of the collaboration the agreement with the county would foster, he reminded the council how Boyne City has gone above and beyond what is required concerning environmental issues especially in regards to storm water. "There's a lot of unintended circumstances with outside control," said Mayor Ron Grunch. Towne and Neidhamer voted in favor of the ordinance.

City Manager Michael Cain gave the council copies of peti-

tions concerning Kirtland Products that his office has received since the last council meeting two weeks ago. "We've got people speaking out on one side or the other of this issue," said Cain. The petitions came in several different forms but

Leon Tupper gives an update on the progress Kirkland Products is making to curb noise and air emissions at the August 28 meeting of the Boyne City Commission.



in total 99 signatures represented people who wished to have the plant shut down and 610 signatures represented those who didn't want to see the company closed. The petitions were only informational and city staff is looking at where residents who signed the petition live in respect to the plant.

Kirtland Products CEO, Leon Tupper, filled council members in on the progress the company is making to curb the noise and air quality issues that resulted in their conditional use permit sent back to the planning commission at the last city council meeting. Tupper said that the company was looking to resume production upon completion of the first phase of recommended changes from Kodiak, the engineering firm that was hired to help Kirtland solve the undesirable issues it has been facing, has recommended. The first phase is expected to be complete by next week. At that time a measure of the noise impacts which will require the plant to resume 24 hour a day operations for at least three days will take place.

Councilman Laura Sansom



Mayor Ron Grunch reads a letter to fellow commissioners from 7 year old Bashar Fakhoura, a frequent visitor to Boyne City, requesting that two slides be placed at Avalanche Mountain, one with water, one without. Bashar lives in Birmingham, Michigan and his family climbs the mountain on their visits here.

expressed disappointment at the petition movement stating that she felt it was "divisive" and "ugly," dividing the com-

munity. The Planning Commission will be considering whether to revoke Kirtland's Conditional Use Permit at their next regular scheduled meeting on September 17 at 5:00.

The City of Boyne City has two land division ordinances, both of which read closely to the same thing. In an effort to clear up city regulations, City Planning Administrator, Scott McPherson asked the board to eliminate one ordinance and amend the other. Presently, in order to divide a piece of property in the city a landowner must petition the city staff, take their request to the planning commission and then the city council. "All the City Council does is see if the criteria is met and then say yes if the requirements have been met or no if they haven't," said McPherson. The amendment would shorten the process by having petitions considered by staff only since they are the entity that makes sure all requirements are met anyway. "This is an example of creating efficiency for the city," said Councilman Derek Gaylord.

The next City commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 P.M.

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As the harvest season continues to grow the Ellsworth Farmer's Market will continue to feature a full slate of musical entertainment and activities through Tuesday, October 16th. Market Master Shannon Fender invites area residents and visitors to attend the weekly market held on Tuesdays from 5 – 7 PM across from the Ellsworth High School on the Breezeway (C-48). Fender states "It is the mission of the Ellsworth Farmer's Market to have this event become one of Ellsworth's signature events. I am very appreciative of the many individuals who have stepped forward this year to donate their musical and storytelling talents and the community organizations who provided special events. We are always in need of more vendors and we extend a huge invitation to everyone to make a point to enjoy this weekly family friendly event in their town."

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All events are at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 231-237-7340.

The Other Side of Suffering with John Ramsey, 6:30 p.m., September 4: Father of JonBenet Ramsey tells the story of his journey from grief to grace.

Material Obsessions 2012: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., September 6: Join the artists for the opening reception of the newest textile art on display in the meeting room foyer.

LEGO Club: 3:45 – 5:00 p.m., September 10: Drop in for this monthly session of fun with LEGOs.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007: 6:30 p.m., September 10 & 12: Call to register to learn the basics of this word processing software: 231.237.7340.

Genealogy Interest Group, 6:00 p.m., September 13: Come hear a speaker from the Traverse City Family History Center.

BookTalkers Discussion, 6:00 p.m., September 17: Join the Charlevoix Library BookTalkers for a discussion of 'The Sense of an Ending,' by Julian Barnes.

Got Questions? What you must ask your doctor!, 6:30 p.m., September 18: As health professionals are forced to spend less time with patients, it is increasingly important for patients to ask these ten important questions during their appointment.

Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, 12:00 p.m., September 19: Join local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs, for this informal group to discuss art and help each other with ideas and projects.

Quilters and Friends, 10:00 a.m., September 20:

Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a morning work group. Bring your project and equipment.

Artists in Action: Floor Cloths, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., September 20: Stop by the lobby for a quick demonstration on how to paint floor cloths, with Sue Blayear.

SummerFolk with Mike Fornes, 6:30 p.m., September 24: Join this fun folk concert series in celebration of northern Michigan's local talent and after the concert join in the fun during the open mic session.

What is Good for General Motors?, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., September 25: Tom Crumm recounts what it was like to work in auto factories before the last of the craftsmen retired and discusses the twelve myths holding back America's industrial sector.

QuickBooks: Just the Basics: 6:30 p.m., September 26: Call to register to learn the basics of this business accounting software: 231.237.7340.

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East Jordan Class of '57 Reunites

The East Jordan Class of 1957 held a 55 year class reunion on August 18 at the East Jordan Sno-Mobile Club.

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Check out the "Boomers & Seniors" EXPO this Wednesday at the Otsego County Sportsplex

By Jim Akans

This coming Wednesday, September 5th, be sure to stop by the Otsego County Sportsplex for a unique opportunity to browse the services and products offered by over 65 area vendors serving the needs of America's fastest growing population segment. "Choose Your Path for Living" is the theme for the second annual Senior Expo event, expanded this year to address the changing needs of the "Boomer" generation as well. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to learn about the many different services and products available for the boomer generation and for senior citizens right here in northern Lower Michigan.

Jim Driver, one of the event's organizers observes, "This is an exciting opportunity for people to explore a wide-ranging array of information in a single afternoon, and talk to the people behind those products and services. It would normally take weeks of someone's time to visit each of these professionals individually."

This year promises to be bigger than ever before, with over 65 vendors representing a diverse array of services and products specifically



The Otsego County Sportsplex was an ideal venue for the Boomers and Seniors Expo, taking advantage of the large floor area offered when the ice is removed for the facilities annual September maintenance break. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

addressing a wide array of needs, including housing options, in-home services, medical products and services, financial planning, elder law, health and aging awareness, nutrition, recreational resources, and much more.

During the afternoon, seven presenters will be offering insights from their areas of expertise. Those will include Teresa Powers with fitness advice, Chad Capp with financial goal planning strategies, Todd

Balkema with thoughts about estate planning, Lisa Tingles discussing Alzheimer's and Baby Boomers, Home Depot with ideas regarding home energy savings, and Jim Mathis will talk about relationships and the "Sandwich Generation."

"The sandwich generation describes the changing demands upon the boomers today," notes Driver. "There is a variety of needs that age group is now facing. Some have older children that have returned to live at home and some have parents that are now living with them. Each of these situations brings a new set of challenges to the household."

Held at the Otsego County Sportsplex on Wednesday, September 5th, from 2 to 7 pm, the "Boomers & Seniors" Expo event is free to attend, and is being sponsored by the Community Advocates for a Lifetime of Living. Premier sponsors are The Home Depot of Gaylord and Heartland Homecare and Hospice. A dozen additional local businesses have also become sponsors of this much-anticipated annual event.

The Otsego County Sportsplex is located at 1250 Gornick Avenue in Gaylord.

For additional information and a full list of this year's vendors and event sponsors, please visit www.gaylordseniorexpo.com

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Enjoy a "Royal Craft Show" this weekend at Castle Farms

By Jim Akans

It's one of Michigan's most prestigious of crafts shows, featuring a huge variety of top quality arts and crafts, and it takes place in the most regal of settings; Castle Farms. Located just outside of Charlevoix. This coming weekend's Royal Craft Show is a not-to-be-missed event for anyone in search of that special one-of-a-kind item that will make the perfect gift for someone they love...or perhaps for themselves as well!

Anora O'Connor, Assistant General Manager at Castle Farms, states, "This is our 8th annual Royal Craft Show event, and we expect over 100 vendors this year. The show has been expanding each year, and we

are bringing in an additional tent to handle the increase in the number of vendors that will be at the show this year."

O'Connor points out that the arts and crafts offer at the show are of the finest in quality and design. The huge range of items range from the functional, such as Adirondack chairs, bird houses, blankets and handmade quilts and clothing, to the expressive, such as wine bottle art, yard and garden art, unique display signs, paintings and other "hangable" artwork, and lots and lots of jewelry items.

"There are also some delicious salsas and salsa mixes available," she adds. "We suggest attendees leave plenty of time to tour the entire show,

there is so much to see!"

Gate admission is \$3 per person, and Castle Farms will be offering a special discounted rate during the show for self guided tours of the facility. Normally \$8 per person, tours will be offered for just \$5 per person during the Royal Craft Show event. Please note that pets are not allowed at the show.

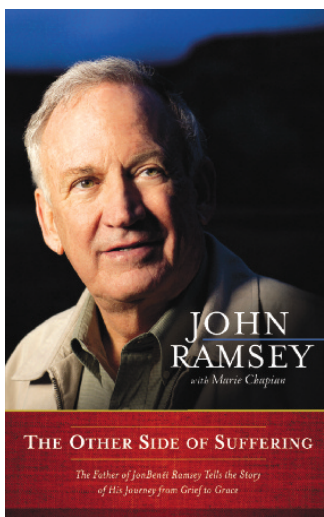
Royal Craft Show hours are Saturday, September 1st from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, September 2nd from 10 am to 4 pm. Castle Farms is located at 5052 M-66 North, and further information can be found at their website; www.castlefarms.com



This coming weekend's Royal Craft Show at Castle Farms near Charlevoix is a not-to-be-missed event for anyone in search of that special one-of-a-kind item that will make the perfect gift for someone they love...or perhaps for themselves as well! COURTESY PHOTO.

John Ramsey at Charlevoix Library

John Ramsey will be at the Charlevoix Public Library, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 4 conveying the untold story of how he survived unspeakable tragedy and learned to hope again. John Ramsey first lost his oldest daughter in a car accident and then four years later in 1996 JonBenet was murdered. Both he and his wife went through a horrible time of not just sadness, but suspicion and international media intrigue. After ten years of living through a parent's worst nightmare, John's wife Patsy died from ovarian cancer. Through the story of his book, Mr. Ramsey tells the story of how he was able to overcome the darkness of his life and bring hope and encouragement back to his life and to those around him. Round Lake Bookstore will be on hand to sell copies of The



Other Side of Suffering: The Father of JonBenet Ramsey Tells the Story of His Journey from Grief to Grace. Mr. Ramsey will be signing after his presentation. For more information about this or other events at the Library, call 231.237.7340.

Raven Hill Open over Labor Day Weekend

Treat yourself and your family to an afternoon or a day of fun and exploration at Raven Hill Discovery Center this weekend or this fall and winter. Located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road, the Center helps visitors build connections between science, history and the arts in an interactive learning environment. Visitors can spend time in the one-room Schoolhouse, walk the Labyrinth, explore the Time Tunnel, see the geologic history of the

earth in Beyond Jurassic Park, wander through the Ancient World and of course, there is the Tree House, the Earth Tones Music Garden, the Art and Architecture exhibit, as well as the new sphinx & pyramid, plus 3 student designed megaliths out in the Center's Ancient World! In addition to the hands-on museum, the exotic animals and the outdoor exhibits, visitors can register for weekend science, history and art classes through the fall and winter. Classes

are available for children and for adults.

Raven Hill will be open every day from noon to 4 p.m. this Labor Day weekend—Saturday, September 1st through Monday, September 3rd. On Tuesday, September 4th, fall and winter hours will go into effect and the Center will be open noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays or by appointment. Fall/Winter hours last through Memorial Day. Raven Hill is also always open most holiday breaks and is always open by appointment.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. The Center is located on 157 acres next to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. For more information and a list of classes, phone 231-536-3369 or call 877-833-4254 toll free OR check out the Center's website at www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org



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Take a walk across the “Mighty Mac” this Labor Day

By Jim Akans

Don't miss the opportunity to make a most pleasurable passage across the Mackinac Bridge this coming Labor Day morning. The Annual Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Walk, led by Governor Rick Snyder, begins at 7 am and walkers will be allowed to depart from the St. Ignace side of the bridge up until 11 am.

This is the 55th year for the Labor Day Bridge Walk, following a tradition that began in 1958. Thousands will gather on the lawn of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, many showing up well before sunrise, waiting for the 7 am start time to arrive. The stroll is some 26,372 feet (about five miles) across the bridge to Mackinaw City, which takes about two hours at a leisurely pace, and the second half of the trek is all downhill. Keep in mind that baby strollers and wheelchairs are allowed, but wagons, skateboards, bicycles, pets, smoking, signs and banners are not. Remember; there are no restrooms on the bridge - so you may want to reconsider having that morning cup of coffee.

Having made this journey several times, I can attest that it is an exhilarating opportunity to see this majestic structure up close, marvel at the incredible engineering involved, extraordinary workmanship, and an indescribable beauty which merge into the half-century old masterpiece known as the Mackinac Bridge.

It is Michigan's foremost landmark, having been selected by the Michigan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) as "Michigan's #1 Civil Engineering Project of the

20th Century" in 2000. It is also a national landmark, being named a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the ASCE in August of 2010. It is a testament of faith, ingenuity, bravery and perseverance; representing decades of dreams, determination and diligence as the concept of uniting Michigan's two peninsulas evolved from a notion in the late 1800's to the first vehicle crossing on November 1st, 1957.

Connecting Michigan's peninsulas took quite a while. After many decades of debate regarding the financial and physical feasibility of bridging the turbulent nearly three-hundred foot waters and unpredictable four-season weather patterns of the Straits area, the Mackinac Bridge Authority received the green light on financing and construction from the state legislature on April 30th, 1952. Utilizing a design conceived by internationally renowned bridge engineer, Dr. David B. Steinman, and funding in the amount of \$96,400,033.33 construction began on May 7th, 1954.

Steinman's vision was not only of a bridge that incorporated engineering and construction for the ages (the design is purported to last for at least 1,000 years), but also become a beautiful creation that would be a marvel to all who would see it for generations to come. At a center span of 8,614 feet, it was once the longest suspension bridge in the world, and continues to hold the title of the third longest in the world today...over a half a century since it was built.

Those gleaming white, 6,500-ton towers stand 552 feet above the water, and were actually built



On Labor Day, thousands will enjoy the thrill of a lifetime by strolling the Mighty Mac. During peak summertime season, the bridge transports more vehicles across the Straits of Mackinac in a single month than the ferry system did in an entire year when it was in operation. Photo courtesy of the Mackinaw Bridge Authority.

500 miles away in the town of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, where they were assembled and disassembled before being transported to the Straits area. The unique grid system in the roadway across the center span is an innovation devised by engineer D. B. Steinman; designed to relieve wind pressure from beneath the bridge thus stabilizing the structure even under the extreme gales of the north.

Approximately 350 engineers focused on the design, 3,500 workers were on the bridge site, and

another 7,500 at quarries, machine shops, mills and other support services during the three and a half year project. Their efforts included the installation of nearly 5 million rivets and over 1 million bolts in the structure, 42,000 miles of cabling in the suspension system, and 931,000 tons of concrete in piers reaching as far as 295 feet below the water surface.

These are among the many "fascinating facts" one can ponder during a Labor Day stroll across the bridge. It is the allure,

however, of the stunningly beautiful 360 degree grand vistas of the Straits area; with Lake Michigan to the west, Lake Huron, Mackinac and Bois Blanc islands to the east, Mackinaw City and the lower peninsula to the south, and historic St. Ignace and the upper peninsula to the north, that will fill the heart and soul with memories certain to last a lifetime.

So take a walk across the "Mighty Mac" this weekend, and get ready for a Labor Day journey of a lifetime.

Photography Reception at the Circle

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts Photography Club is a group of Photographers at all levels of development in their quest to photograph the highest-quality pictures. This juried 4th year photography exhibit attracted more than 150 photographers to enter the show and Jurors a Father and son Todd and Brad Reed are Gallery Owners in Ludington, MI.

An Opening Reception will be held at the Circle of Arts on Thursday, Au-



gust 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend this celebration.

If you need further information please call the front desk at 231.547.3554.

Drag race

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Annual Labor Day Drag Race at the Boyne City Airport. This always-exciting daylong event is a fundraiser with proceeds split evenly between the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne City Police Department. Along the 1/8th mile track utilizing the airport runway, side-by-side racers complete with pro-style light tree starts. There will be a

wide array of competitor vehicles including sports cars, muscle cars, modified cars, family cars, diesel pickups, motorcycles...even asphalt-ready snowmobiles

Event sponsors include the Boyne Valley Lions Club, providing lunch and refreshments from their concession trailer, and the Boyne City Car-Quest Auto Parts and Gaylord's Extreme Power Sports will sponsor the prizes for fastest run and best reaction time in several vehicle categories, and for farthest distance

traveled to the event.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am, the races will begin at noon and typically run until early evening. Registration for race participants is \$30, the fee for spectators is \$10 per person, a Pit Pass is \$15, and children under 12 get in free.

For additional information regarding the car show visit www.boynechamber.com and for the drag race check out www.bcpddragrace.org

Up North Impressions, an Artist Gathering Showcase

Up North Impressions, An Artist Gathering Showcase opened Sunday Aug 12 at the Jordan River Art Center to most responsive group of art patrons. A second reception was held Aug. 16 in the evening specifically for the participating artists. Over 140 works of art were on display by artists Margaret Bachman-Moran, Prudence Barber, Christine Brown, Nancy Carey, Ann Carolan, Lynn Carson, Phyllis Childs, Paula Cordes, Dick Cunningham, Rodka, Dammeyer, Jane Diller, Norma Fell, Margie Guyot, Charles H. Hershberger, Karen Kim-mell, Sherry Kay Marshall, Trish Morgan, Mary Ann Polchlopek, Yvonne Schmidt, Julie Shippy, John Stevens, Joan Tebo, Pat Tinney, Gil Treweek, Karen Walker, and Babs Young.

There is something for everyone, young and old, friends relatives and art patrons. It all started with the barns in 2006. Pat Tinney had just finished teaching an adult art class and her students wanted to continue meeting to draw and paint. At the same time, Babs Young was involved in a project photographing and documenting barns in Antrim County. Light bulbs went on and it was decided to invite artists to meet at interesting barns throughout the county on a weekly basis to work en plein air. The works created were displayed with a Folk Art exhibit in the fall. The program proved satisfying that it became an annual summer tradition with "gatherings" planned a different locations. In all at least 60 different gathering venues have had artist gathering together to produce art.

11 artists who participated since 2006 were invited to exhibit their work whether it was shown previously or not. This is the first collective showing of the Artist Gathering. A Video by Rick Beemon, "Plein Art Impressions, What It Is and How We Do it." is available for viewing and purchase. The exhibit runs through September 16, open Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4 pm., at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St. East Jordan. It is a show not to be missed.



Attending was Emily Chen,, 2 years old, pointing at a red barn, held by her mother Susan Mills Chen, formerly of East Jordan and now a teacher living in California. Never to young to enjoy art.

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