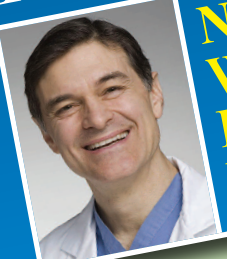


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East Jordan entrepreneurs receive award

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN —Softball fans and athletes are familiar with the temptation that having Marty's Cones so near to the ballpark imposes and shoppers are familiar with the draw of the alluring Sodalicious while perusing the streets of East Jordan's business district. Marty and Debbie Carey, the owners of both enticing establishments, were awarded the 2015 Great Lakes Ice Cream and Fast Food Association President's Award.

22 years ago and have developed their business into "a Northern Michigan destination" according to Marty. "It's part of people's summertime memories with family and friends. It's been a great place, a destination. I specialize in broasted chicken, I've been told it's the best around," he said. They've been members of the Fast food Association for 15 years which provides seminars, speakers and opportunities to meet fellow ice cream shop owners and have had five student employees awarded Ward Anderson scholarships by the associ-

ation. The Carey's have gained many friendships and knowledge to help build a better business for themselves and the community through their membership in the association. "We work together and try to make our businesses better and one of the things we do is do the best we can to support our local communities, if I don't support my community, my community isn't going to support me. I've lived here my entire life and I think it's a pretty great place to be," said Marty. The Carey's volunteer at the association's conven-

tions, and Marty has served on the board of directors and participates as a speaker for educational seminars. They have displayed a willingness to share their knowledge of running a small fast food business. "We were chosen for the award this year by the president of the association because of things we've done over the years," he said. "We're honored to be selected for this award. Somebody gave me an award for doing what I love to do. It's something you don't expect," he said.



SODALICIOUS IN DOWNTOWN EAST JORDAN

Ramblers Fall in Semifinals



Boysen senior, Cole Butler (3) drives the lane against Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian center, Kual Nhial for two of his team-high 16 points in the Ramblers Class C state semifinal contest. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



Boysen junior, Tanner Kruzal (12) goes in for two first half points, following a backdoor cut to get open. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

FULL STORY & PHOTOS THIS WEEK IN SPORTS!

Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 4

Charlevoix State Bank and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce team up to host the 23rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown Charlevoix in East Park on Saturday, April 4th at 2:00pm sharp. Energize for the Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny Luncheon being offered from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Stafford's Weather-vane Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious meal with your family, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Picture This. Please call 547-4311 for reservations. Come out for some extra fun this year because in addition to the Egg Hunt, Charlevoix State Bank will have goody bags for the first 250 kids to arrive on-site. There will also be face painting and story time in the park following the egg hunt. Stories include Who Hops by Katie Davis, From Head to Toe by Eric Carle, and Where is the Green Sheep by Mem Fox. So bring your basket full of eggs and gather around the center plaza for story time by Angie Reynolds. Story books provided by the Charlevoix Public Library. As always, the event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt will include 3000 prize filled eggs and some special golden eggs. So bring your Easter basket and be ready at 2:00 p.m. sharp so you don't miss out! And as if that weren't enough, area shops and restaurants invite you to enjoy a special Easter

Open House event at participating businesses. Throughout the day, merchants will offer specials including sales, refreshments, raffles, giveaways and more. Select restaurants will host Easter specials, brunch or dinner. For a complete list of participating

merchants and restaurants please visit www.charlevoix.org. We hope to see you there for an EGG-stra fun day in Charlevoix! For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.



RIGHT: Charlevoix State Bank and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce team up to host the 23rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown Charlevoix in East Park on Saturday, April 4th at 2:00pm sharp. COURTESY PHOTO

Campaign brings young man home

Norma Jean Babcock

EAST JORDAN: The efforts of one family to get their sons body home after a fatal car accident took his life in Florida have succeeded.



COURTESY PHOTO

Joseph Lee Cates, an East Jordan native, passed away on March 20 while traveling on US 221 N in Florida. Cates was traveling through early morning fog when he pulled in front of a gravel train hauler according to his family. The driver of that truck also sustained injuries and went to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Cates had been in Florida for roughly 2 months, having transferred there with the company Big Top Manufacturing to take on a new job. He had moved in with a cousin in Perry, Florida. Cates had previously worked in Northern Michigan at places such as Sears and Lexamar Corporation.

Joseph was 24 years old, and being a new employee he had few resources financially before he passed. His family struggled with the weight of how to get his body home for a funeral, when his Aunt Veronica Pheasant decided to get proactive and involve the community in attempts to return Cates to Michigan. Pheasant

See Joseph Cates -3A

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 33
LOW: 21

SATURDAY



HIGH: 40
LOW: 16

SUNDAY



HIGH: 39
LOW: 25

snowfall records

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Amt
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	114.5
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	90.5
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	69
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	123.8
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	145.2
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	47.7
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	72.1
4/1/2013	3/31/2014	3/30/2015	130.5
			170.5
			120.7
			128.5
			148.6
			171.9
			66.2
			118.3
			178.4
			89.5
			60.3
			79.9
			104.2
			133.1
			32
			65.4
			109.4

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 3	26°	49°	7°	(1965)	73°	(1963)
APR 4	26°	49°	5°	(1954)	71°	(1981)
APR 5	27°	50°	0°	(1972)	74°	(2005)
APR 6	27°	50°	-7°	(2003)	78°	(1991)
APR 7	27°	51°	2°	(1982)	82°	(1991)
APR 8	28°	51°	4°	(1972)	79°	(1991)
APR 9	28°	52°	5°	(1972)	70°	(2005)
APR 10	29°	52°	14°	(2007)	78°	(1955)

William "Bill" Maynard Alward, 70

(SEPT. 5, 1944 - MARCH 28, 2015)



William "Bill" Alward of Ellsworth died March 28, 2015 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

He was born to Maynard and Pearl (DeVries) Alward on September 5, 1944 in Charlevoix. On July 2, 1965 he married Sandra Jansen in Ellsworth where they lived. They owned and operated Archway Motel in Charlevoix for over ten years. Bill also worked at Freedman in Charlevoix, Lamina in Bellaire and drove bus for Charlevoix Public Schools for over twenty years. He enjoyed farming, fishing, hunting, spending time with his grandkids, and Poker nights in the garage with his friends.

Surviving are his wife Sandy; children Billy (Dulcie) Alward of Ellsworth and Amy (Kevin) Russell of Ellsworth; grandchildren Lexi Lambert, Katy Lambert, Tucker Alward, Layken Alward and Brenden Russell; sisters Shirley (Chester) Farrell of Ellsworth, Polly Strange of Ellsworth, Betty Alward of Grawn; brother Ray (Ruth Tessmer) Alward of East Jordan; sister-in-law Jean Alward of Ellsworth; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Maynard and Pearl Alward, sister Donna Heeres, brother Jerry Alward, and nephew Jeffrey Alward.

Friends may call at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The funeral service will follow at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Alex Snider officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the Future Farmers of America (FFA) at Ellsworth Community School in honor of Bill's love of farming.

Arrangements were made by

Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com

David D. Ellison, 42

(MAY 24, 1972 - MARCH 28, 2015)



David D. Ellison of Central Lake passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at his home. David was born May 24, 1972 in Ann Arbor, to Gerald and Emma Lee (Kleinschmidt) Ellison.

David Graduated from Central Lake High School in 1990. David formed his own excavating company and enjoyed operating heavy equipment and driving trucks. David had a fun-loving way of looking at life and lived it to the fullest. He enjoyed spending time with his friends. He enjoyed people no matter what the age - young children as well as the older generation. David will be remembered for his humor and for his quick and sharp wit.

David was one who enjoyed many different adventures - one was an African hunting trip in 2002 and was looking forward to going back again this summer. He enjoyed attending the NASCAR races, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and being at the lake. David had a caring and loving heart for animals.

David is survived by his parents, a sister, Pam Ellison of Bellaire, and brother, Kevin of Mancelona. But, most of all, those who were a part of his everyday life. He called everyone his friend. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

A viewing will take place Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Antrim County Animal Shelter (4660, M-88, Bellaire, MI 49615) or to the Good Samaritan of Ellsworth (9746 Main St,

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Ellsworth, MI 49729).

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Eleanor E. Brown, 86

(SEPT. 8, 1928 - MARCH 26, 2015)

Eleanor E. Brown of Charlevoix passed away on March 26, 2015 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Donald L. Arnott, 79

(MAY 30, 1935 - MARCH 29, 2015)

Donald L. Arnott of Advance died Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

He was born on May 30, 1935, at home on the farm in Evelyn Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, the son of Charles and Pauline (Loomis) Arnott. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1953. He married Margaret Poquette on August 27, 1955, in Angola, Indiana.

He began his working life at the Tannery in Boyne City. He later worked at Metal Tech in East Jordan. For most of his working life he worked in construction. In recent years, he enjoyed working at Walmart in Petoskey.

Donald was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Arnott of Advance; two children, Donna (Ken) Kline of East Jordan and Charles "Chuck" (Kathleen) Arnott of Shawnee, Oklahoma; two grandchildren Brenda Kline of East Jordan and Ashley (Chris) Bione of Oklahoma; two great grandchildren, Alexander Clive Bione of Oklahoma and Emily Kline of East Jordan; and two brothers, Duane Arnott of East Jordan and Glen (Susan) Arnott of New Braunfels, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Caitlin Hoy of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Graveside services will be held in the spring at Eveline Township Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on April 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc.

Jack Wilson, 82

(APRIL 2, 1932 - MARCH 29, 2015)

Jack Wilson of East Jordan died Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

He was born on April 2, 1932 at home in Antrim County, Michigan, the son of Denzil and Gladys (Thompson) Wilson. On September 29, 1952, in East Jordan, he married Ethel Murphy.

Jack served in the United State Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a heavy equipment operator and owner of Wilson & Mayhew Excavating for many years and retired in 1990. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7580 and the American Legion Post #227, both in East Jordan.

Jack was an avid hunter and tinkerer. He loved going to garage Sales but mostly loved spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Wilson of East Jordan; four children, Sandy (Robert) Forsman of Traverse City, Neil (Debbie) Wilson of East Jordan, Jill (Chip) Brown of East Jordan and Bradley (Kimberly) Wilson of Cedar Springs; seven grandchildren; almost eleven great grandchildren; and one brother, Glen (Lucille) Wilson of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ed Wilson; and three sisters, Alice Richardson, Reva Drenth and Ruth Hamacher.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Craig Pahl of the East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate.

The family will receive friends on April 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan.

Dolores J. Chanda, 80

Dolores J. Chanda of East Jordan died Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Zephyrhills, Florida.

Arrangements are pending at the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan.

Sharon Bailey, 71

Sharon Bailey died Saturday, March 28, 2015 at her home in East Jordan.

Arrangements are pending at the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan.

Joseph Lee Cates, 23

(OCT. 15, 1991 - MARCH 20, 2015)

Joseph Lee Cates of Perry, Florida and formerly of East Jordan, Michigan, died Friday, March 20, 2015, in Florida.

He was born on October 15, 1991, in Flint. He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 2009.

He had worked at Swan Valley Marina, Phoenix Trailer, Sears, Kmart, Lexamar Corporation and more recently, Big Top Manufacturing in Florida.

He was very mechanical. He had his own boat at 12 years old, rebuilt motors since he was 14 years old and a motorcycle when he was 17 years old. He enjoyed snowboarding, 4-wheeling, mudding, two-tracking and snowmobiles.

He is survived by his son, Brant Peck of Gaylord; his father, William Cates of Johannesburg; seven siblings, Dean Cates of Piscataway, New Jersey, Lori Limmer of Lansing, Ashley Bowling of Mancelona, Anthony Cates of Johannesburg, Daniel (Brittney) Jacobson of East Jordan, Brandon McGee of Tucson, Arizona, and Makayla Given of Lake Fenton; grandfathers, Joseph (Marilyn) Miller of North Carolina and Lonnie Shaw of Tucson, Arizona; grandmother, Florentina "Tiny" Hannagir of Flint and great grandma Shaw and great grandma Coates, both of Tucson, Arizona; two nephews and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marcia Ann Shaw Limmer on January 23, 2004.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI.

Memorials may be directed to the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan.

Noah M. Boss, 6 months

Noah M. Boss, son of Laura and Jonathon Boss, died on Saturday, March 28, 2015, in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are pending at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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Interesting Easter Facts

White lily is symbol of resurrection

For Christians around the world, the two great symbols of Easter are the cross and the white lily. The cross represents the suffering of Jesus on behalf of mankind and the white lily is the symbol of His resurrection from the dead on the first Easter morning.

Other symbols of Easter as a holiday are the bunny and the egg, but these have their roots in the celebration of Christ's resurrection as well. The idea of the bunny stemmed from the German tradition of growing eggs each Easter as a reminder of the resurrection and the new life offered to believers. From the very early times, the egg has been considered the most important symbol of rebirth.

The tradition of coloring eggs and hiding them at Easter is an American custom, however. The Easter bunny tradition made its way across the Atlantic from Germany some years ago and grew in popularity after that.

Here are some other interesting facts about Easter:
Easter is now celebrated (in the

words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on, or after March 21, the Spring Equinox. The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest date is April 25.

Easter marks the final day of the liturgical period in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayers and the repentance for one's sins.

During the Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps -- making Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

Each year, 16 billion jellybeans are made for the Easter season (that's enough candy to complete a 60-foot wide Easter egg that stands as tall as a nine-story building).

In addition, 5 million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced daily in anticipation of the Easter season, and 90 million chocolate bunnies.

When taking a bite into a chocolate bunny, 76 percent of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first while 5 percent eat the feet first and 4 percent eat the tail

first.

The tradition of having an Easter egg hunt on the South Lawn of the White House started in 1878 when Rutherford B. Hayes was in office. He and his wife Lucy officially opened the White House grounds to the children of the area for egg rolling on Easter Monday. It became an annual event.

According to one survey, 63 percent of Americans prefer a chocolate bunny on Easter morning, by far the highest response. Next in line, with just 10 percent, was a marshmallow bunny.

Can you believe this? The world's largest jar of jellybeans weighed more than 6,000 pounds!

According to The Guinness Book of Records, the largest Easter egg ever made came from the ovens of Guylian, the famous Belgian chocolate maker. The egg measured a whopping 8.32 meters high! It took 26 craftsmen a total of 525 hours to build the egg and required 1,950 kilograms of chocolate.

After Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy-consuming holiday.

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Char-Em United Way to hold 5th annual 'Instant Wine Cellar' Fundraiser

The 5th annual Instant Wine Cellar Char-Em United Way fundraiser is scheduled for 7p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

Entry to the event is either a (\$15 value) bottle of wine, a six-pack of craft beer, or \$15. With the purchase of raffle tickets, guests have a chance to win an "Instant Wine Cellar" from the donated beverages, as well as many other fantastic prizes. There will be live music throughout the evening along with a silent auction, Stafford's hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar.

A committee of local young professionals is organizing the evening to benefit Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program and hopes to bring awareness of the positive impact the organ-

ization has on the community. Rebecca Otto & Char-Em United Way staff are chairing the evening.

"This is a huge event for Northern Michigan" said Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way Executive Director. "Every year we have more people coming out to support this great cause, listen to music, and enjoy delicious food, wine and beer with their friends."

All proceeds from the Instant Wine Cellar will support Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program. Volunteer Connections is a virtual volunteer center, which promotes volunteerism in the community and helps people find opportunities that meet their passion and interests. This year there will be an additional drawing – to enter atten-

dees will need to register with Volunteer Connections www.charemunitedway.org/volunteer, there will be computers on site to assist, but those considering entering this drawing are welcome to register anytime.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org, visit www.charemunitedway.org, or sign up on Facebook. Check frequently for updates on sponsors, raffle and auction prizes, and other great information.

The 5th annual Instant Wine Cellar Char-Em United Way fundraiser is scheduled for 7p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. COURTESY PHOTO



Local Dealer Wins Kubota's "Circle of Excellence" Award for Top Performance

Kubota Tractor Corporation Top Dealers recognized with Elite Honor

Torrance, CA. – March 2015

Kubota Tractor Corporation recently named GINOP SALES, INC. of Alanson, Williamsburg and Hillman, MI, as one of its "Circle of Excellence" dealers. GINOP SALES, INC. was one of only 15 Kubota dealers in the

United States to win this award. Larry Ginop, President of GINOP SALES, INC. was given a week-long trip to Maui in recognition of the achievement. "Winning this trip would not have been possible without all the hard work from the 40 employees at our three locations. Our staff continues to make our customers' satisfaction their #1 priority" Ginop said.

Maui is known as the "Valley Isle", and is the second largest of the major Hawaiian Islands. Maui has more miles of swimmable beach than any

other Hawaiian Island. Hawaii produces more than one-third of the world's commercial supply of pineapples each year and is the only U.S. state that grows coffee.

The excursion included daily activities such as horseback riding, whale watching, snorkeling, zip lining and more. "It seemed like we were on the go from morning till night" said Mr. Ginop. "On our final night on Maui, we had a M*A*S*H party where we all dressed in the attire from the hit TV show. It was a blast" Ginop went on to say.

After the week on Maui, Mr. Ginop was invited by the Kubota Tractor Corp. to spend an additional week on Oahu. His accommodations were overlooking the famous Waikiki Beach in Honolulu.

GINOP SALES, INC. has been a family owned and operated business in northern Michigan since 1959. For more information on its full product line of tractors, implements and farm equipment, go to www.GINOPSALES.com

Charlevoix Pool welcomes new facilities manager



Charlevoix Area Community Pool is excited to announce a new Facilities Manager, Mrs. Peggy DeNio. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Area Community Pool is excited to announce a new Facilities Manager, Mrs. Peggy DeNio. Her family has been in the Charlevoix area for over 30 years. She and her husband are thrilled to be back in Northern Michigan, having lived in Tampa, Florida the past several years.

Mrs. DeNio has a Bachelor's degree in Arts and Gerontology from the University of Southern Florida. In addition, her past aquatic experience at the Brandon Sports and Aquatic Center as Deck Manager, swim lesson instructor and trainer, lifeguard instructor, and Aqua Exercise program leader are critical additions to the CACP staff! Peggy is looking forward to gaining confidence in her position as she fully integrates with staff and patrons. Stop in and say hello!

For more information on the Charlevoix Area Community Pool call 231.547.0982 or visit our website at www.charlevoixpool.org

Panoramic views of top state destinations from Pure Michigan and Google



Pure Michigan and Google have partnered up to take viewers on an amazing 360-degree visual journey across the state. PHOTO COURTESY OF PURE MICHIGAN.

By Jim Akans

From exhilarating 360 degree views from the top of the Mackinac Bridge, a variety of Mackinac Island destinations, to sweeping vista along the sands of the Sleeping Bear Dunes and more, Pure Michigan and Google have partnered up to take viewers on an amazing journey across the state. Utilizing Google's Street View Trekker technology, anyone with a computer, tablet or mobile device can now enjoy touring some of Michigan's most revered destinations from the comfort of a favorite chair.

These panoramic tours were

created using a backpack device attached to a camera with fifteen lenses mounted on a mast on the top of a cameraper's head. Several volunteers and members from the Pure Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources team ventured to approximately 20 amazing Michigan destinations over a four week period to create the virtual tours. As the operator walked photos were taken every two-and-a-half seconds. Over 44,000 photos were stitched together to create 360-degree views of their journeys for all to enjoy using Google Maps Street View.

The imagery is full navigable

by the user via their keyboard mouse or touch screen.

Destinations currently available include;

- Mackinac Island (several locations)
- Mackinac Bridge
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- AuSable Light Station
- Miners Falls
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- Island Loop Route National Water Trail in St. Clair County
- State Capitol building in Lansing
- Ford Field
- Detroit Riverwalk
- Tahquamenon Falls State

Park

- Wagner Falls
- Bond Falls
- Silver Lake State Park and Sand Dunes
- Palms Brook State Park
- Brighton State Recreation Area
- Pinckney State Recreation Area
- Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- Ocqueoc Falls in Millersburg
- Lake of the Clouds
- Agate Falls in Trout Creek
- Presque Isle River

To check out these amazing images, visit www.michigan.org/Google-Trekker

Joseph Cates

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opened a Go Fund Me account that enabled those interested to donate funds to the family in the hopes that Joseph could be returned quickly.

Go Fund Me uses social networks such as Facebook to get friends involved in donating to a cause that can't be funded out of pocket. The costs of Cates funeral exceeded \$6,000, which the family simply didn't have.

The community surrounded the family and sent love, prayers, and money toward the cause. In just 9 days, 81 people were able to raise \$6,885 dollars to cover the funeral and costs associated with getting Cates home to Michigan.

The family was able to hold services on March 28 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

Cates was preceded in death by his mother in 2004, but leaves behind a large family including 7 siblings, and a four year old son, Brantin. The funds that were not used for the funeral from the Go Fund Me efforts will go toward helping Brantin.

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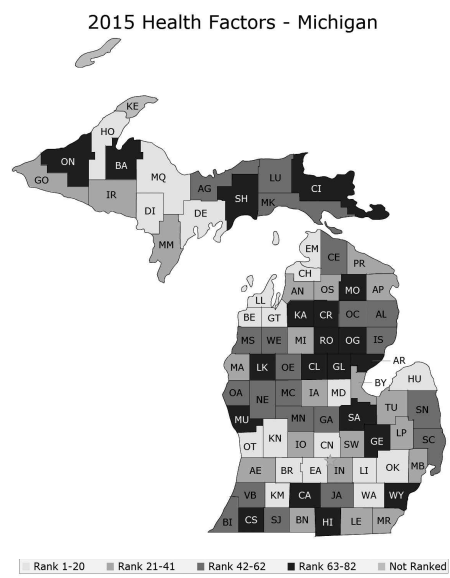
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Study ranks the overall health in counties across the country



Charlevoix County ranked 14 in the "Health Factors" segment based on scores for health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and the physical environment. SOURCE: 2015 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS STUDY

By Jim Akans

Ever wonder how the county you live in ranks in terms of overall health when compared with other counties throughout the country? Well the folks at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute thought it would be interesting to look across the United States and see how healthy local populations are based on a set of criteria, and perhaps provide some motivation to get healthier.

Titled the "County Health Rankings & Roadmaps" program, the study looks at a variety of factors that affect the health of a population. Those include obvious items

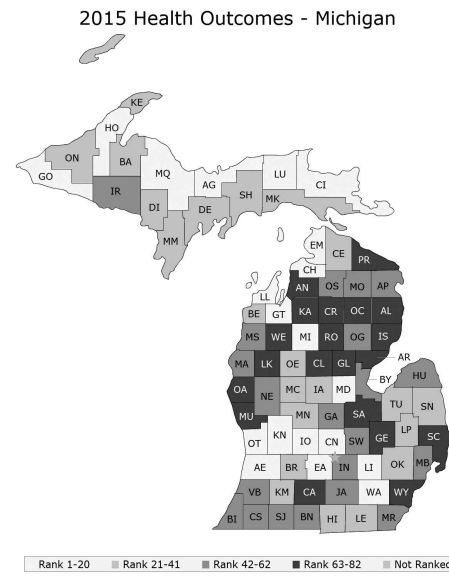
such as rates of smoking, obesity, alcohol use and sexual activity, to less apparent variables including high school graduation rates, access to healthy foods, employment rates, income and teen birth rates.

While knowing how "healthy" a defined geographical area is may be enlightening, the study also serves to bring people together to look at ways of improving community health. It offers an online "Action Center" that provides step-by-step guidance and reference tools to utilize in taking action toward improving a county's ranking. The website also features webinars where local community members share tips on building a healthier community,

and "Community Coaches" that are located across the country who can provide consultation to local leaders who ask for guidance.

Charlevoix County scored an impressive ranking of 5 (based on 82 total counties) in the 2015 study for the "Health Outcomes" segment, which includes Length of Life and Quality of Life. Charlevoix County ranked 14 in the "Health Factors" segment based on scores for health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and the physical environment.

All of the results of Michigan's 2015 County Health Rankings can be found on the study's website, www.countyhealthrankings.org/michigan.



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Upcoming Events for Hospice of Northwest Michigan

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our new monthly adult grief and bereavement support group beginning Monday, April 20, 2015 on the 3rd Monday of each month following. The group begins at 11am and is meeting at Independence Village, 965 Hager Dr., Petoskey. This program is open to anyone in the community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our four week Spring "Journey Through Grief" group bereavement program beginning Thursday, April 16, 2015 and meeting each Thursday until May 14, 2015. The group begins at 6pm and is meeting at the First Baptist Church, Community Room, 06781 M66 North, Charlevoix. This program is open to anyone in the community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our annual National Bereavement Teleconference - "The Longest Loss: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia" on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 2:00p-5:00p at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Lower Conference Room, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix. This program is open to anyone in the community looking for information. There is NO CHARGE to attend but you must register in advance. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information. There are continuing education credits also avail-

Schmidt bill to provide health coverage to families of fallen safety officers

The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved legislation Wednesday to guarantee health care benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of officers who die in the line of duty, said Sen. Wayne Schmidt, the bill sponsor.

"Public safety officers volunteer to put their lives on the line in service of others, and part of that risk is knowing they may one day not come home," said Schmidt, R-Traverse City. "The debt we owe to those fallen officers cannot be fully repaid, but we can do something to support their families. Providing health care coverage to the spouses and children of officers who die in the line of duty is a small token of our appreciation that will hopefully go a long way in helping them deal with a terrible situation."

Under Senate Bill 218, the spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue squad mem-



Katy Sherwood, widow of Clare County Deputy Kevin Sherwood, testifies in support of Senate Bill 218, which would guarantee health care benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of officers who die in the line of duty. Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, who sponsored the bill, is pictured left.



Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wrigglesworth testifies in support of Senate Bill 218, which would guarantee health care benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of officers who die in the line of duty. Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, who sponsored the bill, is pictured right.

bers, or ambulance crew members who lose their lives as a result of their duties on the job would be provided health care coverage comparable to those of retired state police officers.

"It's a very small cost to the state to help families who

have paid so dearly," said Terry Jungel, Executive Director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association. "I am pleased to see Senate Bill 218 progress and I appreciate the committee's unanimous support."

The state Department of

Technology, Management, and Budget's Office of Retirement Services would be responsible for determining and administering the health plans.

SB 218 now advances to the full Senate for consideration.

North Country CMH sponsors Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance

North Country Community Mental Health is sponsoring its 4th Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. On-site registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the "Fun Walk" begins at 10:00 a.m. (approximately a half mile in length).

Registration fee is \$10. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of many great prizes including gift cards and special give-a-ways. Must be present to win.

One of the event organizers, Heather Smith, MA, LPC, noted the walk has grown over

the years. "We had about 70 people our first year and nearly 150 last year. This event means a lot to many people, as evidenced by its growth and support. The walk allows for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, their family members and friends to come together, net-

work, and support something dear to each one of us for many same and different reasons," said Smith.

For further information or to register contact: Heather Smith at 989-732-6295 x 3607 or hsmith@norcocmh.org.

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Long-term potential hazards of e-cigarettes unknown

Cigarettes and tobacco have been a part of our nation's history from its beginning. Tobacco was the first crop grown in North America for commercial sale and for many early American settlers; it was their main source of income.

Over the years, the tobacco trade has grown into a multi-billion dollar industry that employs its own scientists, researchers and lobbyists. Today, these companies have fallen from grace because of their unethical advertising, targeting of minors and out-and-out lying to their customers.

As a result of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement of 1998, Big Tobacco has been saddled with huge yearly payments to each of the 46 states (including Michigan) that were involved in the original lawsuits to recover some of the billions of dollars spent for tobacco related illnesses. Now it appears that Big Tobacco is poised to make a comeback in the electronic or e-cigarette market using many of the same unethical tactics of misrepresentation of their product, advertising aimed at youth and outright deception, which carried them to financial success 50 years ago and ultimately to their public disgrace.

E-cigarettes are the newest category in the tobacco-less, but nicotine-laced market of products being advertised as a 'healthier' choice than traditional cigarettes. Each e-cig consists of a rechargeable battery, a heating element, an e-liquid cartridge containing nicotine, other unregulated chemicals and flavoring-including kid-friendly bubble gum and chocolate—and an atomizer that when heated, converts the cartridge contents into a vapor which is inhaled, or 'vaped,' by its user.

There is a perception by youth and some adults that e-cigarettes aren't dangerous, since tobacco is not being inhaled. However, the main ingredient in e-cigarettes is nicotine, which is known to be highly addictive, as well as highly toxic if ingested. Last year, the University of Michigan Monitoring the Future study found that only 15% of 8th graders felt someone was at risk of harming himself by using e-cigarettes. This may be due to the fact that in Michigan it's easy for teens to get e-cigs. Kids under 18 can legally purchase e-cigarettes and there is no legitimate regulation of e-cigarette purchases made by minors over the internet.

E-cigarette advertising is clearly being targeted to underage teens and 'replacement' smokers—those who haven't smoked in the past. In April, 2014, an inquiry made by members of Congress, found that e-cigarette companies were targeting young people by giving away free samples of their products at music and sporting events and running radio and television ads during youth-oriented television programs. Add to this the slick point-of-sale advertising in the stores and social media—e-cigarettes can be found just about everywhere teens can be found.

Traditional tobacco companies have been banned from marketing their products to teens for almost 20 years. Yet, because of the lack of regulation, e-cigarette companies are able to entice young prospective smokers into trying their products with the knowledge that addiction is just around the corner.

Currently e-cigarettes are unregulated by the US Food and Drug Administration and the State of Michigan, just as traditional tobacco cigarettes were unregulated in their early days. Because of a lack of manufacturing standards, the e-liquid content, as well as the heating process by the higher voltage battery, are potentially unsafe. Manufacturers may or may not include childproof caps on their products, as well as an accurate ingredient list and easy to follow directions to prevent the e-cigarette from exploding due to misuse (which has happened).

In some states, legislators are working to keep their children safe by pushing through laws that require childproof packaging, restricting sales to minors and limiting marketing practices of the manufacturers. Unfortunately these steps are usually motivated by the death or serious injury of someone who has used the product. Here in Michigan, Governor Snyder vetoed legislation earlier this year that would have excluded e-cigarettes and other 'alternative' nicotine products from being regulated as tobacco products under Michigan law. He and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette agree with 39 other state attorneys general that the FDA should regulate e-cigarettes as part of its tobacco product authority.

The FDA is currently considering how best to regulate the e-cigarette trade, but nothing definitive has been announced. For decades, Big Tobacco deceptively marketed its products to our kids (remember Joe Camel?)—and lied about their strategy. They knew that cigarettes and other tobacco products were addictive, caused deadly diseases and adversely affected virtually every part of the body, but didn't let it stop them from targeting young, unwitting teens to try their products. Traditional cigarettes have long been considered a 'gateway' drug that leads youth to other destructive and addictive behaviors such as alcohol and marijuana use. No research has shown that the same will not hold true for e-cigarettes.

Today, e-cigarette companies don't know the long-term effects of their products on our youth, but they're wasting no time in recruiting teens to use their products and get them hooked, while the government goes through its arduous process of determining how best to deal with this new product. It will take time to study the long-term effects of e-cigarettes. In the meantime, get the facts before taking up the 'vaping' habit.

Submitted by Lynda Rutkowski, Up North Prevention, Gaylord

Marching in the right direction to end sexual assault

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides quality programs for those who seek and need support for sexual assault, domestic abuse, child abuse and child sexual assault.



Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center

However, a great deal of our daily work is taking action for social change in an effort to stop this violence before it occurs.

As we observe National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we are encouraged. Never before in the WRCNM's 38-year history have we witnessed the level of public conversation pertaining to the issue of violence against women. In print, broadcast and social media, at the 'water-cooler' and (hopefully) around the dinner table people are talking about an issue that has been sustained through silence. Many survivors are also beginning to break their silence. Major high-profile organizations are taking a public stand against this violence, from the military and the NFL to colleges across the country.

We also are still concerned. Sexual assault still exists. The

statistics are still staggering. Many rapes still go unreported. There is still work to be done.

Without a doubt, most people would agree that rape is unacceptable. That's easy. The difficult part is weaving that belief into our everyday lives. We may be aware of sexual assault as a crime and social epidemic, yet do we have the courage to make the necessary changes to end it?

Experts agree that sexual assault and violence against women and girls is rooted in discrimination, inequality, the reduced social status of women and power imbalances. Consider the following statistics:

Women make up 51% of the U.S. population; however women comprise only 20% of Congress.

35 women have served as U.S. governors compared to 2,319 men.

71 countries in the world have had female presidents or prime ministers; the U.S. is not one of them.

U.S. women continue to earn about 78¢ to every dollar that men earn.

Between 1937 and 2005 there were only 13 female protagonists in animated films. All of them except one had the aspiration of finding romance.

Women hold only 3% of clout positions in the mainstream

media (telecommunications, entertainment, publishing, and advertising).

Many struggle to understand their own role in eliminating violence against women. It starts as an awareness and understanding of the issue. It's taking small, seemingly insignificant actions such as talking to your kids about negative and stereotypical messages you see and hear during the day. It's modeling respect and non-violence in your own relationships and interactions with others. It's speaking up when a comment, joke or remark demeans or belittles someone based on their gender. It's supporting women in business and politics. It's believing survivors.

Continue to speak up, ask questions that will bring about a deeper understanding of the issue and challenge the status quo. Your actions and words DO have the power to influence. Perhaps our combined effort will soon reach a tipping point that will finally and assuredly make violence against women end.

Guest commentary by Chris Krajewski, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Goodwill to Offer Hospitality Training in Charlevoix Area

Goodwill Northern Michigan's Workforce Development team, a core component of Goodwill's mission services, is launching its first hospitality training program outside of Traverse City, in Charlevoix, during April of this year (retail training programs are currently present at Traverse City and Acme retail stores, Charlevoix will start in April, and all remaining stores by May of this year).

Goodwill is now recruiting individuals to enroll in their first ever Charlevoix-Area Hospitality Training Program. This 10-day training program will provide both classroom instruction and on-the-job experience with leading regional employers from the Magnum Hospitality Group, including Cafe Sante, Red Mesa Grill, and Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen.

Participants will gain valuable work experience,

have the opportunity to obtain a ServSafe Certification and get job placement assistance by the end of the two-week period. On-going resources will be available as well.

Training dates & times: April 6-17, M-F, 9am - 4pm. Participants can expect to:

- Gain expertise in the hospitality industry
- Learn adaptive workplace skills and food safety
- Develop competitive employability skills
- Succeed with personalized job placement support

This training opportunity is made available through a partnership between Goodwill Northern Michigan, Northwest Michigan Works!, The Olson Foundation and Magnum Hospitality. Contact Goodwill to Enroll Today, Call: (231) 995-7725, Email: jobs@goodwillnmi.org

More info: www.goodwillnmi.org/charlevoix-hospitality-training

Cancer Crusaders '50's Dance Fundraiser

April 18, 6pm – midnight. Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders 50's Dance Party fundraiser. Eagle's Hall, 106 River Street, Boyne City. Music by TNT + Tim the DJ. Twist Contest, Celebrity Performers, Prizes, Cash Bar, Silent and Ticket Auctions. Come dressed as a 50/60's personality for a chance to win a prize. \$6 donation. 100 percent of money raised goes to individuals with cancer to assist with gas card to get to treatments, lodging, medical expenses and prosthetics. For more information contact Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.

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Fred Eaglesmith in Concert

April 11, 8pm. Freshwater Gallery, 217 S. Lake Street. Special guest artist Tif Ginn. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For tickets and information call (231)

April is Autism Awareness month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Thursday, April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day. Various activities are planned to "Light it Up Blue," to "shine a light" on Autism. For instance, Niagara Falls will be lit blue from 8:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to wear blue on April 2 and to light their homes blue in recognition of Autism Awareness.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) impairs a person's ability to communicate and relate to others. Typically, ASD impairs development in the first three years of life. The prevalence of autism is estimated at 1 in 68 births. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the U.S. More than two million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder. It is four to five times more common in boys than girls. An estimated 1 of every 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls in the United States are diagnosed with autism. The per-pupil costs for educating a child with autism is estimated at nearly three times the cost of education a child without special needs and only 56% of students with autism finish high school.

Symptoms. A "developmental screening," part of a well-baby visit, may show early indications of the presence of ASD, according to the Autism Society. Early indications include: infant does not babble or coo by 12 months, does not gesture by 12 months, does not say single words by 16 months, does not say two-word phrases on their own by 24 months, or had had any loss of language or social skills.

Further medical evaluation, if warranted, may include: a medical history of the mother's pregnancy, stomach and bowel functioning, sensory challenges, coordination, allergies, medical illnesses, family history of developmental, genetic, and metabolic disorders, and parents' and child's exposure to environmental toxins. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all children be screened for autism twice before they reach age 2. It is also recommended that treatment start when a diagnosis of autism is suspected, rather than wait until a formal diagnosis is made.

Persons with ASD may have problems with social, emotional,

and communication skills. Autism is associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, obsessively arranging objects or following specific routines. These behaviors typically begin in early childhood and last throughout a person's life. The person with ASD might have trouble relating to others or not have an interest in other people or may be interested in people but not to know to talk or relate to them. They may avoid eye contact and prefer to be alone, they may have trouble understanding other's feelings and difficulty talking about their own feelings, they may prefer to not be cuddled and appear to be unaware when people talk to them. They may repeat actions again and again or repeat words or phrases said to them.

Causes. There is no known single cause for autism. It is generally accepted that autism is caused by abnormalities in brain structure or function. It appears that some children are born with a susceptibility to autism, but a single trigger for the development of autism has not been identified. It appears that the presence of environmental toxins, such as

heavy metals, is contributing to the increased incidence of autism. It is believed that those at risk for autism may be less able to metabolize these toxins. A single study, that has since been discredited, suggested a link between immunizations and autism. There is no credible research linking immunizations to autism.

Treatment. Autism is typically not curable. A range of treatments is available, depending on the specific symptoms experienced by an individual. Diet is a common treatment, ensuring a balanced diet including all essential nutrients. Many children with autism have food sensitivities. A change of diet would exclude those foods that lead to allergic reactions. Gluten-Free and Casein-Free diets are appropriate for some individuals who are allergic to gluten and/or dairy. Vitamin and mineral supplementation may be appropriate for some people with autism.

A number of behavioral treatments are found to be successful



in treating autism spectrum disorders. These behavioral interventions are aimed at increasing positive behaviors, decrease negative behaviors and to teach functional alternative behaviors using behavior change therapies.

If you believe someone you know may have an autism spectrum disorder, an evaluation by a pediatrician is an appropriate place to start. Early diagnosis and treatment are important for long-term success. For more information about autism, go to www.autismspeaks.org.

AutismAwarenessImage; Businesses and individuals are encouraged to "Light It Up Blue" in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd. Logo courtesy of Light It Up Blue 2015, AuatismSpeaks.org

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East Jordan Public Schools

Students of the Month



Katie Spence

Katie Spence, 12th grade is a conscientious student who commits to doing her best on all tasks. She approaches everything with a positive attitude. She is always concerned about others, even her senior wish is focused on making sure other get the recognition they deserve. Katie will be attending Grand Valley next year with an Academic Scholarship to study art.

Olivia Maher

Olivia Maher, 2nd grade. Olivia is unfailingly the kindest, most respectful and responsible student, she exemplifies everything that is best about EJPS. She not only does her best every day, and also treats everyone with kindness. Her classmates say she is always helpful and a good friend to everyone. "When I am at recess and have no one to play with, says one classmate, Olivia will say, come play with me."

Tegan Swanson

One word sums up why Tegan Swanson is the seventh grade Student of the Month: EXCELLENCE. Tegan chooses to be excellent every day in every way - in her attitude, her accomplishments, and in her willingness to participate and share her creative writing ideas with our English class. She inspires all of us to be better! Congratulations Tegan!

Boyne Falls Elementary

Students of the Week



Abigail Smith

Grade: 4

Parent(s): Jessica and Ari Vallad

What do you want to be when you grow up?: I want to be a vet because I want to help animals.

School Activities: Honor Roll

Hobbies and Interests: Bike riding, writing, reading, crafts

Favorite Book: Matilda

Staff Comments:

"Abby is a wonderful fourth grade student who loves to learn. She always does her best, and is a quiet helper and positive role model to her little buddy" - Nancy Wind

Madison Pickering

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Grade: Kindergarten

Parent(s): Gene and Kathy Pickering

What do you want to be when you grow up?: A doctor.

School Activities: Madison enjoys Science class

Hobbies and Interests: Madison likes playing with her animals and helping her mom with the dishes.

Favorite Book: Little Red Riding Hood

Staff Comments:

"Madison is always willing to help her peers and teachers. She is kind and hardworking! I am so proud of Madison and I have enjoyed having her as a student." - Ms. W and Ms. L

Charlevoix Chamber Scholarship applications available

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is intended to provide financial support and assistance to a high school senior that deserves assistance covering tuition expenses associated with higher education.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be a graduating high

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mittee are ineligible to apply for the Chamber Scholarship.

Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Chamber office or at the Charlevoix High School counseling office. Deadline for scholarship applications is Thursday, April 30, 2015.

For more information contact the Chamber office at 231.547.2101

Changes for Camp McSauba

Summer is right around the corner and Camp McSauba will soon begin accepting applications for summer campers. Camp McSauba is shaping up to be another fun and exciting year. This year, Camp McSauba will be offering a variety of week-long themes including: Flower Power, Party in the U.S.A., Pirate Week, and Crazy Carnival Week.

There have been several important changes that have been made to Camp McSauba this year. Due to licensing requirements from the State of Michigan, Camp McSauba will be licensed as a Day Camp. As a result, Camp McSauba will no longer be able to offer the overnight stay portion of the camp experience in addition to come other programmatic changes that will take place.

Tom Kirinovic, Recreation Director for the City of Charlevoix, noted, "The licensing requirements from the State of Michigan require Day Camps to meet a specific set of criteria. These required mandates include the elimination of the overnight stay at the Mt. McSauba lodge and the ability to provide day care as part of the camp experience. While we are no longer able to offer an overnight stay, we are still able to offer a great camp experience at a wonderful value."

Beginning in 2015, Camp McSauba has to be licensed by the State of Michigan on an annual basis. After a thorough review, a Day Camp license is awarded. The licensing requirements make sure Day Camps are safe and meet the State of Michigan's guidelines.

Linda Amstutz, Director of Camp McSauba, believes, "While we are no longer able to offer the overnight stay at Camp McSauba, summer camp will continue to offer campers a fun week long adventure. Each year, we continue to improve activities and safety precautions. As a result, Camp McSauba is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience."

The Recreation Department at the City of Charlevoix is working hard to ensure that summer camp will continue to meet the expectations of parents and campers. Camp McSauba will continue to provide a fun and safe experience for everyone.

For more information about Camp McSauba, visit cityofcharlevoix.org or call Tom or Katherine at 231-547-3253.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) is grateful for the generous support at our recent spring FUNdraiser. The event is instrumental in raising funds which help ensure the continuation of programs and services for women, children and families in our 5-county service area. We thank those who attended the event, bid on items and shared an evening of fun, friendship and conversation.

We are grateful to the many businesses and individuals who so graciously donated items to the silent and live auctions. We thank the hard-working board members who promoted and attended the event and helped secure so many great auction items. We appreciate the time and efforts of volunteers and staff who worked at the event and to our always-awesome auctioneer, Jason Guthrie. Thank you to the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce and Carlin Smith for sharing and setting up their sound system. We also thank the staff at Whitecaps for the lovely venue and delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

We know many local organizations and events are worthy of your time and attention; we are thankful that so many include the WRCNM in their support and charitable giving.

Sincerely,
Deb Smith
WRCNM Assistant Director

To all area schools,

This is to inform you that our post is planning the annual Veterans Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 13th, 2015, and an open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by our members to the guests through a hands on learning experience. We are expecting to have several more military vehicles on display, as an added interest this year, as well as representatives from all levels of law enforcement and all branches of the military who will answer any questions. Since the inception of this program in 1999, over 9,600 students have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn the truth about the freedoms we all enjoy, the fact that freedom isn't free, the price of that freedom and who paid that price for us all. As the students leave the Post, each receives a flag from the grave of a veteran who paid that price! The American Legion Auxil-

ary will provide refreshments and scheduling will be handled by the Veterans Appreciation Day Chairman who may be contacted by phone or E-mail at ejpe@net-zero.com

We encourage all schools to participate in this unique experience that your students and faculty will never forget.

"Duty & Honor For God & Country"

Very Truly Yours,
Gerald E. Evans
Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION
Ernest Peterson Post 228
Boyne City, MI

To the Editor,

Health care cuts for our infants

Mothers and the underserved in Northern Michigan Governor Snyder's 2016 budget proposal eliminates graduate medical education, cuts \$36 million from small and rural hospitals and \$11 million from rural hospitals that provide obstetrical care. Yet, he claims that hospitals are an essential partner in the state's move to improve Michigan's health and wellness.

In the past year, 830,000 Michigan residents are now insured through Insurance Exchange or Healthy Michigan Plan. More physicians are needed to cover the increase patient load. Graduate medical education funding supports direct patient care and provides advance training for physicians in inpatient and emergency care in hospitals and family practice, pediatrics and obstetrics in outpatient clinics. This funding is crucial to recruiting and retaining practiced physicians to our communities. If this funding is removed, our future physician work force is in dire straits.

Our rural hospitals provide critical services such as emergency, and obstetrical care to expectant mothers, elders, indigent, etc. Many of these residents live in remote areas where there is no other access to health care. Cutting millions from the hospital access pool could result in closure of some of our hospitals which occurred in Cheboygan.

Northern Lower Michigan has 9 birthing hospitals and one neo-natal unit in a 21 county--11,000 square mile area. Travel can be an hour for expectant mothers and several hours for high-risk pregnancies. Hospitals lose money for delivering babies as Medicaid pays less than it costs to labor and staff obstetrics. Cutting 11 million from these birthing hospitals could result in closing the obstetrical departments. Expectant

mothers would then have to travel further, jeopardizing both the mother and child.

The health and wellness of our residents is a non-partisan issue and now is the time to speak up against these health care cuts to our hospitals. Call or write your state legislators.

Catherine Hunter, Boyne City

To the Editor,

All for the Money Police State Tactics accomplish two objectives: raising money, intimidating the public, the second reason abetting the first. How it came to be that police can confiscate money and property without filing charges against a resident is buried in the legislative past, but with drugs, even medical marijuana, this is the recurrent theme. Forfeiture is a legal scam.

We don't see much of this north of the imaginary obtuse-angle line from Bay City to Muskegon but south of that line it happens frequently. When someone is thusly affected, loss of property and cash for growing medical marijuana, and goes public via stories in the press, an arrest is belatedly made, of course denied by police as catalyst but everybody knows what is obvious. It needn't be shocking that police will lie, even in court, the shock comes in the fact that they get away with it repeatedly. There's a third factor at work there, retribution for calling out "schizophrenic hypocrisy", that is, hypocrisy that is based on lies and deceptive practices and is capricious and cavalier in so doing.

It's fairly well known in many communities that tax, fee and fine are proven ways for a city or a county to provide capital for running their bureaucracy, pay cops, infrastructural needs, upkeep of properties etc. In short it has become an accepted way to make more money. The deceptive policy, viz. denial of these practices, accounts for the schizophrenic label. It's not just intentional graft; it's intentional "justified" graft, or so police aver. This is a mental disorder, a clinical pathology.

Police and prosecutors can and do confiscate homes, cars, properties, cash, with or without arrest and conviction, initially utilized for thwarting drug dealers in any category of dope peddling. Marijuana growers are the most recent victims of this extortive practice simply because they're easiest to catch since they're not hiding, fleeing or alluding. We hear the gamut of police ex-

cuses about policy, process, procedure and all but it's just the usual rhetoric of law, tired and tattered by overuse. These people are criminally-oriented who cheat people out of their belongings under "color of law" or "reflexive law" as coined by philosopher-chemist Glenn Jacobs of Arizona. There is no law against this, thus it's perpetrated regularly, deliberately.

It could be imagined that the public would not allow such travesties to exist but there's complacency at stake here too since only a small percentage of communities and states have opted to be involved in drug usage in a regulated way. The majority of citizens feel it's not their problem, hence the police are allowed to abuse the system for sake of, as intimated, collecting money and bolstering their power trips. This, as said, is criminal behavior by the very persons assigned to battle criminal behavior, perfect irony there, perfect schizophrenic hypocrisy.

Because such practices are sanctioned in legislative decisions, laws must be changed, repealed, amended or superseded. Until that happens, police and prosecutors will continue to abuse the law because it is often enough their natural disposition to do so. Ethics does not apply if law says it needn't, which in effect it does. Laws are written in such a precise way as to leave no room for misinterpretation, thus forfeiture laws purposefully allowed for abuse. Like rico statutes designed to catch the bad guys, these laws have been turned on the populace quite discriminately. This is closely aligned with the principle of acting just like the bad guys to catch the bad guys, Dirty Harry style, now gone viral in totally corrupt opportunistic exploitation, a result which authorities apparently see no wrongdoing in perpetuating.

This is antithetical to the US call to decency and fairness as implemented in the Boston Tea Party era, the Bill of Rights, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWII, consistently tweaked and misused until now we have this bastardization of law. Political decisions have been enacted without thinking, without perceiving unwanted results, unforeseen developments. When once these developments are mounted it is thrice as hard to undo them. This where the country and especially this state stand right now: all for the money.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

0037 Citizen assist in the 300 block of E Division St
0300 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St
1037 Littering complaint on R St.
1442 Report of potential civil issues in the 900 block of Wilson St

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

0145 Assist to Animal Control in the 400 block of Groveland St.
0919 Civil dispute reported in the 300 block of E Division St
2003 Found wallet at City Hall. Was returned to owner.
2127 Assisted Sheriff Department on Marshall Rd.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

0820 Parked car struck in the 200 block of E Water St. Warrant request submitted on vehicle owner for allowing vehicle to be operated without insurance and for allowing unlicensed driver to operate.
0857 Driving complaint on State St
1123 Larceny reported in the 700 block of Pleasant Av.
1655 Suspicious package found in the Industrial Park
1716 Property damage accident on S Park and Division. Subject arrested for DWLS. Also cited for Careless driving and no proof of insurance.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

0145 Escorted the boys' basketball team in to town after winning Regionals.
0939 Private property damage accident in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
1431 Facebook scam reported. Subject posing as friend sends friend request

and tries to get info
1530 Report of lost purse on W Water St
1616 Juvenile complaint on Pleasant Ave.
1656 Assault in the 1100 block of Wilson St.
1745 Civil stand by at the PD.
2145 Warrant attempt in the 300 block of E Division St

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

1516 Report of white pit bull RAL at Vogel and Jefferson
1830 Female at the PD with a found paycheck. Owner was located.
2350 Citation issued for parking in a handicap spot in the 300 block of E. Division St

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

0317 Suspicious subject in the 300 block of E Division St.
0402 Intoxicated pedestrian at E. Lincoln and Grant.
1007 Suspicious vehicle reported in the 1000 block of

First St
1402 Report of van driving on Park St, with the sliding door open.
1628 Threats complaint in the 700 block of E Main St
1956 Possible domestic assault reported in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
2017 Car deer accident on Boyne Av
2023 Assist to Sheriff Department at Lake St and Pine St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

1723 Report of an intoxicated subject at the 1910 building. Was gone on arrival
2146 Car deer accident at Boyne Av and Beardsley

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

March 23-29

911 Hang Up Call2
Abandoned Vehicle1

Abuse0
Alarm8
Animal Complaint13
Annoyance1
Assault2
Assist Citizen2
Assist Motorist3
Assist Other Agency12
Attempt to Locate1
Attempted Suicide0
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering1
Car/Deer Accident14
Citations Issued4
Civil Complaint1
Criminal Sexual Conduct4
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance1
DNR Complaint1
Domestic Dispute2
Driving Complaint6
Fireworks Complaint0
Found Property1
Fraud1
Health & Safety2
Hit & Run1
Intoxicated Person1
Juvenile0
Larceny4

Lockout7
Lost Property0
Malicious Destruction of Property
Mental Subject1
Minor In Possession0
Miscellaneous Criminal0
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint0
Operating Under the Influence ...1
Paper Service8
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident1
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident0
Property Check22
Property Damage Accident8
Prowler0
Road Hazard3
Stalking0
Suspicious Situation5
Threat0
Traffic Stop35
Trespassing2
Unknown Accident1
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
Vehicle in the Ditch2
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

NEWS BRIEFS

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Daylight Wasting Time

April 1, 2am. Set clocks ahead 12 hours. National fairness effort to provide better sleeping conditions for shift workers, enhance visibility for night owls and appease April Fools.

EAST JORDAN To the Moon and Back

Thru April 10, Noon-4pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. Enjoy, Educate and Experience Lunar and Meteorite discs from National Aeronautic Space Administration, Space Shuttle Tiles, Spinoffs from the Space Program, Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation & Three Laws of Motion, Lost on the Moon. 4737 Fuller Road. (231) 536-3369.

EAST JORDAN Easter Fun and Games

April 4, 10-11:30am. Easter games, candy, and prizes for kids 12 and under at the East Jordan High School Gym. Grand prize winners win a bicycle. East Jordan High School, 101 Maple Street. Sponsored by East Jordan Lions Club. Free Admission.

CHARLEVOIX Easter Egg Hunts

April 4, 2pm, East Park. Age groups 2 yrs and under, 3-4 yrs, 5-6 yrs, 7-10 yrs. Stick around for visit by the Easter Bunny, Face Painting and Story Time.

BOYNE CITY Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 4, First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will sponsor a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome, and bags are provided. For more information, call 231-582-7983. YOUNG STATE PARK is holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

CHARLEVOIX Grief and the Journey to Healing

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30pm. Charlevoix County Library. With Dave Behling and Amy Weiland.

BOYNE CITY Fred Eaglesmith in Concert

April 11, 8pm. Freshwater Gallery, 217 S. Lake Street. Special guest artist Tif Ginn. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For tickets and information call (231) 582-2588.

CHARLEVOIX Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

April 15, 5-7pm, Irish Boat Shop, 13000 Stover Road. Tax day is not usually a day of celebration, but this year it is! Irish Boat Shop is pulling out all the

stops for the April Business After Hours with Delicious Appetizers, Open Bar, Networking, Door Prizes
Don't miss out! No charge to Chamber members, \$10 non-members.

CHARLEVOIX Free Marketing Workshop

Wednesday, April 15, 8-10am, Charlevoix Library Community Room A. "How Small Business Gets More Business." This seminar will give you a closer look at promoting your daily deals on the most popular social media networks - Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and Google+. We'll show you the benefits of using each, how other organizations are increasing sales with daily deal software, and some dos and don'ts of each channel. You'll also get tips on how to protect your brand, and tell if your social media activity is working. Free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members. (231) 547-2101

EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

April 16, 5 - 7pm, The Zone Sport Lounge. Sponsor; Coldwell Banker Schmidt of East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX Simple Truths Class

April 16, 6pm, Charlevoix Library Community Room. Parents of preschool-elementary students are invited to attend a class entitled Simple Truths by Mary Flo Ridley. The presenter is Kathy Worsley, a former school educator. This is a class to aid parents in talking to their children about sex. The 2-hour class is sponsored by the Charlevoix Library and the Moms & Tots Center. For more information please contact the Moms & Tots Center at 231.588.2200.

BOYNE CITY Cancer Crusaders '50's Dance Fundraiser

April 18, 6pm - midnight. Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders 50's Dance Party fundraiser. Eagle's Hall, 106 River Street, Boyne City. Music by TNT + Tim the DJ. Twist Contest, Celebrity Performers, Prizes, Cash Bar, Silent and Ticket Auctions. Come dressed as a 50/60's personality for a chance to win a prize. \$6 donation. 100 percent of money raised goes to individuals with cancer to assist with gas card to get to treatments, lodging, medical expenses and prosthetics. For more information contact Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.

BOYNE CITY GLCO Woodwind and Brass Quintets Recital

April 19, 4-6pm, First

Presbyterian Church. Free admission.

EAST JORDAN Running for City Commission

Deadline for filing petitions to run for City Commission is April 21st. Residents of East Jordan interested in running for a city commission seat that will be up for re-election in the November 3 election is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st. This year the city commission terms of Andrew Boyer, John Doebel, Robert Kenney and Paul Timmons expire. Candidates who are elected in November will serve a four-year term. For more information or petition forms-contact the city clerk's office at 231-536-3381 or email city clerk Cheltzi Wilson at cwilson@eastjordancity.org.

BOYNE CITY Business Expo & Taste of Boyne

The Expo will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the former Carter's store. This expo is always one of Northern Michigan's largest business networking events, as 1,300 people come to see 95 local exhibitors, including a dozen Taste of Boyne food booths. Admission to the event is \$5. Soft drinks, Michigan wine and beer will be available.

CHARLEVOIX Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party

April 25, 6-11:30pm, Castle Farms Kings East Room. The 39th Annual Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party will feature over \$15,000 in cash prizes awarded to over 28 lucky winners-need not be present to win. Featuring a gourmet dinner with an array of choices, desserts, refreshments, DJ music for dancing the night away, and special 50/50 cash drawings throughout the evening. Proceeds from the event fund over 25 area functions and organizations-including many area Youth programs. Tickets are \$150 - admits two for a gourmet dinner, refreshments including cocktails, beer, wine. Ticket buyers need not be present to participate in the cash drawings.

BOYNE CITY Paint the Town Red

April 25, 6pm. "Paint the Town Red" gala fund-raiser for Boyne City Public Schools at Boyne Mountain Resort.

CHARLEVOIX WinterFolk Concert Series; Whiskey Charmers

April 27, 6:30-8pm. Charlevoix County Library.

The Whiskey Charmers tell the story of the open road, whiskey and heartache with their haunting melodies. Carrie Shepard, Lawrence Daversa and Brian Ferriby are the Whiskey Charmers. Free admission

BOYNE CITY Buff Up Boyne

May 2, 9am-Noon. The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the annual Buff Up Boyne event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront. Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. All volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, shovels and brooms. Refreshments will be served in the morning and a barbecue lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com

EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

May 7, 5 - 7pm. Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club (also the sponsors of the event).

EAST JORDAN Community Cleanup

The annual community cleanup date has also been set for Saturday, May 16. The transfer station will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the free drop-off day. East Jordan residents will need to pick up a resident card from city hall to participate in the cleanup.

ELLSWORTH Pig Roast/Ellebration

The Pig Roast/Ellebration tradition continues! This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 20th. It will feature a hometown parade, a great meal, lots of games for children and teens, the annual horse pull and archery events and lots more. New this year will be a tractor cruise and a motorcycle tour.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Junior Achievement volunteers

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in

area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

BOYNE CITY Boyne Volunteer Network

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. 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.

EAST JORDAN Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool aged siblings are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Playgroups will help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. This

fall/winter, Playgroups are held: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson; 9:30-11am Thursdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Fridays at United Methodist Church, Petoskey. Call (231) 347-0067 or visit wrccnm.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX Messy church

This is a fun way of doing church for families. There are crafts, Bible stories learning about the God who loves you, songs, and free meal. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult. This is a non-denominational event which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4 - 6 pm at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Your call is appreciated for meal count at 547-2654.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Seniors ride free

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

CHARLEVOIX Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, story teller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

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SPECIAL VEHICLE REVIEW

Economical electric car design gains momentum

By Bob Bumper

Despite prices at the pump remaining well below the three dollar mark in recent months, forward thinking engineering types have been keeping their elbows on the drafting table in search of an affordable electric car design. One such enterprising chap, Nathan Detroit, has come up with a bang-up idea.

During an interview on April 1st, Detroit observed, "Nostalgia is in, and the whole idea of county fairs, bumper cars, electric power and just plain old-fashion fun came to me in one very exciting vision.

What could be economical, exciting and cheap than driving a replica of a carnival bumper car to work every day?"

"Got road rage?" he continues. "A bumper car is the perfect way to vent some aggression in a socially approved manner. The mind reels with the possibilities inherent in an electric bumper car world."

A major engineering hurdle Detroit faces is getting the electric power to the bumper car itself. Carnival goers are familiar with the imposing sheet metal ceilings that transfer electricity to traditional bumper cars at the local

fair. Creating a metal infrastructure above our nations extensive roadway system is most certainly impractical, cost prohibitive, and potentially dangerous to say the least. Detroit, however, thinks he has an answer.

"The bumper car of the future I have in mind is self contained," he speculates. "Just look at the Chevy Volt, the Tesla, and countless hybrids on the road today. These things are way heavier than a bumper car and can run for hours on a single charge. I figure, though I am still in the discovery phase, a bumper car could go for days on a charge."

"But let me get back to you on that," Detroit adds.

One thing is clear...Detroit is always thinking about ways to get the country excited about driving something new, economical and different. Look for the latest updates regarding his novel design by Googling; "April fools" and "bumper car."



PICTURED: Detroit's electric bumper car concept has a sleek, two-seater sport convertible appeal that just may capture the imagination of a nation. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS PHOTO BY MICK FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, ENGLAND



Annual List of

2015 TOP 10 Boat Names



Source: BoatUS.com/boatnames

"Serenity" has been named the #1 boat name for the second year in a row with the release of the 2015 list of Top Ten Boat Names from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). COURTESY IMAGE

BoatUS: 2015 List of Top Ten Boat Names

Big and small, power or sail, there are many different kinds of boats and so many different kinds of boat owners. But the one thing they seem to agree on is how boating makes them feel, at least if your looking at a boat's name on the transom.

"Serenity" has been named the #1 boat name for the second year in a row with the release of the 2015 list of Top Ten Boat Names from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). It is also the name's tenth appearance on the popular list of boat names issued annually since 1992 by the recreational boat advocacy, service and safety group. "Calm, peaceful and untroubled is what boating is all about for so many boaters," said BoatUS spokesman Scott Croft.

The BoatUS 2015 list of Top Ten Boat Names:

1. Serenity
2. Seas the Day
3. Andiamo (Italian for "let's go")
4. Aquaholic
5. Second Wind
6. Island Time
7. Happy Ours
8. Journey
9. Serendipity
10. Relentless

Croft says boaters frequently come to BoatUS to get ideas for a name by taking

a peek at the Association's online list of over 8,000 boat names, then use the free and easy layout program to, "Start playing around with a boat name to get an idea of what it will look like, picking letter styles and colors." Boaters can then choose to either order online or if they want some more creative help, may use the BoatUS Premium Boat Graphics service that offers the talents of a professional designer. An online photo gallery can also help boaters also narrow down a choice.

"Picking a boat name can be harder than naming one's own child," said Croft, who has had to name several of his boats through the years. "Boat names can reflect your lifestyle, your relationship to loved ones or what you do for a living. And that's only the beginning."

For the record, Croft's first boat name was "Constitution" because, "We happened to name her on a July 4th weekend and I had only a limited choice of ugly hardware store letters."

For his second boat name, Croft chose "Aiden R." after his only son and used the BoatUS graphics service. "Kids sometimes think it's pretty cool to have their name on a boat. It's also a real safe bet for parent to choose - but only if you have one child," he said with a smile.

The BoatUS Graphics service also offers easy video instructions on how to remove or add a graphic to a boat as well as a 30-day "Oops Assurance Guarantee" that allows the buyer to receive replacement decals free of charge if the graphic was damaged during installation. For more, go to BoatUS.com/boatnames.

USDA Implements 2014 Farm Bill Provision to Limit Payments to Non-Farmers

Department Proposes Changes to "Actively Engaged" Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced a proposed rule to limit farm payments to non-farmers, consistent with requirements Congress mandated in the 2014 Farm Bill. The proposed rule limits farm payments to individuals who may be designated as farm managers but are not actively engaged in farm management. In the Farm Bill, Congress gave USDA the authority to address this loophole for joint ventures and general partnerships, while exempting family farm operations from being impacted by the new rule USDA ultimately implements.

"We want to make sure that farm program payments are going to the farmers and farm families that they are intended to help. So we've taken the steps to do that, to the extent that the Farm Bill allows," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Farm Bill gave USDA the authority to limit farm program payments to individuals who are not ac-

tively engaged in the management of the farming operation on non-family farms. This helps close a loophole that has been taken advantage of by some larger joint ventures and general partnerships." The current definition of "actively engaged" for managers, established in 1987, is broad, allowing individuals with little to no contributions to critical farm management decisions to receive safety-net payments if they are classified as farm managers, and for some operations there were an unlimited number of managers that could receive payments.

The proposed rule seeks to close this loophole to the extent possible within the guidelines required by the 2014 Farm Bill. Under the proposed rule, non-family joint ventures and general partnerships must document that their managers are making significant contributions to the farming operation, defined as 500 hours of substantial management work per year, or 25 percent of the critical management time necessary for the success of the farming operation. Many operations will be

limited to only one manager who can receive a safety-net payment. Operators that can demonstrate they are large and complex could be allowed payments for up to three managers only if they can show all three are actively and substantially engaged in farm operations. The changes specified in the rule would apply to payment eligibility for 2016 and subsequent crop years for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs, loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains realized via the Marketing Assistance Loan program.

As mandated by Congress, family farms will not be impacted. There will also be no change to existing rules for contributions to land, capital, equipment, or labor. Only non-family farm general partnerships or joint ventures comprised of more than one member will be impacted by this proposed rule.

Stakeholders interested in commenting on the proposed definition and changes are encouraged to provide written comments

at www.regulations.gov by May 26, 2015. The proposed rule is available at <http://go.usa.gov/3C6Kk>.

Today's proposal was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

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BPA -- GET THE SCIENCE

Proponents of BPA (the ubiquitous chemical bisphenol-A) are fueling a science war. To counter the growing sentiment that BPA is harmful, chemical-industry lobbyists recently launched a splashy advertising campaign asking consumers to "listen to the science" about BPA. We agree! But why would proponents of something that is now judged too toxic for pregnant mothers and babies tell you to look at the science? Well, let's look at the science.

Where it is found: BPA is used to make strong, transparent plastics for food storage

and packaging. It's in the thin, slightly powdery coating on the thermal paper used for most cash-register receipts. It's used in the epoxy resins that line most food cans and in some fire retardants in electronics.

What the chemical industry says: The American Chemistry Council is correct that the Food and Drug Administration and the European Food Safety Authority say BPA is safe at the levels most of us are exposed to.

What we say: The FDA and EFSA haven't yet taken into account a growing body of re-

search suggesting that even at low levels, repeated exposure to BPA can change your endocrine functions (BPA is a hormone disruptor) and have other long-lasting effects on developing fetuses and infants, as well as damaging sperm quality. Other research is even more troubling.

What nearly 100 human studies have found: Everyday BPA exposure is associated with troubling and increasingly common health issues such as behavior and reproductive problems; high blood pressure; polycystic ovarian syndrome; and weight-related problems, such as diabetes.

--A brand-new study from New Jersey's Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine has found an association between BPA levels in children and risk for autism spectrum disorder.

--A recent lab study from the University of Houston found that exposure to BPA used as flame-retardants in computers, cellphones and other electronics may be linked to unwanted weight gain.

--Another new study puts the health-care cost of obesity related to BPA at more than \$1.5 billion dollars over several decades.

Those who know agree:

When Newsweek recently interviewed 20 prominent scientists who research BPA, the majority said it's likely the chemical is linked to all of those health problems and to several forms of cancer as well, though more study is needed. "There's too much data consistent across studies ... time and time again ... to ignore it and suggest BPA has no effect on humans," one researcher said.

How does BPA cause trouble? When it gets into living cells, BPA is an endocrine disruptor. Not only does that mess with your metabolism and lead to weight gain, it also acts like estrogen and may have a particularly strong effect on fetal sexual development. (It feminizes male infants in many animal experiments.) It also might have an effect on brain development given its ability to change the activation of genes: Animal studies -- and some research in children -- suggest that it might increase the risk for aggression and anxiety.

Here's what YOU can do: Although BPA is in many products you're in contact with every day, and alternative chemicals from the same bisphenol family (bisphenol B, C, E, F, G, M, P, PH, S, TMC

and Z) used in many plastics labeled "BPA-free" may have similar effects, these strategies can help you reduce your exposure:

1. Don't heat/microwave food or drinks in plastic containers. Heat speeds the transfer of BPA from plastics into edibles. Store food, especially acidic foods like tomato sauce, in glass or uncoated metal containers.

2. Say "no thanks" to receipts, tickets and anything else printed on thermal paper. If you take one, wash your hands. BPA may be absorbed through the skin and can hitchhike from your fingers into your body when you eat.

3. Eat fresh instead of canned fruit. Ditto for veggies. Avoiding plastic food packaging whenever possible will reduce your exposure, too.

Now that you've listened to the science, do you think glass will make a comeback?

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Good Samaritan Furniture Store new location

New Ministry Open: Sammy's Shoes

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—The Good Samaritan Furniture Store has outgrown the building it has been occupying for the past two years and moved next door to the building recently occupied by MI Farm Market.

The Good Samaritan Ministry serves between seven and eight hundred families through their food pantry each month. The number of needy that benefit from the resale shop and furniture store is unknown but the ministry has continued to grow and provides quality furniture and home décor. "It's all donated and it comes from all over," said Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops who began the Good Samaritan on her kitchen table in 1990.

When the Good Samaritan first opened the furniture was sold out of the resale shop then moved to the Center Street location. "We



Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops stands among the 700 pairs of shoes in a closet at the Good Samaritan resale shop. Sammy's Shoes is a program designed to provide every child with a NEW pair of shoes.

needed more room, it became overwhelming, so we moved next door, the windows are so nice and we have some ladies that come in just to dress the windows," said Peterson. The volunteer driven

ministry has 122 volunteers that perform a variety of tasks such as picking up food and donated items, sorting clothing, helping folks fill out forms, hauling furniture and stocking shelves.

The new store also houses appliances and flooring donations. All the proceeds from the furniture store come back to the food pantry.

The ministry whose official mission is serving the Lord while reaching out to those in need is also affiliated with Mom and Tots whose goal is to equip young mothers with the means necessary to raise healthy and happy children and His House, a mentoring program for young men. "We're here to support families," said Peterson. "Sometimes they just need somebody to listen, it's just not always a financial need or even food, it's being heard and seen and listened to," she said about the ministry that provides help with emergency needs like shut off notices, propane fill ups or "the guy who comes in with his face all swollen with a trip to the dentist," she said.

Sammy's Shoes And now a new segment of the ministry has opened just in time to outfit kids for school, thanks to a \$3,000 grant from the Great Lakes People Fund and bargain

shopping on Peterson's part. Sammy's Shoes takes up space in a small room in the back of the original resale shop and contains over 700 pairs of brand new tennis shoes. The shoes sell for \$5 for the smaller sizes and \$10 for the larger. "Some of these kids have never had new shoes," said Peterson. Anyone with a Bridge card or who qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program qualifies for Sammy's Shoes.

The main resale shop and pantry is located on the north end of Ellsworth on Main Street the furniture store is located on the corner of Main and Center Streets at the four corners downtown Ellsworth. "We're here to help families improve their quality of life and to help them get through the rough times, when families are really struggling and they don't know where to turn, that's why we're here," said Peterson.

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All of the Commission on Aging staff strives to make sure each senior we serve in any capacity feels cared for and respected. We look forward to hearing from you please contact us at 231-237-0103.

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