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Fourth Annual Ellebration July 3rd & 5th

The fourth Annual Ellsworth Ellebration arrives soon! This year, due to where the 4th of July holiday falls, festival events will be held Thursday, July 3 and Saturday, July 5.

Thursday evening, July 3, you can run a 5k, get dinner then hit the hillside waterslide! The 50's "Drive-in" Dinner is 5-7pm at the Ellsworth

Elementary School. At 6:00 the Ebenezer 5K Fun Run takes off from the school parking lot. Afterward, head over to the Ellsworth Community Park for a party that's all wet! Our now, famous hillside water slide provides big fun for all ages. Add a DJ and it's a party! Bring

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The famous Ellebration hillside water slide provides big fun for all ages!

Downtown Charlevoix Summer Open House

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating the arrival of the summer season with the 3rd Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Monday, June 23rd from 5:00 to 9:00pm.

Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering in-store sales, prize drawings, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more!

Stroll the streets and enjoy a variety of musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks throughout the event.

The Summer Open House will kick off the season premier of the Movies by the Marina series sponsored by Charlevoix Cinema III and the Charlevoix DDA. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free outdoor movie and popcorn in beautiful East Park beginning at 9:15 pm. The feature film of the evening is The Goonies, rated PG.

Don't miss the Summer Open House, an evening of great shopping, dining, and entertainment for the entire family! For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at or visit .

Boyne Falls School Board selects next leader

Boyne Falls Public Schools has unanimously selected Cynthia Pineda of Gaylord as its new Superintendent/K-12 Principal, pending contract negotiations. Pineda has served the past six years as Principal of St. Mary Cathedral School, a PreK-12 grade school of more than 300 students in Gaylord.

Pineda impressed the Board of Education with her leadership skills, her ease of communicating with the board and audience members present, and her innovative ideas of ways to immerse herself with students, staff and the community.

Seven candidates were selected for interviews by the board from a pool of 33 applicants. Facilitated by staff from the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, the interviews were conducted over a series of evening meetings open to the public over the past week.

"The board was quite impressed by the caliber of candidates who applied and we had a very healthy discussion to narrow the field to seven," said Board of Education President Bill Cousineau. "And then to take it from seven to selecting Cynthia was difficult, too, but

we unanimously felt we have the right person to lead our district. She 'wowed' us with her skills and we know she will be the right fit for us," he said.

Pineda describes herself as a student-focused educational leader possessing a strong commitment to the development of students and staff while providing a stimulating, safe, and motivating learning environment. Some of her strengths include teaching mentoring and development, curriculum development and improvements, leadership and team building, school security and safety, and an open door communication policy. The board stated these traits line up well with the attributes staff and community members noted during forums to collect their opinions.

She holds a Master's in Education Degree-Educational Leadership from Grand Valley State University, and a Bachelor's Degree in History with a Teaching Certificate from Colorado State University. Prior to joining St. Mary Cathedral School, she taught at St. Francis High School in Traverse City, and Webber Junior High



Cynthia Pineda has been selected as Superintendent of Boyne Falls Public Schools

School in Fort Collins, Colo. She and her husband have a young daughter.

The board offered Pineda the position pending successful contract negotiations and a background check. Her start date is also being negotiated. Current Superintendent/Administrator Karen Sherwood is leaving the position beginning July 1 to become Superintendent of Kalkaska Public Schools.

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FRIDAY



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LOW: Mid 50's

SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Upper 50's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 70's
LOW: Low 50's

MONDAY



HIGH: Upper 70's
LOW: Low 50's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Upper 70's
LOW: Mid 50's

record temps

Day	Avg.	High	Avg.	Low	Record High	Record Low
19	79°F	51°F	94°F	(1987)	40°F	(1958)
20	80°F	52°F	96°F	(1995)	31°F	(1970)
21	80°F	52°F	93°F	(1998)	31°F	(1992)
22	80°F	52°F	94°F	(1988)	29°F	(1992)
23	80°F	52°F	92°F	(1966)	34°F	(1979)
24	80°F	53°F	94°F	(2009)	35°F	(1979)
25	81°F	53°F	94°F	(2009)	33°F	(1970)

OBITUARIES

John H. "Jack" Coppins, 94

A graveside service for John H. "Jack" Coppins, 94, of Charlevoix, who passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014, will be 11 am, Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

The United States Coast Guard and the Charlevoix Area Veterans will present military honors.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Roseann Pott, 75

(MARCH 6, 1939 - JUNE 16, 2014)

Roseann Pott of Atwood died Monday, June 16, 2014 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born March 6, 1939 in Charlevoix the daughter of Henry and Lucy (Harthorn) Elzinga.

On February 2, 1962 she married Carl Pott in Atwood where they made their home.

Roseann was a member of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church and enjoyed outdoor activities: gardening, collecting rocks, cutting wood and climbing trees.

Surviving are her husband Carl, children: Cindy (Mark) Groenink of Ellsworth, Amy Hersh of Lake Ann, Gwen (Marlin) Sweet of Atwood and Michael (Amy) Pott of Charlevoix, 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a brother Bert Elzinga of Kalamazoo.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church with Rev David Kroon officiating. Friends may call at the Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth Friday 5-8.

Burial will be in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township, MI

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720



Jacqueline Beata Carson, 76

(JAN. 30, 1938 - JUNE 15, 2014)

Jacqueline Beata Carson of Boyne Falls passed away at Hilland Cottage in Petoskey on June 15, 2014 surrounded by her loving family.

Jackie was born on January 30, 1938 to Jack and Beata (Cilke) Van Treese in Chicago.

She was the valedictorian of the Boyne Falls class of 1956.

On October 20, 1956, Jackie married the love of her life Keith Carson in Boyne City.

Jackie is survived by Keith, her husband of 57 years. Their Children, Keith (Robin), Kerry, Debra (Jim Morrow), Kurt (Robbi), Kyle (Tammy), and Rebecca (Greg) Renard. Her grandchildren Kathleen (Kevin) Rau, Will (Dana) Carson, Maribeth and Jeff Lauer, April Carson, Ashleigh (Doug) Locklear, Keith Carson, Greg and Trevor Renard, Tyler Ackman and 8 great grandchildren. She was also the sister to Judy White, Jack, Jerry, Jim, Jeff Van Treese and Janice Justis.

She loved being a wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family was her life and she was proud of each and every one of them.

Her favorite things to do were volunteering her time at Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club where she was a lifetime member and the Boyne Falls Polish Festival. She also enjoyed auctions, garage sales and flea markets.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, and infant daughter Kathleen.

Visitation will be held on Thursday June 19, 2014 from 5-8 p.m. at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Boyne Falls Methodist Church.

Linda Beier, 68

(JULY 21, 1945 - JUNE 9, 2014)

Linda Sue Beier of Walloon Lake, MI, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2014 surrounded by her loving family, close friends and excellent nursing staff of the Hilland Cottage of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Linda is survived by her husband, David; 2 children, Kristin (Sam) Clark of East Lansing and

Jason (Erika) Keiswetter of Petoskey; mother, Dorothy Bowne; 3 grandchildren, Charlie, Taylor and Christopher; and by 3 siblings, Brian (Kathleen) Bowne, Connie (Jim) Sullivan, and Don (Cheryl) Bowne. She also has 20 nieces and nephews scattered about the country.

Linda was born on July 21, 1945 in Ann Arbor, MI, the daughter of Donald and Dorothy (Morris) Bowne. After graduating from the University of Michigan's Medical School Dr. Bowne moved his wife and young family to New Jersey where Linda secured his first patient; a passer-by at the family sidewalk in Asbury Park.

From a young age, Linda visited her maternal grandparents Sara and William W. Morris in Cross Village on summer vacations where she met her first husband Paul Keiswetter. She graduated from Asbury Park High School, followed in her father's footsteps, attended the University of Michigan, graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1967.

Linda worked as a nurse getting her start in the Burn Unit which she always spoke of fondly. She also worked in Public Health in Grand Rapids and relocated to Petoskey and started her family. She accepted a job at the Northern Michigan Hospital where she worked until she began Bayside Travel with two business partners earning a living in the travel industry which was another passion of hers.

You could often find Linda outdoors hiking, biking, kayaking, skiing or gardening. She developed great friendships with people who loved similar activities.

After meeting at New Year's Eve party at the Walloon Lake Inn, Linda married David Beier in Birmingham, Michigan on March 14, 1983. Together they made their home in Walloon Lake where they owned and operated the Walloon Lake Inn for the past 3 decades. They enjoyed many fantastic trips together and also made regular bike rides into an adventure.

Linda was an active volunteer at the Community Free Clinic, which she was forced to give up after she received her diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. She gracefully fought that disease for 13 months implementing her plan

for living a fun year enjoying all of her favorite people, places and things.

Those wishing to honor Linda's memory are asked to make a donation payable to the Linda Beier Nursing Scholarship Fund to be used at North Central Michigan College and mailed to the First Community Bank, 200 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home.

Michael Hanahan, 76

(NOV. 8, 1937 - JUNE 7, 2014)

G. Michael Hanahan of Walloon Lake passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Mike was born on November 8, 1937 in Shelbyville, IN., the son of James Elmo and Mary Slifer Hanahan. Mike grew up on his family farm in Boggsstown, IN where he spent his days fishing, hunting and learning about nature. A talented athlete, Mike turned down a full scholarship to play basketball at Indiana University and wisely chose to attend the University of Notre Dame which pleased his mother. While at Notre Dame he played on both the Fighting Irish's basketball and baseball teams. Mike graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce.

Mike married Barbara (Babs) Hilger (Saint Mary's College '58) whom he met at a Notre Dame basketball game - of course. Mike and Babs married in 1960 and began their life together in Columbus, IN. After moves to Chicago, IL and Columbus, OH they settled with their four children in Birmingham, MI where they stayed for 34 years. After a long and successful career in sales, Mike established GMH Associates, a Manufacturers Rep firm where he was sole owner for twenty years.

Mike discovered Walloon Lake in 1972 and never looked back. A devoted dad and proud grandfather, he then took his family to Walloon Lake each summer to share his love of northern Michigan. In 2001, Mike and Babs moved to the shores of Walloon Lake to spend their retirement. They loved the arrival of Fall color and apple festivals, snowshoeing on the frozen lake and sunset boat cruises.

Those who knew Mike remember his love of the outdoors and Brittany Spaniels. His life passion was fishing and grouse hunting. Also an avid gardener, Mike could be found tending his Iris collection at his home on Walloon Lake.

Mike was known and loved best for his gentle manner, keen insight and great humor, which he kept even in the face of physical hardship.

Mike will be missed by Babs, his loving wife of 53 years. Four children Lucy (Robert) DaGiau; Julie (Robert) Foley; Michael (Julie) Hanahan and Sheila (Paul) Taylor. Nine grandchildren; Hannah and Peter DaGiau; Gordon, Kyle, Grace and Robert Foley; Liam and Ava Hanahan; and Declan Taylor. Mike is survived by his two brothers John Patrick and James Richard.

The Celebration of Mike's life took place Saturday, June 14 at

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey, MI or Friends of the Crooked Tree District Library Walloon Lake, MI.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Charles R. Harris, 73

(AUG. 27, 1940 - JUNE 13, 2014)

Charles R. Harris of Milton Twp. died suddenly, Fri. June 13, 2014 at home. He was born Aug. 27, 1940, in Detroit, the son of Carl V. and Helen (McCauley) Harris.

Charles was employed as a Detroit firefighter for 28 years, retiring as Captain in 1990 and moving up north. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and outdoor activities in his free time, and was an avid Detroit Red Wings and Tigers fan. He also looked forward to morning coffee with his friends.

Surviving are his children Ken (Brenda) Harris of East Jordan, Jeff (Carol) Harris of Brighton, Lori Harris of Lake Orion, Lisa (Rod) Dolen of Winchester, IL, sister Nancy L. Harris of Westland, 7 grandchildren: Casey Dolen, William Harris, Matthew Harris, Allie Dolen, Lauren Harris, Joely Dolen, and Braydon Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Patricia Schlottman and his beloved dog Chili.

Memorial services were held Monday, June 16 at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Milton Twp Fire Dept.

Michael Robert Karlskin Sr., 57

(JULY 19, 1956 - JUNE 7, 2014)

Michael Robert Karlskin Sr. of Boyne City passed away in his home on June 7, 2014.

Michael was born July 19, 1956, in Charlevoix, Mich., to Donald and Maxine (Wicker) Karlskin.

On Aug. 9, 1983, Michael married Ellen Baxter in Charlevoix.

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushrooming and time with family and friends.

Michael is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ellen; children, Amanda Karlskin, Michael Karlskin Jr., Benjamin (Tonya) Karlskin and Rosanne (Ronald) Mosley; his nine grandchildren; his siblings, Donald (Sue) Karlskin, James (Mary) Karlskin, Mary (Richard) Klekotka, Steven Karlskin and Linda (William) LeBrecque; sister-in-law, Margaret Karlskin; stepmother, Delores Karlskin; along with many nieces and nephews.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Maxine Karlskin; his brother, Timothy; and mother-in-law, Margie Baxter.

The family will host a memorial dinner from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, at Boyne City VFW hall, with a small service before the dinner.

Send flowers and donations to Ellen Karlskin at 326 E Division St., Apt. 34, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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Local Candidates to appear at Argonne for Dems Dinner

Local candidates, Jay Calo, Phil Bellfy, and Jimmy Schmidt are scheduled to speak at the Charlevoix County Democrats' general membership meeting on Thursday, June 26th over dinner at the Argonne Supper Club. The evening will begin with a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00, at which time dinner will be served. Party business will be conducted from 6:30 to 7:15, followed by a Q and A session with the candidates from 7:15 to 8:00. Attendees should RSVP by emailing democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or calling 231-753-8411 before June 21st. The Argonne is located in Charlevoix at 11929 Boyne City Road, and will be serving a choice of Shrimp, Whitefish, or Ribs for the event.

Candidate Jay Calo is the sole democratic contender for the 105th district house seat, and will face one of several republican candidates fighting for the chance to run as the republican nominee in November. The 105th district house seat is currently held by Greg Macmaster, who will vacate the seat and compete for the republican nomination for the 37th district state senate race. Candidates Phil

Bellfy and Jimmy Schmidt will face one another in a primary on August 5th for the democratic nomination for the 37th district state senate race.

During the Q and A candidates will be addressing issues such as jobs, the environment, welfare, and more. Candidate Jay Calo made it clear that Education is an issue he feels strongly about when he stated:

"I really encourage people to attend this dinner. We have an important election coming up, and I want people get involved. Everyone looks at a race like this through their own lens, and as a former high school teacher, I look at education as a priority for this campaign. I have two daughters of my own, both attend public school, and I want to make sure the schools our children attend are well funded, and that our children always have the best teachers in front of them. The cuts that the current administration have made to education are simply not acceptable."

Don't let this wonderful opportunity to dine with some of your prospective representatives slip away.

Submitted By Andrew Boyer

Veteran of the Month

The Veteran of the Month for June 2014 is Walter Anthony Stahl Junior. Born on Dec. 30th, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., Stahl attended school eleven and a half years leaving to enroll at The Henry Ford Trade School graduating in 1943 as a Journeyman Tool and Die Maker. On April 5th, 1943 Stahl was inducted into the Army Inactive Service entering into Active Service on April 12th, 1943 in Detroit and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Following basic training Stahl was reassigned to The Aircraft Armament School, Buckley Field, Colorado, where he qualified as Marksman with the M1 Carbine on Dec. 15th, 1943, graduating as an Airplane Armorer. On March 23rd, 1944 Stahl departed the USA arriving in the European-Asian-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations on April 3rd, 1944 and was assigned to the 9th Air Force, 373rd Fighter Group, 411th Fighter Squadron that participated in battles and campaigns in Air Offensives in Europe, Normandy, Northern France, The Ardennes and Central Europe. On July 25th, 1945 Stahl departed the European-Asian-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations arriving in the USA on Aug. 1st, 1945 and while at the Army Air Force Separation Base, Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana he took leave time returning home and married Kathleen Mitasky. On Oct. 30th, 1945, at Baer Field, Stahl received



WALTER ANTHONY STAHL

an Honorable Discharge having attained the Non-Commissioned Officer rank of Corporal and was awarded the following Decorations and Citations: The Belgian Fourrague Medal, The Distinguished Unit Badge, The Army Air Force Technician Badge and The Good Conduct Medal. Returning home Stahl went to work for Ford Motor Company, working as a machine operator, and later he ran the heat treat system at B.C. Wills. On Dec. 30th, 1986 Stahl retired from the

Ford Motor Company, Massey Ferguson Division, having redesigning their entire heat-treat operation, to a retirement home in the Boyne City, Michigan area on Deer Lake. Stahl gave back to his community by volunteering at Challenge Mountain where he assisted handicapped and terminally ill children as they learned to ski, delivered Christmas baskets for the Boyne Area Community Christmas, chaired the White Cane Committee for the Boyne Valley Lions Club to help the blind and visually impaired and worked Bingo and served in the Honor Guard at funerals and parades with the Ernest Peterson American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City. Stahl enjoyed bowling, fishing and golfing, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. On April 4th, 2014 Walter Anthony Stahl Junior answered the final call and is being honored by his sister, his children and their families.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

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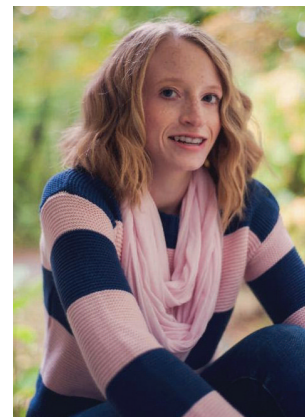
Congratulations to Jill Dipert, winner of this year's Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

Jill, the daughter of Kirby and Jacqueline Dipert, is a 2014 graduate of Charlevoix High School and will be attending Aquinas College in the fall to earn her degree in Sustainable Business.

We wish her the best of luck and look forward to what she will bring to Charlevoix in the future.

Following is the required 200-300 word essay Jill submitted describing her personal goals and aspirations after college and how her education and talents could benefit the business environment in Charlevoix County.

"My name is Jill Dipert and I will be attending Aquinas College in the fall of 2014. My goal is to earn a degree in Sustainable Business and return to my beautiful hometown of Charlevoix. A Sustainable Business degree teaches how to restore environmental quality, promote



stable and healthy communities while increasing long term profitability for both business and government.

Coming from a family of retail merchants, it is my dream to open the first 100% green clothing store in Charlevoix. I would use my education in sustainability to run my business consuming the least amount of energy possible. I envision my store being furnished out of all recycled materials found in the area. The merchandise I will carry will be made with eco friendly or

recycled products. As part of my college studies at Aquinas, I plan to study abroad as much as possible. Eventually, I will use that experience to travel the globe in search of merchandise and ideas that leave a low carbon footprint.

I know the winters in Charlevoix County are long and slow for the retail businesses. I plan on using my degree in Sustainable Business to consult with fellow entrepreneurs and local government on ways to make their output environmentally friendly and also more profitable in the long run.

I would love to be involved in a movement of sustainability and healthy community in Charlevoix County. It is a trend that continues to draw a young population and I believe that is what Charlevoix County needs to thrive. Starting with me."



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Could Mt. McSauba Privatize?

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At City Council Monday night City Manager Rob Straebel suggested ideas for lowering the financial burden that running Mt. McSauba incurs yearly.

Council listened as Straebel explained that roughly \$90,000 a year is lost in the upkeep and running of Mt. McSauba. Straebel proposed that it was time to "think outside the box" on how to fund and manage the mountain. One option was to cre-

ate Requests for Proposals for partnerships or changes in management. In this proposal, as submitted to council, the goal would be to "consider options to become more efficient and effective" and "to continue to seek additional ways to fund Mt. McSauba through strategic partnerships."

However, some on council were less than thrilled with the idea to explore partnership options. They worried that doing so was basically privatizing Mt. McSauba and would be ignoring the suggestions of current Manager

Bo Boss on ways to ease the financial burden.

"I don't want to see Mt. McSauba privatized," said council member Shirley Gibson.

Straebel stated that this exploration was not an attempt to privatize, that it was only to look into other options.

"...(let's) not make any assumptions it will be privatized any time soon," said Straebel. "It could be a public and private partnership..."

Gibson redirected attention to the matter of ignoring the ideas

that Manager Bo Boss has given for reducing expenses at Mt. McSauba.

"He has excellent ideas...no one pays attention to them! We don't need to do this exploration," said Gibson.

Boss himself then took the podium to state a few of the ideas he has and to explain to council that good things were happening at McSauba, and that privatizing would likely detract from those things.

"Just give us a bit more opportunity here and we can make it

work," said Boss to council.

After hearing Boss speak many on council felt that going ahead with exploring partnership options was not the right idea, and no motions were made to support doing so. Amanda Wilkin of the Recreation Department ended the discussion by encouraging that council being looking into ways to offset the deficit sometime this year.

Sculpture on Display in Boyne City



The first of three sculptures to be displayed in Boyne City over the summer has arrived and is on display next to the Chamber of Commerce building. The works of art are on loan from the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Thomas Parker new Farm Bureau agent

Thomas Parker III, of Boyne City, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area. He is working out of the Farm Bureau Insurance office at 406 Boyne Ave. Boyne City.

Parker recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Parker also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, Lake Estate® and business.

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Community Weeding Day

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful urges community members to participate

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, the organization behind the five miles of petunia lined streets in Charlevoix is urging the community to participate in the first of two community weeding days.

On Wednesday, June 25 from 4-7pm lanes of traffic will be closed to make a safe, family friendly atmosphere for the community to participate.

"The future of the petunia program is dependent on the communities' willingness to participate in the weeding days," said Board Member Bethany Pearson.

Pearson explained that changes in State law no longer makes using the inmates from the local jail an option to weed the petunias and therefore, the organization must rely solely on volunteers to

keep the petunias looking beautiful and weed free over the course of the summer.

To participate, simply find an area and start weeding by pulling the roots of the weeds out of the beds and throwing them in the closed lane of traffic, the City's street sweeper will come through at the end and clean everything up.

All weeders are then welcome to come down to East Park for a free piece of pie, compliments of Farmer White's out of Williamsburg.

The next community weeding day is planned for Tuesday, August 5th from 4-7pm.

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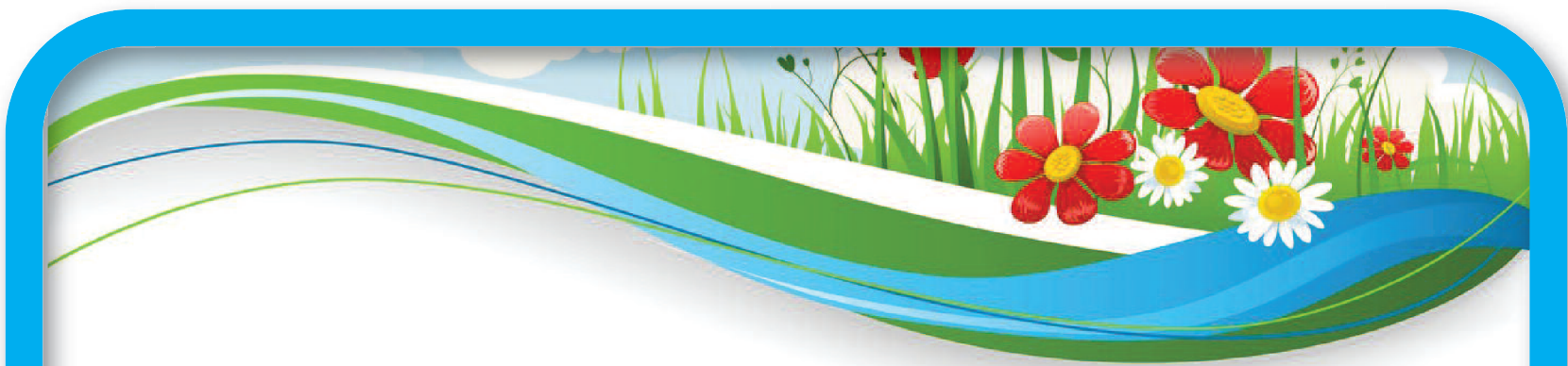
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MEDICARE NEWS

Part 1 - How do I get Medicare benefits?

This is a two part series meant for people who are nearing the age of 65. Part 1 will cover the process of signing up for Medicare, and Part 2 will provide information about the plan selection process considering the myriad of insurance options available to provide help with pre-scriptions drugs; health care supplements also known as medigap plans; and Medicare Ad-vantage plans.

You are closing in on the age of 65! Medicare benefits are just around the corner. How am I to proceed?

There are several important considerations. But first, you've worked hard to earn your Medi-care health benefits, so you want to be sure that the initial Medicare enrollment goes well. There are several important steps to follow. The first thing you want to be sure about is that you are signed up to start Medicare when you turn 65.

If you are already on Social Security benefits, you will automatically be enrolled. You will receive a letter from that agency a few months in advance of your 65th birthday. The letter will include your Medicare Health Insurance card stating the date that your Part A and Part B benefits will commence. If you have had a minimum of 40 quarters, or 10 years of work history, Part A will be free. The main features of Part A include coverage for inpatient hospital stays, nursing home care, home health care, and hospice.

Medicare Part B covers all other expenses such as doctor visits, lab expenses, radiology, durable medical equipment and a large number of other items. You will be given the option to re-choose Part B Medicare. People who are Medicare age, can delay taking Part B if they are still working and have employer group health coverage. They will avoid having to pay the Part B premium of \$104.90

per month. They can have the Part B coverage activated after they retire. In this case, the Social Security Administration may require a letter from the employer demonstrating that the retiree has had credible group health coverage. Medicare beneficiaries who refuse Part B and have no other credible insurance coverage will be faced with a penalty. For these people, a 10% penalty will be applied to the Part B base premium for every 12 month period of eligibility in which enrollment was refused.

If you are not collecting Social Security benefits and want Medicare to start when you turn 65, you will need to act on your own behalf to ensure that your coverage begins at the appropriate time. One option is to enroll online at Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices and click on "Apply for benefits". You can also stop by your local Social Security office and request to be signed up.

The next step is a bit more difficult. Now is the time to decide what Part D prescription insurance, Medicare Advantage plan you want. This is a bit more daunting. There are very many options to consider. I will attempt to provide help in Part 2 of this series, entitled "How do I select a Medicare plan?"

In the meantime, Medicare beneficiaries can get help by contacting the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 800-803-7174. MMAP counselors are trained and certified to provide help in all areas of Medicare health care insurance, Medicaid benefits, fraud and abuse, billing issues, and a number of other related topics.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
Area Agency on Aging,
Traverse City, Michigan

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Thursday, June 19 Wii Bowling	Friday, June 20 Birthday Day! 11am Tag-a-Longs Raffle	Monday, June 23 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, June 24 9:30-11:30am Ed May Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize 7-9pm Ed May	Wednesday, June 25 Night Dinner! 5:30pm Monty Loper 50/50 Raffle	Thursday, June 26 Wii Bowling
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Thursday, June 19 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, June 20 Foot Clinic 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, June 23 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, June 24 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wednesday, June 25 Night Dinner! 2:45pm Bingo 5pm Adolph Gwik	Thursday, June 26 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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Thursday, June 19 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day	Friday, June 20 11am Gordon Howie Bingo/BAKE RAFFLE Everyone bring something!	Monday, June 23 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, June 24 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, June 25 DAY MEAL!!! 12pm LIVER & ONIONS	Thursday, June 26 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day
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THE REASON TO KEEP TAKING ASPIRIN

MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D., AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Headlines scream: "Low-dose aspirin doesn't help prevent heart attacks!" That's what it seems a new U.S. Food and Drug Administration finding suggests, but that's wrong, and the facts are more complex. What the FDA is actually stating: Taking a daily aspirin can help some people prevent a first stroke or heart attack, but for many people the risks of intestinal bleeding are greater than the potential cardiovascular benefits. So it is not allowing marketing claims to say otherwise. And it also acknowledges that this point of view may change: According to Robert Temple, M.D., deputy director for clinical science at the FDA, there are ongoing major trials looking at this issue, and as their findings become available, the FDA will review its position.

Until then, the FDA does say that for folks who have already had a stroke or heart attack, taking daily aspirin (from 80-325 mg a day) to prevent a second episode is beneficial and the protective powers exceed the risks.

So, should you be taking aspirin to prevent heart disease, or not? A recent analysis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill did take a look at the risks and benefits, and determined that aspirin's one-two punch outweighs its downsides. They concluded low-dose aspirin can cut your risk for a first heart attack by at least 22 percent while lowering risk for strokes caused by blood clots, and for the leg pain of peripheral artery disease. At the same time, it reduces the risk and severity of nine cancers, including those of the bladder, colon, esophagus, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, prostate, breast and stomach by up to 40 percent. In contrast, aspirin increases risk for digestive-system bleeding by about 2.5 percent (maybe less, if you take it the way we do).

We believe it all adds up to good evidence for suggesting two low-dose aspirin a day for most guys

over age 35 and most women over age 40. So make an informed decision about aspirin (then use it the right way) with these four steps:

No. 1. Get your doc's OK. For some people, risk for bleeding and/or ulcers with aspirin is higher than average. A review with your doctor is a must before starting aspirin. Factors that boost your odds include age, a history of a peptic or bleeding ulcer, taking pain-relieving NSAIDs regularly for another condition (joint aches), smoking, a heavy alcohol habit, living with chronic emotional stress and/or having an ulcer right now (treatable with antibiotics in most cases). Your doc may suggest taking an acid-blocking proton pump inhibitor with your aspirin for extra protection.

No. 2. Take your low-dose aspirin this way: We think two 81 mg tablets or 162 mg total a day is the best dose to guard against cardio events and cancer. Take them together or at different times of day -- it's up to you. Always take a half-glass of warm water before and after. This helps dissolve the pills faster, decreasing chances for gastrointestinal irritation and bleeding. Taking your aspirin with a meal also may help. Tip: Skip coated aspirin. There's no evidence that it protects against bleeding, and it won't dissolve as quickly in warm water.

No. 3. Stay safe. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink. If you need to take another nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory pain reliever (like ibuprofen), do it 24 hours before or after your aspirin. Don't take other NSAIDs plus aspirin on a regular basis; the combo cancels out aspirin's anti-cancer effects, kind of like two drivers competing for the same parking space, then both giving up! Take one or the other. Call your doc if you do notice warning signs such as ongoing stomach discomfort, nausea, pain or bowel movements that look black or tarry.

No. 4. Keep it up. Be consistent; stopping a daily aspirin suddenly increases risk for clotting, heart attacks and strokes (not to mention impotence). And aspirin's cancer protection grows stronger the longer you take it.

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Dangers of a sedentary lifestyle

Deb Hagen-Foley

Many of us have sedentary jobs. When we are not working, we are sitting down to dinner or watching television. The more time you spend sitting, the less you are physically active. Inactivity is a health risk responsible for more annual deaths than smoking. Approximately 1 in 10 deaths are attributable to inactivity.

Inactivity, sitting for nine or more hours per day, increases the likelihood of long-term disability. Using data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys, including health data for 2286 adults aged 60 and over, researchers found that people spent nine hours per day sitting, on average. Nine hours out of their 14 waking hours spent sitting, for almost two-thirds of the sample.

The more time people spent sitting, the more likely they were to become disabled. Sitting for twelve hours per day meant a six percent risk of disability in this sample. Each additional hour spent sitting increased the likelihood of disability requiring assistance with activities of daily living.

Sitting is "the disease of our time," according to James Levine, an obesity specialist at Mayo Clinic. Inactivity results in health problems in addition to obesity. Estimates are that a sedentary lifestyle is responsible for 6% of cases of coronary heart disease, 7% of type 2 diabetes, 10% of breast and colon cancer cases.

At a minimum, the recommendations for physical activity are 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week. It was traditionally thought that getting sufficient aerobic exercise would offset the effects of inactivity for the rest of the day. The current thinking is that moving more throughout



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the day, with a goal of 10,000 steps per day, is required. Purchase an inexpensive pedometer to track your steps. Work on increasing by 500 steps per day until you achieve 10,000 steps per day. Continue that level of activity consistently every day.

Our bodies were designed to move, not for sitting most of our waking hours. Many behaviors we currently perform sitting - talking on the phone, watching television, working on a computer - can be performed while standing. Pace while you are on the phone. Put the computer monitor atop a box on your desk so you are forced to stand. When you have a choice between stand-

ing or sitting, choose to stand.

Treadmill desks place the workstation above a treadmill, and a comfortable height for working. Research shows that, following a brief adjustment period, those using treadmill or bike desks showed an increase in overall productivity and their health improved. The workers also burned seven to eight percent more calories. It may seem odd at first, but with practice, it will seem normal to walk and talk or type. By integrating regular activity throughout the day, every day, you can overcome the negative impacts of a sedentary lifestyle.

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CHARLEVOIX

Green market day

9am-1pm, Thursday, June 19. Visit the Charlevoix Farmers Market on Bridge Street at East Park as Energy Smart gives away free lighting kits; WATCH explains "FIT" the new bike-share program in Charlevoix, Charlevoix Library shows their electricity use metering device, and hear from Lake Charlevoix Assn., American Waste, and Conservation Resource Alliance as they promote pure water, clean air, energy savings and a love for mother nature. Think GREEN. Buy some GREENs. And wear GREEN to show your support of preserving "Charlevoix the Beautiful"! Contact market manager Chris Leese 231-330-0968 for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Plein Aire Painting

Thursday, June 19th (9:30) at Janey and Marshall Cossman's property, 12189 Country Club Drive, Charlevoix Country Club. Directions: From Charlevoix, drive across the bridge on 31, going toward Petoskey. About 2 miles further, you'll pass the Charlevoix Pool on the left. Then you'll soon see the entrance to the Charlevoix Country Club. Turn left and follow the road as it winds around. Your first road and opportunity to turn will be on your left (Country Club Drive) – turn there and follow to 12189 Country Club Drive (on the right).

BOYNE CITY

Local history

The Boyne Area Senior Center invites you to attend programs showing the History of Boyne City and the Boyne area. The two-hour programs will be presented at 9:30am and 7pm on June 17 and 24. For more information call Terri Powers at the Senior Center, 231-582-6682, or Presenter Ed May, 231-582-7266.

BOYNE CITY

Summer Tai Chi Classes

Morning Tai Chi classes will continue to meet on Wednesdays at The Boyne District Library in Boyne City. Classes are held in the downstairs Community Room. Classes are \$5 each class, open to everyone. Tai Chi at the Boyne City District Library - Community Room - Wednesday Mornings June 18, 25 and July 9. 16, 23, 30. 9 - 9:50am Tai Chi Fundamentals - Beginner's class. 10 - 10:50am Yang Style 37 Posture Form - Continuing/advanced class. Classes are \$5 each session; open to everyone.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

Stroll the Streets is every Friday night from 6 to 9pm and continues with free music all over downtown Boyne City through Labor Day weekend.

Stroll the Streets schedule

June 20 - Charlie & Gerald Millard, Elizebeth Cannon, Joyful Creation, Kirby Shively, Kowalske Family Band, Rum Boogie, Sprettrum, Whiskey River

June 27 - Bob Greenway, East Port, Kowalske Family Band, Lake Street Ramblers, Scott and Mary Paquette, T N T, Twister Joe

July 4 - Blue Shadow Band, David Cisco, Harbor Hoe Down, Kellerville, Kowalske Family Band, Melissa Welke, RFD Boys, Twister Joe

July 11 - Bob Garza Duo, Craig Cottrill Band, Horton Creek, Jon Archambault Band, Kowalske Family Band, Neil Sauter Michigan Stilt Walker, Off Duty, Ty & Cody

July 18 - Dwain Martin And Friends, Full Circle, Kowalske Family Band, Randy Reska, Rustic Heart, The Sunshine String Band, The Vermeers, Twister Joe

July 25 - Jania Taylor, Keith Scott, Kowalske Family Band, Night Shade, Smith & Puroll, The Pistil Whips, Wyatt & Shari Knapp, Zeemo

August 1 - Bruce Walker, Don Judd & Friends, Frontiers Men, Kayla Jo Cross, Kowalske Family Band, Plumville Project, Sky & Signal, Twister Joe

August 8 - 2nd Time Around, Family of Christ, Finding Eden, Fonda Starr, Karen Brooks, Kowalske Family Band, Steve Guthrie, Twister Joe

August 15 - Adoph Cwik, Ananda, Bob Greenway, Genesis Church, Jania Taylor, Kellerville, Kowalske Family Band, Tom Monley

August 22 - Don Rivers & Jim, Ernie Mindel & Cedar Valley, Joyful Creations, Kowalske Family Band, Lake Street Ramblers, Straight Forward Bluegrass Band, T N T, Wooden Nickels

August 29 - Craig Cottrill, Horton Creek, Kowalske Family Band, Northern Nights, Steven D and The Keys, Twister Joe, Wyatt & Shari Knapp

EAST JORDAN

Summer meals for children

East Jordan Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or person up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. Meals will be provided at East Jordan Elementary

School, 304 Fourth St. from June 16 through August 15. Breakfast will be served from 9am – 9:30am and lunch will be served from 11:30am - 12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Neighborhood children are welcome to participate.

NORWOOD

Summinar: Norwood's Booming Sawmill

A lakeshore lumber mill was the economic center of the village of Norwood from its founding following the Civil War, until the first decade of the 20th century. Local resident, Nancy Cleland, will report on the current research by Nancy Ritsema, author of Norwood: A Legacy of North Woods Living, concerning the history of the Norwood sawmill and its founders. Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Schoolhouse. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

ATWOOD, ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

6th Annual Breezeway Cruise

Get the classic car, convertible, or motorcycle out from winter storage and clean it up to get ready for the 6th Annual Breezeway Summer Cruise Thursday, June 19. The annual event starts at Boyne Mountain with pizza, salad, cash bar and great socializing from 5:30pm to 7pm. At 7pm the group will caravan over 26 miles of C-48 the Breezeway thru East Jordan, Ellsworth and out to Atwood. Dessert and entertainment will be at Friske's Farm Market just in time for the sunset. \$10 per person and \$5 per car, motorcycle. For more info contact the Chamber Office at 536-7351. Ellsworth Farmers Exchange is the proud sponsor of the 6th Annual Breezeway Summer Cruise.

CHARLEVOIX

Fine Art Juried Photography Exhibition

Announcing the 2014 Annual Fine Art Juried Photography Exhibition to be on display at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts in downtown Charlevoix June 19 - July 27. The theme is "Michigan: Places, Spaces, People and Things". Artists should submit images that show what is special to them as they look about our "pleasant peninsula". For more information, please find the complete Call for Artists and the required entry form: www.charlevoixcircle.org/events--exhibits.html

EAST JORDAN

Music in the Park

2014 Summer concert series at 7pm at the Memorial Park bandshell
June 20 – Solutions
July 11 – Square Moon
July 18 – Jon Archambault Band
July 25 – Kitty Donohoe
Aug. 1 – Blood Sisters
Aug. 8 – Family Reunion
Aug. 15 – Snyder Family

BOYNE CITY

Bee Gees and Neil Diamond tributes

Like the Bee Gees and Neil Diamond? June 21 tribute concert is for you! Tickets are now on sale for two summer benefit concerts for the Boyne Country Community Center. First up at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 21 is the award-winning Million Dollar Tribute from Toronto. In one night you'll hear three different tributes to The BeeGees, Neil Diamond, and Tom Jones. Every song you'll hear was a top 10 hit when first released, and many were #1 hits. Reserved seat tickets are \$30. Organizers have also announced that Paula Poundstone will be returning to the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Tickets for this event are \$40. A sellout crowd is predicted for both concerts, so invite some friends and buy your tickets early. If your plans change, tickets can be returned for a full refund up to 48 hours before the show. Click here to choose your seat and buy tickets. You can also buy tickets by visiting or calling Boyne City Ace Hardware, 231-582-6532.

ELLSWORTH

Golf outing

Ellsworth Fireworks Open Golf Outing, Saturday, June 21 at Antrim Dells Golf Course starting at Noon. \$50 entry fee per/person with Prizes and specials at the Gold Nugget to follow. For more information call Dave 231-313-1327 or Keith 231-499-1981

CHARLEVOIX

Day of action volunteer fair

Char-Em United Way 2014 Day of Action Volunteer Fair is planned for Saturday, June 21st from 10am to 2pm at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. There is no table charge or admission fee for this event. This is an opportunity for organizations to share their mission and recruit community volunteers. For more information please contact Lisa at 231.487.1006.

BOYNE CITY

Retiring well

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will sponsor a free community seminar, Retiring Well, on Saturday, June 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30

p.m. Retiring Well is a four-session seminar designed to help individuals in understanding changes to health-care, estate planning, the importance of having a will or trust and using annuities to support retirement activities. The seminar will address these important life issues and provide potential solutions. "While labeled as a retirement planning seminar, this seminar is for people of all ages and can help anyone plan for a secure future," said Larry Mattox, FPBC Outreach chairperson. Each session will last an hour and include a break for a light luncheon. Session topics are:

9:30 a.m. - Changes in Healthcare
10:45 a.m. - Services for an Aging Population

11:45 a.m. - Free luncheon provided by the church

12:15 p.m. - Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Wills and Trusts

1:30 p.m. - Annuities for Retirement
Attendance at all four presentations is encouraged, but all are welcome to attend only a segment of the presentation. There will be no sales presentations. For additional information, call the church at 231-582-7983. Reservations are encouraged.

LAKES OF THE NORTH

Concert

Lakes of the North Friends of Music open the 2014 summer concert series Saturday, June 21st. Featured artists are the Great Waters Quartet and Adrienne Ronmark, violin, Rachel Harding-Klaus, violin, Shanda Lowery-Sachs, viola and Peter McCaffery, cello are all members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The program will include works by Ludwig van Beethoven and a modern piece, Impressions by Jennifer Higdon. There will be an afterglow following the performance. The concert takes place at the Clubhouse Assembly Room, 6330 Pineview Drive at 7:30 pm. For ticket information, call 585-6691.

BELLAIRE

Professional fireworks display honors 2014 graduates

A Mancelona family celebrating their daughter's graduation from Mancelona High School is hosting a professional, public fireworks display. The pyrotechnics show will be dedicated to all area high-school graduates, especially those in the Mancelona and Bellaire area. The display is set for Saturday June 21, at Four Bears Lodge in Bellaire and will launch at approximately 10:15pm. Four Bears Lodge is a private residence located at 1602 Bush Road, just off Eddy School Road (County Road 620) in Bellaire. Suggested arrival time is after 9:30 p.m. Guests may bring lawn chairs or blankets; the free show will last approximately 20 minutes.

CHARLEVOIX

Open house

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating the arrival of the summer season with the 3rd Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Monday, June 23rd from 5pm - 9pm. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering great deals, prize drawings, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more! The Summer Open House will kick off the season premiere of the Movies by the Marina series sponsored by Charlevoix Cinema III and the Charlevoix DDA. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free outdoor movie and popcorn in beautiful East Park beginning at 9:15pm. The feature film of the evening is The Goonies rated PG.

EAST JORDAN

Freedom Festival

East Jordan Freedom Festival June 24 – June 29. Often referred to as the pride and joy of the East Jordan Community, the Freedom Festival truly is one of the area's favorite summer events. Freedom, family and friendship are celebrated during the four day event. The festival features a "hometown" old-fashioned Friday Night Block Party with food, music and games for all ages, a Youth Parade, Grand Parade, Kids/Teen Night, Carnival, Craft Show, a multitude of entertainers and musicians, food booths and a spectacular fireworks display shot from a barge on the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix on Saturday evening at dusk. This year's featured entertainment on the main stage in Memorial Park prior to the fireworks is Donny and the Dorsals the premier surf music tribute band in the mid-Michigan area.

CHARLEVOIX

Children's art classes

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts offers summer classes for children ages 7-12. Painting party classes are June 24, July 8, July 29 and Aug. 12 from 6-8:15pm \$20 session includes music, materials and snacks. To register call 231-547-3554.

BOYNE CITY

Evenings at the Gazebo

Summer Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. Free concerts in Old City Park, at the corner of Park and River Streets. The Evenings at the Gazebo free concert series is brought to you by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce,

our generous sponsors and in-park donations made on the night of each performance. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic basket and maybe a bottle of wine. No pets, please. In case of rain, concerts will be held at an alternate location - check this website or call the chamber at 231-582-6222 for details.

This year's performers:

June 25 - Up North Vocal Institute
July 2 - Apple Seed Collective
July 9 - Moors and McCumber
July 16 - The Plumville Project
July 23 - The 126 Army Band
July 30 - The Hand Me Downs
Aug. 6 - Trombones Plus
Aug. 13 - Billy Strings and Don Julin

CHARLEVOIX

Bouquet Design

Bouquet Design Class by Kari Davis of Petals in Charlevoix. 11am, Thursday, June 26 at East Park during the Charlevoix Farmers Market. Cost \$10 includes flowers. Bring a small vase. Call 231-237-8335 to pre-register.

ELLSWORTH

Retirement Open House for Carole Broadwick

Thursday, June 26, 3-6 p.m. Moms and Tots Center 9100 Pleasant Hill Rd. She has held many babies, listened to clients with compassion and love, and spoke genuine words of encouragement to young moms. The Center will be open for all friends to come and thank Carole for her years of dedication to the ministry of the Moms and Tots Center. Refreshments will be served.

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival

2014 SOBO Art Festival held on Saturday, June 28 at Peninsula Beach Park. Arts collective artists will occupy two booths at SOBO to display juried fine local art. This third annual Art Festival is open to the public and includes music, children's activities, art demonstrations, and food with free admission and parking. Visit www.soboartfestival.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Art show

The 16th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show features quality art and fine crafts displayed in East Park in downtown Charlevoix. The popular art show will be in downtown Charlevoix on Saturday, June 28 from 10am – 5pm and on Sunday, June 29 from 10am – 4pm.

BOYNE CITY

Senior dinner

The Boyne Area Senior Center is now hosting Wednesday night dinners (instead of Wednesday lunches) Suggested donation is \$3.

EAST JORDAN

Senior dinner

The East Jordan Community Center is now serving Dinner every Wednesday. Dinner and entertainment - Entertainment begins at 4PM and dinner is served at 5PM. Lunch will not be served on Wednesday throughout the summer.

CHARLEVOIX

Senior dinner

The Charlevoix Area Senior Center is now hosting Wednesday night dinners (instead of Wednesday lunches).

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers Market

Held every Thursday in East Park on Bridge Street, downtown from 9am - 1pm. Free 20-minute parking along Bridge Street for market shoppers!

BOYNE CITY

Farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market continues its outdoor season at Veterans Park from 8am to noon every Saturday and Wednesday.

EAST JORDAN

Farmers market

Every Thursday at Sportsmans Park, 9am - 1pm

BOYNE CITY

Grief support group

Survivors of Suicide [SOS] is a grief support group for support and understanding after the loss of a loved one or friend. Meetings are held at the Boyne Area Senior center conference room, 411 East Division St., Boyne City, on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay 231-487-4825.

BOYNE CITY

New Boyne Volunteer Network

The Boyne Volunteer Network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Our goals are to Help area residents find volunteer opportunities that suit their skills and connect them to the community. Help local organizations find volunteers that will assist them in fulfilling their mission. It's easy

to participate, just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include your organization and volunteer needs in this new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Music classes

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts offers music classes this summer. Beginning Guitar is Tuesdays in July, 10:30-Noon. Cost is \$10. Jazz sessions are Tuesdays July 1 - Aug. 5, 3-4:30pm. Cost is \$5/session in East Park. Wind Instruments for 7th & 8th grade students are Tuesdays July 1 - Aug. 5 from 12:30-2pm. \$8/session at East Park. To register call 231-547-3554.

EAST JORDAN

Library summer program

Jordan Valley District Library's Summer Challenge: READ program will be held each Wednesday in July at 10:30am in the library's community room. Registration will be held only on Tuesday, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25th from 1-5pm on both days. Free t-shirts will be given to each reader who registers as well as fabric markers will be available to color t-shirts. Registration will allow readers to be put into a drawing for local donated gift certificates from area businesses in which winners will be picked each Wednesday before the entertainer's performance. A book sale will be available to purchase used children's books during these two days. Readers who don't have a library card should sign up to get one during this time. The summer challenge to continue reading gets underway. The library would suggest readers get hooked on a book series, choose a book of a topic of interest, check out a magazine or read a newspaper for expanding their horizon. Book lists are available on the library's website and at the library. Children's ebooks are also available to download from the library's website.

BOYNE CITY

4th of July parade

Organizers of the Boyne City 4th of July Celebration remind area residents and visitors that it is time to register for the parade and running races. The celebration features a giant parade at 10 a.m., evening fireworks plus a dozen other activities including the Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, 2-mile and 10k running races, a wacky raft race and duck race in the Boyne River, Soapbox Derby for kids, lots of food, and children's games. The festival is centered in Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. There will be live music from 1 to 7 p.m. in the park all day.

CHARLEVOIX

4th of July parade

Organization of a Fourth of July parade is underway in Charlevoix. Any group, organization, band, etc. interested in participating, please contact Joe Seidel at 231.547.4444. Featured in the parade will be the Charlevoix City Band that is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. Help is also needed to organize and pull off this parade. Contact Joe Seidel at 231.547.4444

CHARLEVOIX

Arm Chair Theatre

Ruth Willis is a noted Drama Instructor and Director from Pittsburgh who resides in Charlevoix during the summer months. Ms. Willis will be Presenting "ARMCHAIR THEATRE" twice a month, Sundays early evening gathering at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts located at 109 Clinton Street. Participants will explore creative theatre-thought, written, read, spoken, acted, sung, performed and enjoyed. The first program will be on Sunday, July 6, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Armchair Theatre is free to the public. Programs will cover many moods: July 6, 20, and August 17, 31, September 14, 28. Armchair Theatre is presented by the Performing Arts Committee

BOYNE CITY

Republican picnic

Charlevoix County Republicans are holding their 75th Republican Picnic at Whiting Park in Boyne City on July 6th at 1pm. Candidates for the State House District 105th, Senate District 37th will be in attendance along with the US Congress 1st District also all the County Commissioners and County Officers. The Sheriff Don Schneider and Prosecutor Allen Telgenhof group will be cooking the famous Don Meggison Chicken. Bring a dish to pass. Congressman Dan Benicheck will be the key note speaker. Pre-Registration cost is \$20 or \$25 at the door students are \$5 and children under 10 are free. Please call John Haggard at 231-547-4046 days or 547-6600 at night or Wes Dilworth at 231-675-6886. Look for Oscar the Elephant.

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Big Ticket Festival this weekend

By Jessica Boyce

The Big Ticket Festival Country Night was last night at the Otsego County Fairgrounds, and from today until June 21st, you can visit the fairgrounds and see some popular Christian artists perform. There is a lot more than just music going on at the Big Ticket Festival. There will also be sports, a kid's zone, ministries, and a prayer tent that festival attendees can visit. People from all over Michigan can come together to celebrate their faith in God through Music.

The Kid's Zone for Big Ticket is made possible by Cran-Hill Ranch and will feature a kid's stage with music, karaoke, and dance parties so the kids can join in on all of the fun. There will also be a giant sandbox with treasures to discover, a wacky family photo booth, a petting zoo, puppets, a climbing wall and other inflatables, fun

games and prizes, and kids can make their own tie dye shirts. So even if your kids don't want to see some of the musicians that you are there for, they can be entertained and enjoy Big Ticket as much as you.

The sports that will be taking place at the festival are a Run for the One 5K Run/Walk. This takes place Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the festival. There will also be a 1 Mile Family Fun Run. The Stand Strength Team will be at the festival promoting anti-bullying and anti-violence, anti-peer pressure, anti-drugs, anti-alcohol, respecting others, and academic excellence. They use their strength to demonstrate these positive messages. The festival will also have extreme inflatables with 10 games in all for everyone to participate in free of charge with a festival ticket purchase.

Don't forget about the main attraction for the Big Ticket Festival. Christian

and Indie artists will be at the festival from Thursday, June 19th – Saturday, June 21st. Some of the artists that will be playing at the

festival are AFA, All the More, Modern Day Cure, Neshama, TRB, Sidewalk Prophets, Tenth Avenue North, Third Day, Thou-

sand Foot Krutch, and Jetty Rae. This is the perfect time for you to get out and enjoy your favorite Christian artists and see some new

Indie artists. For more information on the Big Ticket Festival visit their website at bigticketfestival.com.



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STAND STRENGTH

Asperger's Syndrome is no match for Jacob Swanson

By Jessica Boyce

Many people have heard about Asperger's Syndrome and the negative connotations that surround it. People who have Asperger's may act differently than what society tells us we should act like. They may be less chatty and not know how to act in certain social situations, but just because someone has Asperger's Syndrome, it doesn't mean that they aren't capable of living a fulfilling life. Jacob Swanson of East Jordan has proven just that.

Jacob has Asperger's Syndrome which is a form of Autism. He started going to school in East Jordan where he had a full-time aid in elementary school. Being a slightly larger school and after having issues with bullies, East Jordan wasn't the right fit for Jacob. In 7th grade, he transferred to Charlevoix Northwest Academy which is a smaller school where he could focus on his studies and not be interrupted by other students. His parents never knew if graduation was something that was in the cards for him, but he continued to concentrate on school and work his hardest.

As he went on in school, he excelled academically. He participated in Quiz Bowl, took 3 years of Spanish, and took his schoolwork very seriously. This year, Jacob's hard work and dedication paid off when he graduated from Charlevoix Northwest Academy as a Co-Valedictorian with a 3.56 GPA. He gave a graduation speech that was described as funny, motivational, and heartfelt. So not only did Jacob make it to his high school graduation, he graduated with honors and will attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall where he will study Computer Science. His mother, Darlene, says she is so proud of how far he has come and the mature, wonderful person he has turned out to be.

If there is one thing that we should



Jacob Swanson, a young man with Asperger's Syndrome, graduated from Charlevoix Northwest Academy as a co-valedictorian with a 3.56 GPA.

take away from Jacob, it is that just because you may have got dealt a bad hand of cards, it doesn't mean that you can't succeed. Jacob should be an inspiration to anyone who thinks that just because they have a syn-

drome or a disorder that they won't accomplish great things. He is proof that with hard work and the right attitude, you can make anything happen.

Ellebration

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your beach towel and join the fun.

The main festival day, Saturday July 5, brings a full slate of events kicking off with the Ellebration Bike Tour which leaves from the Ellsworth High School Parking lot at 8:00am. Post ride and pre-parade fill up at the Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00am at the Banks Township Hall. Beginning at 10:00am is the ever-popular Historical Trolley Tours. Additional tours are offered throughout the day. At 11:00am the Grand Parade begins featuring floats, antique cars, tractors and more!

Following the parade is plenty of free fun at the Ellsworth Community Park. Little ones will find a "parade" of inflatables to enjoy, while older kids can tackle the Lava Flow Rock Climbing Wall and Spider Bungee Jump. Once they work up an appetite, head over for a Roast Pork Lunch or hit the Hot Dog Cart. Lunch starts at noon and is served until 2pm. Enjoy the sounds of the Pine Lake Winds Band while you lunch.

After lunch, be sure to walk the Ellsworth Labyrinth Garden, celebrating its 10th year. At 1:00pm Duane Arnott will give an Archery Demonstration at the Archery Range then let kids give it a try. 2:00pm brings the Ellsworth

Farmers Exchange Horse Pull at the Grandstand on Main St. between the Elementary and High Schools. Entry by donation. All proceeds go to the teams.

This year there will be an All School Reunion at the Ellsworth High School starting at 7:00pm. All past and present attendees of Ellsworth Schools are welcome. At dark, the fireworks begin! Presented by the Ellsworth St. Claire Fireworks Committee, this fireworks show is one of the best-kept secrets in northern Michigan and is truly spectacular. Seating at Ellsworth Sports Park offers the best viewing with plenty of free parking.

To support Ellebration, be sure to purchase a raffle ticket, or six, from our booth at the Festival. Raffle proceeds fund Ellebration events. You could be the winner of a \$100 Farmers Exchange Gift Card, \$50 Gold Nugget Bar & Grill Gift Card, \$50 MiFarm Market Gift Card, Free Oil Change at Jeff's Garage, Golf at Antrim Dells or an Ellebration Sweatshirt or Cap. Ellebration T-shirts will also be on sale at the festival. For complete details and registration forms, go to ellebration.org or call Alana at 231-360-0676. Follow us on Facebook at Ellsworth Pig Roast.

Submitted by Alana Haley

Nominations accepted for Crooked Tree Arts Center's twelfth eddi Awards

In recognition of eddi Offield's personal and positive impact on the quality of life afforded to the people of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, the Crooked Tree Arts Center is hosting the twelfth eddi Awards. The eddi Awards ceremony will take place at the Crooked Tree Arts Center on Friday, September 19, 2014. The eddi Awards are held every other year. Nominations are currently being accepted by the arts center.

The late Mrs. Offield was an accomplished artist in her own right and an outstanding benefactor and advocate for the arts in northern Michigan. "The eddi Awards recognize two major accomplishments. The life-long dedication to the arts by the late eddi Offield and the distinguished endeavors by local artists and patrons" said Bill Millar, President, Crooked Tree Arts Center. All past eddi Award recipients will be recognized during the evening celebration.

The process by which award re-

cipients are nominated and selected has been carefully constructed to include nominees from all over the two-county area. Nominees are not required to have an affiliation with any particular organization. A panel of judges representing a wide array of arts and cultural constituencies within Emmet and Charlevoix Counties will determine the award recipients. The co-chairs for the 2014 eddi Awards are Steve Spencer of Harbor Springs and Larry Willis of Petoskey.

Sponsors for 2014 include CMU Public Broadcasting, Bay View Association, Odawa Casino Resort, Blissfest, McLaren Northern Michigan, Petoskey Plastics, PNC Bank and Granite & Quartz Countertops.

Award Categories include:

Visual Artist Award: given to an artist who has consistently made an impact using his or her artistic discipline for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and



Each eddi Award recipient is presented with an original bronze sculpture created by area artist Paul Varga.

Emmet Counties.

Performing Artist Award: given to an artist who has consistently made an impact in the

areas of theatre, music or dance for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Arts & Cultural Organization Award: given to an organization for outstanding contributions to arts and culture for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Arts in Education Award: given to an institution or an individual who has provided extraordinary leadership and creativity in advancing arts and cultural education in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Arts and Cultural Leadership Award: given to a volunteer member of a board of directors of an arts and/or cultural organization who has demonstrated leadership in advancing and supporting arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Individual Patron Award: given to a patron who is an exemplary advocate for the arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Benefactor Award: given to a business, foundation or organization in Charlevoix & Emmet Counties that has given extraordinary support to artists or cultural organizations in the two-county region.

Lifetime Achievement Award: given to the individual who has been prominent in the arts and culture of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties throughout his or her lifetime.

Individual ticket prices are \$50 each. The evening includes an appetizer reception, awards ceremony and a dessert AfterGlow.

Nomination forms and a complete list of past winners are available at www.crookedtreeartscenter.org. Nominations must be received by July 31, 2014 at the Arts Center. For more information or to reserve a ticket, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337.

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Book signing at the Charlevoix Public Library

Charlevoix Author publishes first book.

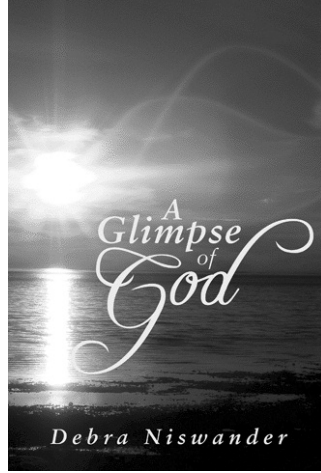
Debra Niswander's first book, a devotional, was written as a personal journey of learning what God is and making the choice to trust who He says He is and what He wants for her life. Her desire for the readers is for them to experience God through the book, creating a spark to find God's

unconditional love, unwavering peace and eternal hope.

To meet Niswander, attend the book release and signing on Monday, June 23 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. Books, e-books and prints of the photographs from the book will be available for purchase and author signing. If you can't attend the event, "A Glimpse of God" is

available at , by calling 866-928-1240, local book-sellers or on-line book distributors.

Debra Niswander lives in Charlevoix and works a probate register for Emmet County. She has two adult sons and enjoys being a grandmother. She is active in her church organizing their local mission program and does missionary work abroad with Fruit of the Vine Ministries.



Concert benefits Community Center Saturday

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—Enjoy a nostalgic night out and introduce members of the younger generation to the sounds of yesteryear while helping a worthy cause. Two fundraiser concerts are planned to benefit the Boyne Country Community Center with the first scheduled for June 21st at the High School Performing Arts Center.

Reserved seat tickets are now on sale for both summer benefit concerts. The first of which includes an eleven person performing team that impersonates the Bee Gees, Neil Diamond and Tom Jones. The main perform-



ers are backed by a four piece band and two backup singers. "These bands do perfect imitations, everybody will be amazed by their likeness to the original performers, every song they sing was a top ten hit," said Jim White President of



the Boyne Country Community Center nonprofit. Tickets are \$30 each.

The second concert brings back Paula Poundstone who performed at last year's fundraiser. Be on the safe side and save the date, Friday, Aug. 8 and "buy your reserved

seat only tickets early because a sellout crowd is predicted," said White. The \$40 tickets can be returned for a full refund up to 48 hours before the show.

The Community Center building was built in 1954 and needs many upgrades to make it accessible to everybody. Funds raised through these concerts will be put toward constructing a new rear entry and handicap accessible bathrooms. "We want to make it accessible to everybody, we're trying to open it as an event center for all different groups," said White.



Petoskey Regional Chamber Director Carlin Smith delivers donuts to the United Way Board as they review input from the Citizen Reviewers and determine the 2014-15 Char-Em United Way community investments.

United Way announces community investments in health and human services

Twenty local health and human service agencies will receive community investment grants from the 2013-2014 Char-Em United Way Campaign, and an additional thirteen have received designated donations, United Way officials announced.

"We are excited to have the ability to award funding to 25 different programs this year. At their May board meeting, the Board of Directors were pleased to award \$192,350 in community investments and an additional \$9,772 in designated gifts to local agencies," said Lorraine Manary, United Way Executive Director. "By providing this funding, we helped over 1,100 individual and business donors partner with these agencies fulfill a need that no-one else does in this community."

The awards will be made at the United Way celebration breakfast June 12 at the Odawa Casino, who has graciously hosted this event for many years. The event will celebrate the success of the United Way Campaign and thank the many campaign volunteers and donors who contributed. The John Newton Awards for Excellence will be presented to an individual and business recipient and funds will be distributed to the Partner Agencies.

United Way Partner Agencies which will receive allocations are: Bergmann Center; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Boyne City Pre-School; Camp Daggett; Catholic Human Services; Challenge Mountain, Spirit Day Camp; Char-Em Financial Literacy Collaborative; Early Learners; Exceptional Riders; Habitat for Humanity; Health Department for Child Behavioral Health and Oral Health; Hospice of NW Michigan; Manna Food Project; North Country Kids; Northern Community Mediation; Salvation Army; Women's Resource Center; and the YMCA. These agencies submitted funding requests for specific projects which were reviewed and approved by United Way donors who volunteer their time for this purpose.

Most of the partner agencies also received donations specifically designated to them by individual donors. In addition, the following agencies also received desig-

nated gifts from the United Way Campaign: Char-Em ISD; BASES; Boyne Area Free Clinic; Brother Dan's Food Pantry; Camp McSauba; Habitat for Humanity-Antrim; Harbor Hall; McLaren Northern Michigan; Montessori Children's House; Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan; Third Day Food Pantry; and Trailing For Triumph

"We want to acknowledge the contribution of the donors who helped us toward our 2013-14 Campaign goal, as well as the Frey Foundation which provided a \$30,000 challenge grant for new or increased gifts. We also thank the members of our Community Review Panels who reviewed proposals and made funding recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors," continued Manary. "We are now beginning planning for the 2014/2015 Campaign and expect it will be even more successful in engaging the community in making investments that meet critical human needs."

Char-Em United Way conducts worksite and other fundraising campaigns to raise funds to support many local health and human service agencies. If you are interested in helping with the upcoming Campaign, would like a presentation to your business or organization, or would like to help Char-Em United Way as a donor or volunteer, contact Manary at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor,
I am writing to encourage the citizens of Charlevoix County to do their research before the upcoming August 5th primary election. Our current Circuit Court Judge, Richard Pajtas, is retiring after nearly 30 years on the bench. It is very important to educate yourselves on the candidates' qualifications before choosing who fills this vital position in Charlevoix County.

In my opinion, Roy C. "Joe" Hayes is the candidate that best meets these qualifications. His resume, and 20+ years of legal experience of practicing in the local, state, and federal courts makes him the best candidate.

The people within our court system, law enforcement, and the county building also agree. Joe has been endorsed by the Michigan Court Officers, Retired Sheriff George Lasater, Retired Sheriff Don Hengesh, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Peter O'Connell (who also lives in Boyne City) and Retired Charlevoix County District Judge Richard W. May.

This is a very important position is our community and it is our job, as registered voters, to make an informed decision in this race. Please, don't forget to cast your vote on August 5th in the non-partisan ballot.

John E. Haggard born and raised in Charlevoix County

To the Editor:
AMERICA THE UGLY TODAY

That's a song by Tom T. Hall, of all people, a famous country songwriter of Americana subject matter, Clayton Delaney, Old Dogs and Children and Watermelon Wine, Fox on the Run etc. If country music sees something wrong in America we know we're in trouble. And it's not protest against protesters, it's protest against government; it's protest against corporate America.

America represents a disgraceful persona now, police state tactics here, imperial wars there, corporate greed aided and abetted by politicians, inequality such as once known in feudalistic beginnings despite constitutional guarantees otherwise. The examples are legion: cops busting down doors in SWAT formation and shooting innocent citizens; soldiers murdering peasants in their gardens; billionaires soaking the poor; homes still being foreclosed despite the propaganda of resurgent economy; minimum wage stagnation; medical care argument despite Obamacare success stories; it goes on and on endlessly. America is truly a disgrace to humanity.

The norm now is to pay off relatives of innocent victims just as some states now reimburse wrongfully convicted prisoners upon exoneration, most paid by insurance policy, and if not the citizens of locales get their taxes hiked to raise the

cash. But the officials in charge, the soldiers, the generals, the executive, the Congress remain on the payrolls. As with the military, when things go awry some grunt will take the hit, some cop will be transferred until the whole thing cools off. They know of the general apathy of the populace.

Yes, we've been spoiled by many years of prosperity here in the US. Since the original Tea Party, since World War Two, since the boom times of postwar, we've had it pretty good, even to the point of Civil Rights liberation of the 1960s. That's over. All that is history. We're back to Gestapo society, segregation, indigence, homelessness like unto the Great Depression. But the billionaires are getting richer, the middle class reduced to proletariat class. And cops and bureaucrats are bleeding us dry for their wants and needs via fees, fines, tickets, taxes &c, anywhere they can get an extra buck out of us. They will now spend a dollar to make a dollar because frankly, it keeps them employed, which is all they care about. The good times are all gone.

The American Dream, home ownership, with addendum of a motor home in the driveway, still entices even though it's an elusive dream burdened with property taxation and variable utility bills and rising insurance. Feel-good journalism tells of resurgence that only occurs in upscale neighborhoods, not in everywhere America. Sure, San Francisco is prosperous as is New York City, but what of Podunk? It's not happening there, folks.

US prisons are a business, and a growth business at that, for-profit prisons proliferate. County jails are holding tanks for traffic ticket violators but never for errant cops no matter their crimes. Rare instances of convictions of cops, prosecutors, judges, bureaucrats and corporate criminals are token at best and proffered lenience at the first opportunity when the press stops monitoring. Persons languish in life without parole sentencing even from teen years; geriatric inmates are now the norm at cost five times the norm. Still the politicians maintain tough on crime stances for sake of reelection.

And Guantanamo Bay detention center is still operative no matter the declaration by our current president six years ago, which he in fact jokes about on late night TV as being mere "campaign promises". The disgrace is visceral.

The late Johnny Cash also had some harsh words for America. "Man In Black" told it all back in the 1970s. When country music tunes into this disgrace we know it's real.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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Boyne District Library Presents "Every River Tells a Story" June 25

BOYNE CITY - Every River Tells a Story will be presented at the Boyne District Library on Wednesday, June 25, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room. The Friends of the Boyne River are co-sponsors of the event.

Doc Fletcher, PBS-featured author and lifelong Michigan resident, will share an hour-long canoeing and kayaking program featuring several Michigan rivers. Doc will entertain those attending with adventures from his six published books on canoeing and kayaking.

"You don't have to be a paddling enthusiast to enjoy the program, but you may become one by the time the evening ends," said Fletcher. The program will include pad-

dling adventures on the Pine River (one of Michigan's fastest rivers and the subject of his 2014 book); the Kalamazoo River (paddling its headwaters past Albion's historic buildings and an update of the cleanup effort/effect on the river from the 2010

Enbridge oil spill); the Upper Peninsula's Two Hearted River as it flows into Lake Superior; a mid-state journey down the Chippewa River; and a look at the Pere Marquette River, subject of his 2013 book.

"Doc visited us last year and everyone enjoyed it so much that we asked him to return," said Cliff Carey, library director. "We are happy to co-sponsor this event with The Friends of the Boyne River, and they are

also looking forward to Doc's return."

There will be a drawing for a free canoe or kayak day trip, good for one of Michigan's rivers, donated by various canoe and kayak liveries in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. Canoe/kayak livery brochures and state maps will be made available to assist program attendees in planning river trips. Doc will also be selling and signing copies of his books.

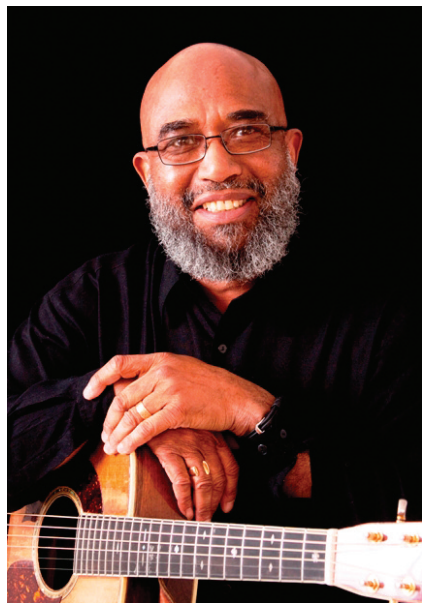
Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the library at 231-582-7861 or visit www.boynelibrary.org. For an overview of Doc's books and info on Michigan's rivers, check out his website at www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com.



20th Season of Aten Place Opens with Josh White, Jr. on June 28th

In August of 1995, with the suggestion and encouragement of their friend Nancy Decker, Bill and Maxine Aten hosted a potluck dinner that included a concert by Josh White, Jr. Appropriately, on June 28th, Josh will return to be the first show of the twentieth season of summer concerts in the barn. Bill Aten said, "When we hosted the first concert, we had no plans of there being a second show, let alone 154 concerts and 4 plays". To celebrate the 20th season, this summer's schedule includes encore performances from some of the best artists who have performed on their stage in the first nineteen years.

This will be the 15th time that Josh White, Jr. has brought his unique voice and talent to the Aten Place stage. Josh is highly regarded as a master of vocal inflection as well as one of music's premiere vocalists and performers. In the shadow of his father, Josh White, Jr. invokes the presence of the senior, making music for the masses and masses for the music. His simple acoustic



renditions reveal layer after layer of intrinsically belabored design. The pure, unadulterated chords and notes, along with deeply intense lyrics, are characterized in every tune. Josh takes his listeners through a history of American blues, gospel and folk favorites, and often encourages audience participation.

Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased in advance by using the online order form or calling (231) 549-2076. Ordering advanced tickets is highly recommended. Tickets can also be purchased the evening of the show starting at 6:00 pm, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets and schedule details are available by visiting www.atenplace.com.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety plus year old oak frame barn with seating for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to www.atenplace.com or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

East Jordan Music in the Park summer series kicks off Friday

The summer series of East Jordan Music in the Park kicks off Friday, June 20 at 7:00 PM in the Bandshell Memorial park. The first performance will feature the band "Solutions". The local three man group plays rock and roll/oldies from the 60's to date. Members include Dolph Cwik on bass guitar and vocals, John Slough on lead guitar, keyboard and vocals, with Lee Symonds on the drums.

The concerts are two hours in length. The family friendly concert series will run throughout the rest of June until August 15. They are proudly sponsored by the Jordan River Arts council, the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the East Jordan Downtown Development Authority. The series is made possible by generous donations from individuals, businesses and organizations.

To make a tax deductible donation send your check made out to City of East Jordan, "Music in the Park" in the memo section.



The 3-man group, Solutions performs June 20

Mail to:
"Music in the Park Concert Series"
P.O. Box 499
East Jordan, MI 49727

Also, during the month of July, the Jordan Valley Community Band will perform Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Park Bandshell. In case of rain these concerts will be held in the East Jordan High School Band Room.

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org. For a complete list of Music in the Park concert performances visit the Chamber website at www.ejchamber.org

Artists in Action at the Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the summer line up for the Artists in Action series, highlighting local artistic talents. Artists will be in the library main lobby demonstrating their art and answering questions about their craftsmanship from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Glenda Conlan will be on

hand June 19 showing off her paper marbling techniques. Marbling is an easy to learn technique to make homemade stationery, personalized note cards, and a myriad of other uses for simple paper. Join Candyce Speck on July 17 for a lesson on creating twisted wire jewelry with semi-precious stones. On

August 21, John Sheets will round out our summer series with fly tying samplers. The library is located in downtown Charlevoix at 220 W. Clinton St. For further information about this or other library events visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.



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Raise the Roof for Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity

By Jessica Boyce

Tuesday, June 24th get ready to Raise the Roof for Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity. They are having a benefit party from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the Bay Harbor Motorcoach Resort Club House. The cost to attend is \$50 per person and all money raised will go towards the Northwest Michigan Habitat for Hu-

manity

During the evening there will be food available from A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo, Fustini's, Breadworks, and Cre8tive Cupcakes. There will also be a signature cocktail available and you can purchase tickets to enter their \$1000 "Northern Michigan Summer Experience" Treasure House Raffle. The winner of this raffle will



win a Charter Fishing Tour donated by Great Lakes Plumbing & Fishing. A silent auction will take

place at the event with items such as an original Marlee Brown, and different pottery, sculptures, and

jewelry. The event is hosted by Heather Leigh of Lite96 FM and music from the 60s-90s will be provided by Patrick Ryan and Adam Engleman.

Come out and support the Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity so they can continue to build homes for people in need. Right now, they are finishing up a home in Alanson and will be moving on to

Pellston to build a home for a family of five. They have built homes for around 27 to 28 families in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. For more information on the Raise the Roof event or Northwest Habitat, you can visit northwestmihabitat.org.

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 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.



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. COURTESY PHOTO.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, June 2, 2014

6:36am Suspicious vehicle parked in the 400 block of N Lake St
7:25am 2 citations issued for disregarding traffic control on Pleasant Av
8:30am Request for welfare check at the Little League Field
9:38am Audible alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
11:21am Report of lost cell phone
11:35am Report of illegal dumping in the 300 block of E Division St
12:59pm Request for vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
2:00pm Report of attempted mail fraud
6:11pm Report of dogs running at large on Jersey St
9:22pm Arrested subject on warrant

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

4:00am Assist Sheriff Dept on Metros Rd
8:40am Report of large tree down on Glenwood Beach
10:38am Report of blocked driveway on Smith Ln. Unfounded
11:57am 2 salvage vehicle inspections
2:45pm Report of stolen credit card
3:00pm Welfare check on subject walking in the 300 block of N Lake St
5:57pm Vehicle unlock in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
7:46pm Report of older kids causing problems with younger children in the Playground at Veteran's Park
10:36pm Report of subject smoking joint in a car and not paying for gas in the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Subject was arrested for bond violation. Sheriff's Dept arrested second subject in the car on a warrant.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

3:45pm Report of lost key fob at Avalanche Mountain
3:46pm Vehicle ran red bus lights on Boyne City Rd
4:00pm Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
4:20pm Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Wenonah St
4:31pm Request for welfare check for subject on Franklin near Division
4:54pm Report of audible alarm going off at the airport
6:49pm Citation issued for speed on Boyne City-Charlevoix Rd near Court St
7:19pm Citation issued for speed at Jefferson and Collings
8:02pm Assist EMS in the 500 block of W Michigan
9:45pm Animal complaint on Groveland at Ottawa
10:53pm Citation issued for headlight out at Lake and Lower Lake

Thursday, June 5, 2014

12:08am Assist East Jordan PD on possible B&E. Was fawn in garage
5:00am Assist Sheriff Dept with alarm in Boyne Falls
9:50am Civil issue in the 200 block of State St
11:21am Abandoned bicycle in the 100 block of State St
11:54am Funeral escort
11:58am Report of lost wallet. Was later found and returned
12:15pm Jacket dropped off at PD that was found at marina
2:00pm Report of lost dog at Avalanche
2:08pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of S Lake St
2:15pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of S Lake St
5:42pm Report of 2 juveniles fighting in the 300 block of E Division St
6:21pm Report of loud drums in the 1000 block of haven Ct
7:10pm Civil complaint from the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, June 6, 2014

6:51am Citation issued for speed on Charlevoix St at the city limits
7:02am Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
7:45am Report of suspicious subject hitchhiking on Division St
9:38am Report of missing Husky. Was found
11:09am Abandoned vehicle in the 1100 block of Boyne Av. Was broke down. Owner had it towed.
11:29am Assist Minneapolis Flight Control looking for overdue aircraft. Was safely on the ground at our airport
1:27pm Hit and Run accident reported from unknown location
1:30pm Report of lost hearing aid near the marina.
2:35pm Juvenile complaint from the 300 block of Silver St
2:37pm Report of suspicious flashlight found in the 800 block of Brockway
3:46pm Broken down vehicle on Division near Crozier Crest. Tow truck contacted.
3:51pm Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of E Lincoln
7:33pm Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
9:31pm Lodged 2 stray dogs at the shelter
10:22pm Assist MSP with fight in Boyne Falls

Saturday, June 7, 2014

12:17am Suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St
1:07am Report of attempted suicide in the 800 block of N Park St. Unfounded
1:20am Report of skateboarders on N Park St
8:25am Barking dog complaint on W Michigan near Addis
9:50am Private property dam age

accident in the 600 block of Call St
1:15pm Citation issued for speed with warning for careless driving at Lake and Lincoln

Sunday, June 8, 2014

2:14am Disturbance at Lake and Water
3:09am Report of people being loud in the 800 block of S Park St
6:55am Assist EMS in the 800 block of West St
1:08pm Juvenile complaint in the 600 block of W Court St
5:05pm Alarm in the 500 block of Bay St
5:50pm Assist to school with graduation trip
11:23pm Noise complaint from the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
The Boyne City Police Department would also like to make readers aware that there is another phone scam going around. This one involves a subject calling who claims to be from "Windows". He claims that your computer is giving off "negative signals", and that he can fix it for free as long as you give him remote access to your computer. If you do not initiate to call to a computer repair or technical support agency, do not allow them access to your computer. This will allow them access to any financial files you may have on your computer.

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

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Abandoned Vehicle.....3
Abuse.....0
Alarm.....3
Animal Complaint.....13
Annoyance.....0
Assault.....0
Assist Citizen.....3
Assist Motorist.....3
Assist Other Agency.....13
Attempt to Locate.....1
Attempted Suicide.....0
Bank Alarm.....0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....1
Breaking & Entering.....1
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Citations Issued.....24
Civil Complaint.....4
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Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....2
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Driving Complaint.....8

Fireworks Complaint.....1
Found Property.....1
Fraud.....3
Health & Safety.....1
Hit & Run.....1
Intoxicated Person.....0
Juvenile.....1
Larceny.....3
Lockout.....7
Lost Property.....1
Malicious Destruction of Property.....0
Mental Subject.....0
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....3
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....3
Operating Under the Influence.....0
Paper Service.....11
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....0
Personal Protection Order.....1
Private Property Accident.....1
Property Check.....28
Property Dam age Accident.....12
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....5
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....14
Threat.....1
Traffic Stop.....66
Trespassing.....1
Unknown Accident.....1
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

pital for further treatment.

Neither occupants of the vehicle appeared to be wearing their seatbelts. Alcohol may have been a factor in the accident, which is still under investigation.

Royster Sentenced

Jesse Louis Royster, 27, of Oxford, was sentenced to 57 to 180 months in prison following his conviction on all four counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Third Degree by a jury on April 24, 2014. The sentences will be served concurrently.



JESSE LOUIS ROYSTER

Judge Richard M. Pajtas of the 33rd Circuit Court stated that Royster's crimes were crimes of violence in handing down his sentence.

Prior to the sentencing, Pajtas denied two defense post-trial motions seeking to have the verdict thrown out and a new trial ordered.

The charges arose from an incident which occurred on December 1, 2012 at the Boyne Mountain Resort. Royster and family and friends were at the Resort hosting a weekend long bachelors party prior to Royster's upcoming wedding. The victim and a male friend were invited back to Royster's condominium after the groups met at a local bar.

When the victim left a bathroom in the condo, she testified that Royster had turned off the lights and locked the door and attacked her.

"She is a victim, but more importantly, she is a survivor," Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis said of the victim during the sentencing. Pajtas heard that the victim has moved from the area and has suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and panic attacks following the incident.

Vehicle strikes house on Beaver Island

On June 17, 2014 at approximately 1:52 hrs., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on Beaver Island was dispatched to the area of Forest Ave and King's Hwy for a vehicle and house injury accident. The vehicle was traveling Eastbound on Forest Ave and veered off the road, striking a house attached to Daddy Frank's Restaurant. Nobody in the house was hurt.

The vehicle, a green Chevrolet Blazer, was occupied by two people. The driver, Briana Maudrie age 22 of Beaver Island, sustained a neck and back injury and was flown off the island to Charlevoix Area Hospital for further treatment.

The passenger, Shane Miller age 22 of Boyne City, sustained a head injury and was flown off the island to the Charlevoix Area Hos-

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East Jordan Freedom Festival begins June 24

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan's 5-day signature celebration takes place Tuesday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 29 this year. The festival attracts 10,000 plus people to the city and is often referred to as the pride and joy of the East Jordan Community.

One of the longstanding feature events of the festival is the "home-town" old-fashioned Friday Night Block Party. This is the event where East Jordan's nonprofit organizations set up food, music and games for all ages. "So it can be a fundraiser for clubs, churches, school clubs or groups like Pop Warner," said Freedom Festival Committee member Shannon Fender. This year live music by Tom Zipp and the Bullpen will set the beat for the party. The event is sponsored by Northern Marine and a new entertainer, the Michigan Stilt-walker sponsored by East Jordan's newest addition, Hall Dental coming soon to Main Street, will be performing balloon art and stilt stunts for young and old. "It's fun and games and music and food," said Fender. The block party also features a Youth Parade, sponsored by Northwestern Bank. This year's theme is Great American Super Heroes. Kids are encouraged to decorate themselves and their bikes. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be supplied for participants afterwards.

Saturday's main event is the Grand Parade. The theme is Proud to be American and the Grand Marshal is the East Jordan Shoe Club, an East Jordan middle school club started 6 years ago to help students deal with life issues in appropriate ways, set goals and dream big. Their motto is 'Invest in Yourself and Invest in Others.' The parade is sponsored by East Jordan True Value and will follow the same route as other years in spite of construction on the bridge. "There has been a great deal of concern because of the bridge work, we don't expect any issues, there's a twelve foot wide lane so we shouldn't have any problems," said Fender. Immediately following the parade the Sault Sainte Marie Pip Band will be playing in the band shell from 4:00-4:30 followed by the Pistil Whips sponsored by Olstrom Excavating and Painting from 4:30-5:30.

Visitors that come for the parade can stay in



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town and enjoy the Carnival which runs Thursday through Saturday down town or linger in Memorial Park and enjoy the tunes of Donny and the Dorsils at the bandshell from 8:30 to dusk when the Freedom Festival's spectacular \$18,000 fireworks display ignites the sky. The fireworks are choreographed to synchronized music and shot from a barge over the South Arm of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. "Our fireworks are put on by Great Lakes Fireworks which is an East Jordan based company and they do a beautiful awesome display. It's definitely a perfect end to an awesome week," said Fender.

Many other events including a Kids/Teen Night on Wednesday featuring old fashioned games and Twister Joe, sponsored by Marty's Cones and Carry outs, an ongoing Craft Show, food booths and a superb line up of entertainment. "We want to say thank you to all our sponsors and donors, it just wouldn't be possible without them," said Fender.

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