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Summer has arrived and Charlevoix is celebrating with the 17th Annual Summer Art Show taking place downtown in East Park on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28.

Charlevoix Summer Art Show June 27-28

Summer has arrived and Charlevoix is celebrating with the 17th Annual Summer Art Show taking place downtown in East Park on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. The show features quality art and crafts displayed outdoors on beautiful Round Lake harbor. Participating artists are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations. It's the perfect opportunity to meet the people that create the artwork on display including paintings, metalwork, sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry, clothing and more.

Over 75 artists will display their work in East Park during this two day event. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a wonderful representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many wonderful items to choose from.

While you're in town, be sure to stop for a bite to eat at one of Charlevoix's fantastic and diverse restaurants or take advantage of one of the four local food trucks that will be parked downtown along Bridge Street.

Music lovers won't want to miss a free performance by the Up North Vocal Institute taking place in the Odmark Performance Pavilion from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Saturday evening.

Join in for The 17th Annual Charlevoix Summer Art Show on Saturday, June 27, from 10am - 5pm, and on Sunday, June 28, from 10am - 4pm...where works of art and scenic views are just a step away!

For details, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 23, 2015

Community Playground closed due to high level of toxins

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY-- Commissioners approved the initial steps to purchase property and conduct an income survey and heard about the closing of the community playground because of possible toxins in the wooden structures at the June 23 City Commission meeting.

The city is in the beginning stages of looking into acquiring the waterfront property that has remained boarded up with caution signs since 2008, 475 North Lake Street. The first step is to appraise it. A motion to hire AK Smith out of Big Rapids to give an initial appraisal on the property was passed.

In 2004, the city conducted a survey to identify the percentage of low to moderate income (LMI) residents and at that time 68% fell into that category. Recent data released by American Community Survey shows a 22.35% drop in the number of LMI residents in the city. There appears to be



The community playground at Veterans Park in downtown Boyne City has been temporarily closed due to a high level of toxins found in the wood.

no justification for the drop. "There is a number of indicators that the drop they are showing isn't right," said Mayor Ron Grunch. If the city has a 51% LMI it can qualify for MEDC grants and it cannot qualify for those grants with the present statistics. "I would like to know the true numbers," commented Commissioner Laura Sansom. A resolution to submit an application to conduct a Community Development Income Survey was approved. "The good news is it will be a great day when we can say we don't even come close to

See **BOYNE CITY COMMISSION -10A**

Bond set at \$1,000,000 for Cook

James Franklin Cook, 53, of Boyne City, was charged today with three counts



James Cook

of assault with intent to murder, three counts of felonious assault, assaulting a police officer causing serious impairment, felony firearm, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, unlawful driving away a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of personal property \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.

Cook was arraigned at approximately 3:30 this afternoon in the 90th District Court where his bond was set at \$1,000,000. Jodi Doak was appointed as his attorney.

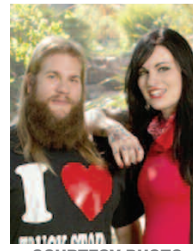
Assault with intent to murder is a felony that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Felonious assault is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Assaulting a police officer causing serious impairment is a felony with a maximum penalty of fifteen years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

See **ARRAIGNMENT -6A**

Amazing Race celebrities at Freedom Festival Parade

The East Jordan Freedom Festival Parade will feature many "celebrities" including



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Fourth Place Amazing Race Winners Rochelle Nevedal of Kalkaska, MI and Michael Dombrowski of Traverse City, MI. The couple will be in the Freedom Festival's Grand Parade on Saturday, June 27 at 3:00 PM and following the parade they will be in Memorial Park until 4:30 PM to sign autographs and for photo opportunities.

The East Jordan Freedom Festival runs Tuesday, June 23 thru Sunday, June 28. For a complete schedule of events visit www.eastjordanfreedomfestival.org or phone 231-536-7351. "Let Freedom Ring"



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Bring your lawn chairs and refreshments and settle in for one of nature's most spectacular creations - a sunset. Anyone interested in providing entertainment for one hour please contact Mainstreet@boynecity.com or 231-582-9009.

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JUN 26	51°	79°	36° (1982)	95° (2003)
JUN 27	52°	80°	35° (1992)	95° (2005)
JUN 28	52°	80°	40° (1970)	96° (2005)
JUN 29	52°	80°	36° (1988)	93° (1964)
JUN 30	52°	80°	38° (1982)	92° (1963)
JUL 1	52°	80°	36° (1965)	95° (1966)
JUL 2	53°	80°	37° (1995)	95° (1949)

OBITUARIES

JoAnn Geer, 74

(APRIL 16, 1941 - JUNE 20, 2015)



JoAnn Geer of Charlevoix, died Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Grand Traverse Pavilions. She was born April 16, 1941, in Charlevoix to Arthur Ruben and Evelyn Merle (Struthers) Geer. JoAnn graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1959, and from the University of Michigan in 1964. She taught school in Unionville for a short time, then moved home to Charlevoix where she substitute taught for several years. Her primary occupation was caregiver working for families in the community; and, since JoAnn was 14 years old, as an assistant to the Dayton Mudd family.

She was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix.

JoAnn is survived by her brother Bob (Sally) Geer of Charlevoix; sister, Artis (John) Galnares of Traverse City; nieces and nephews, Alan Geer, Bobby Geer, Larisa (Hans VanSumeren) Galnares, Maria del Pilar Galnares (Craig) Fiebing, John P. (Kelly) Galnares, John Thomas Geer; nine great-nieces and nephews; and the entire Mudd family. She was preceded in death by her brother, Terry A. Geer.

A memorial service will be announced in August.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Public Library.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Pauline R. Morris, 76

(MARCH 14, 1939 - JUNE 17, 2015)



Pauline Morris (Reibel) of Ellsworth passed away on June 17, 2015. Pauline will be lovingly missed by Art, her husband of 30 years; sons Keith (Dianne)

Stewart of Ellsworth; Kevin (Julie) Stewart of Ocala, Florida; daughter-in-law Maryse Stewart of Sorel, Quebec, Canada; step-sons Chris (Kelly) Morris of Charlevoix; Craig (Jennie) Morris of Plymouth, Wisconsin; step-daughters Michelle Morris of Muskegon; Carla (Jeff) Lameris of Grand Haven; sister Evelyn Ernst of Rochester Hills; brothers Earl (Mary) Reibel of Central Lake; Lee (Betty) Reibel of Lake City; 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Dave Stewart and son Craig Stewart.

Pauline was born March 14, 1939 in Berkley to Lloyd and Irma Reibel. The family moved to Ellsworth in 1947. Following graduation from Ellsworth High School in 1957 Pauline moved to Livonia where she worked for the Wilson Sporting Goods Company.

She wed Dave Stewart on May 3, 1959. They moved to Ellsworth in 1968, where they raised their family. Following the death of Dave in 1983 she married Art Morris on September 28, 1985.

Pauline was an artist who was continually decorating her home or that of a friend or family member, lending her skills to anyone needing help. She was an energetic and giving person who enjoyed spending time with her family, hosting family and friends at their lakeside home, home decorating, gardening and cooking. She taught classes in ceramics and porcelain for several years from her home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church (6339 Elm Street, 49729) with the Reverend Jim Foster officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Banks Township Fire and Rescue.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Erik C Herholz, 50

(JULY 30, 1964 - JUNE 19, 2015)



Erik Charlton Herholz,

Boyne City, went to his forever home June 19th at his home with his wife, loved ones and his dog Kooper. Erik was born July 30, 1964 in Flint, MI son of Gerald and Joyce Herholz.

In 1980, the family moved to East Jordan and Erik graduated in 1982 from East Jordan High School.

In March of 2002 he married his best friend and forever soul mate, Lisa Grabke.

Erik enjoyed bonfires with friends, was an avid boater and enjoyed being on the water with his best friends, Lisa and Kooper. Those that knew Erik appreciated and will miss his dry sense of humor. Erik also had an infatuation with all things mechanical and a strong obsession with pens. Erik enjoyed firearms and shooting with family.

Erik is survived by his wife of 13 years, Lisa; father Gerald of Charlevoix, his brother Gerald Jr. "Bud", of Cheboygan; sisters Marguerite (Harley) Sewell and Erika (Patrick) Hayden of Cheboygan and Boyne City; Father in law Steve (Janette) of Toledo, Ohio, brother in law Paul (Melanie) Grabke of Klamath Falls Oregon, sister in law, Sarah Grabke of Toledo Oh., and brother in law Steve (Shannon) Grabke of Swanton, OH and several nieces and nephews. Erik was preceded in death by his mother Joyce in 2004 and mother in law Judy in 2009.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society in Boyne City, The Hospice of Little Traverse or to the Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (for adult non-Hodgkin's lymphoma) at www.iwvf.com.

A memorial service will be held at 11am, Saturday June 27 at the First Presbyterian Church at 401 S. Park Street in Boyne City.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Erik are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Charitable donations may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or the Charlevoix County Humane Society

Lela M Rabb (Stakey), 95

(MARCH 19, 1920 - JUNE 18, 2015)

Lela M. Rabb passed away at her daughter's home in Boyne Valley Township on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Lela was born on March 19, 1920 in Harrison, MI where she grew up the daughter of Hattie (Carmen) Stakey and Stanton Stakey. On June 12, 1937 she married Stephen Rabb in Flint, MI. The couple had homes in Gladwin, Houghton Lake, Claire and Charlevoix, MI.

They owned and operated a furniture store in Claire, built and operated Rabb's Flat El Rancho Resort on Lake Charlevoix and in 1963 purchased the Dairy Queen in Boyne City. After selling the Dairy Queen in 1967, the couple moved to Fort

Myers, FL and resided there until returning in 2001 to live in Boyne City. Lela was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

Lela is survived by daughter Patricia Howard of Boyne City; grandchildren Dennis Borden of Bothel, Washington, Deborah Borden of Gaylord, MI, Teri Howard of Boyne City; great grandchildren Aaron Borden of Seattle, Washington and Megan McGillis of Boyne City; great-great grandchildren Leanne Barnes, Elijah Barnes and Aslynd Borden.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Lela are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Hilda Ann Reinhardt (Hawkins), 92

(SEPT. 6, 1922 ~ JUNE 17, 2015)



Hilda Ann (Hawkins) Reinhardt passed away at Grandvue Medical Care Facility on June 17, 2015 with family by her side.

She was born September 6, 1922 to Carl and Adeline (Holden) Hawkins in Warner Township, Boyne City, Michigan. Hilda attended one room school-houses in the Tebo School Road area through eighth grade. She then "boarded out" in Boyne City in order to attend high school until the school started a bus route. Hilda and her sister, Doris, then had to walk two miles to catch the bus. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1939.

The eldest of four children, Hilda learned to milk cows at age five, and drove a team of horses pulling a dump hay rake by age eight. She loved the farm and fell in love with a farmer. Hilda married Clarence Reinhardt on August 6, 1939.

Side by side they lived and worked the Reinhardt farm on Deer Lake where they raised their four children in a household filled with laughter and love. As they got older, they sold the farm and Hilda began her second career as a rural mail carrier. She was dedicated to serving her neighbors and friends on the mail route, filling 400 mailboxes six days a week even in the harsh Northern Michigan winters until her retirement.

She is survived by her children: Ron (Bea) Reinhardt, Terry (Glenda) Reinhardt, Dale (Christy) Reinhardt, and Sue (and the late Morrie) Hobbs, all

of Boyne City; her grandchildren: Kim (Ben) Matelski, Scott (Chris) Hobbs, Tracy (Kerri) Reinhardt, Stacy (fiancé Tammy) Reinhardt, David Reinhardt, Steve Reinhardt, Jamie (Chris) Dobrowolski, Jody (John) Cosier, Bo (Courtney) Reinhardt, and Luke (Katie) Reinhart, 25 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Doris Grutsch of East Jordan, and Sister-in-law, Dorothy Hawkins of Boyne City.

Hilda was preceded in death by her husband Clarence, her parents, Carl and Adeline Hawkins, brothers Carl Hawkins, Jr. and Don Hawkins and brother-in-law Carl Grutsch.

Hilda set an example for her family with love, loyalty and hard work. She was trustworthy, proud and virtuous. Her family will remember her for her strength as she milked the cows and worked the fields all day and for her beauty, not only when she dressed up to attend a Grange dance with Clarence, but the beauty in being the wonderful person she was.

Hilda loved living on Deer Lake and enjoyed having her yard filled with kids. She never minded the puddles on the floor and having her cookie jar emptied by her family, which she loved above all else.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for the love and care they provided.

A service to celebrate Hilda's life was held on Monday, June 22nd at the Boyne City United Methodist Church.

Roger Stoppel, 88

Roger Stoppel of Charlevoix, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

At this time the family has chosen to remember him privately.

Memorial contributions in Roger's honor may be made to the Nature Conservancy Michigan through the Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Betty J. White, 83

(JULY 3, 1931 - JUNE 14, 2015)



Betty J. White of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2015, at Bethany in Jackson.

Born July 3, 1931, in Central Lake to Theodore and Ruth (Wilson) Browe. She grew up in Central Lake, then attended and graduated from Charlevoix High School. Betty loved to sew and enjoyed crafts. She and eleven other women cre-

ated a co-op and opened Brown Bag Originals in Charlevoix, selling arts and crafts on consignment. She became known for her beautiful cake decorating skills, as many weddings, birthdays, showers, and other events were made special by her handiwork. Betty was a member of Saint Mary Church and the Saint Mary Altar Society. She was a lifelong member of the VFW Post #1153 Auxiliary. She was also an avid doll collector. She worked as a bookkeeper for B&D Electric, and ran Betty's Book Shop for several years.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Terri (Melvin) Waisanen of Jackson, Toni Holtzman of Gaylord, Karen McGee of Mount Pleasant; grandchildren, Lisa Fleming, Stephanie King, Bonnie Paschke, Aaron Paschke, Nikki Ragan, Michael Holtzman, Christopher Holtzman, Miles McGee, and Denny McGee; great-grandchildren, Marley and Jane King, Brennan and Olivia Paschke, Jacob and Kailyn Ragan; brothers, Ray (Cheryl) Browe of Charlevoix, Tom (Maude) Browe of Florida, Theodore (Carol) Browe of Texas; sisters, Mary (Al) Corp of Ellsworth, Becky (Dan) Lester of Missouri, Ruth Ann Marley of Arizona. Betty was preceded in death by her husbands, Denver Jackson and Donald White; brothers, Will and Jim; sister Bonnie Rollenhagen; son-in-law, Ross McGee.

Funeral mass was Friday, June 18 at Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix. Interment at Saint Mary Cemetery.

Contributions to Bethany Care Home and Hospice, 1000 East Porter St., Jackson, MI 49203.

Barbara Novotny

Barbara Novotny passed away Feb. 18, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial to honor Barbara will be held by her daughters from 2-5 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Mount Bliss Road. Friends and family are invited to stop by.

MaryAnn Beaumont, 74

Mary Ann Beaumont of Charlevoix died Friday morning, June 19, 2015, at Boulder Park Terrace, Charlevoix.

A celebration of life service will be later in the summer.

Sylvia J. Krchak, 87

Sylvia J. Krchak, 87, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, May 6, 2015, at her home. A graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Monday, June 29, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Million dollar yachts at Bay Harbor In-Water Boat Show

By Michelle Medjesky

BAY HARBOR - If you were thinking about buying your dad a million dollar yacht, a two million dollar helicopter or maybe something a bit smaller like a Vespa for Father's Day, Bay Harbor was the place to go shopping last weekend.

What had been billed as the 13th Annual In-Water Boat Show at Bay Harbor could just as easily be called the "in water, in the air and on land" show. On display were dozens of boats - from mega yachts to smaller pleasure boats-the hottest new cars and even a helicopter - almost all of them with "For Sale" signs attached.

Whether buying or selling or just dreaming, hundreds of spectators from all over attended the annual weekend-long event held in the Village at Bay Harbor, just west of Petoskey.

Chris Baker from Key Largo, Florida, brought with him what was easily one of the most eye-catching crafts to the show-a gleaming, wooden Vic Carpenter custom built 56 foot long yacht.

Named "Pops" after the legendary yacht builder, Baker said the yacht was expertly and beautifully crafted from Brazilian Mahogany wood and pine that took months to varnish.

"Pops" was originally constructed in 1990 in Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada, but wound up stored in a barn and eventually brought to Holland, Michigan, to be restored, he explained.

The boat is now seasonally stored in a climate controlled storage facility where it is tented to keep the humidity from damaging the wood, Baker said.

Baker was at the show representing Denison and Daves Yachting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and said he brought the yacht to the Bay Harbor show up from Saugatuck, Michigan for its first public offering.

Its cost? The new captain of "Pops" will have to shell out \$1.1 million to sail off into the sunset on this one-



Chris Baker, of Denison & Daves Yachting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, (far left) explains the many features of the 56 foot, \$1 million Brazilian Mahogany and pine wood yacht "Pops" to a couple of potential buyers.



Bob Coult of Grand Prairie, Texas (right), shows Lauren MacConnel of Traverse City what it feels like to sit inside an AIRBUS helicopter. Lauren was "shopping" at the In Water Boat Show at Bay Harbor on Father's Day with her dad, Adam MacConnel, also of Traverse City.

of-a-kind, custom yacht, said Baker, noting the cost of the raw wood alone originally cost more than its now asking price. He said last weekend was the yacht's first public offering.

While such a show-stopping yacht may have been a perfect gift idea for some dads on Father's Day, one young lady had a different idea in mind.

Lauren MacConnel of Traverse City decided she wanted to explore a \$2 million helicopter while shop-

ping at the show on Father's Day with her dad, Adam MacConnel, also of Traverse City.

While there's no disputing her high end taste, "she's going to have to start saving her pennies," her dad joked.

The helicopter featured at the boat show is actually called an AIRBUS, explained Bob Coult, regional sales manager for AIRBUS, Helicopters, Inc., in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Coult said the craft he had on display at the Bay Harbor show can carry up to five people, including the pilot. He said there is no typical buyer for an AIRBUS as needs vary from VIPs who maybe travel often and need it for convenience or in making connecting flights, to those who use it for simple transport, to various law enforcement agencies.

"People even use them to hunt from," Coult said.

While he didn't have any firm offers at show's end, he said he's confident in the market.

"There's always somebody out there with a need for one of these," he said.

Ribbon Cutting



"That French Place" of Charlevoix specializes in French crepes wrapped around specialty ice cream, or any variety of tasty fillings for lunch or dessert. The partnership started when Tara and Gildas Berrou (with the scissors) of Pea Compagnie and Bryan Freund (with the dog) of Bryan's Ice Cream Experience, merged their two farmers market businesses to form one more stable, storefront shoppe in Charlevoix. Ambassadors and members of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Thursday at the new creperie located at 212 Bridge Street, near the Tap Room, in Charlevoix. The partnership affectionately calls themselves, "The farmer, the baker and the ice cream maker." PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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Ellsworth Pig Roast the best party ever

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH--The restructured (and renamed) 2015 Pig Roast could well be called one of the best parties the little village of Ellsworth has ever thrown! The roast pig was cooked to perfection and served up with smiles, the children's activities were thronged throughout the day with squealing children and parents with cameras, and the new activities intended to fill a neglected interest gap (mainly teenagers and athletes) were well attended, all the while music filled the park, the sun shined hot and the breeze blew cool. One could say it was a perfect way to spend a perfect day.

The party kicked off Friday night at the elementary school with the 50's drive-in. The drive-in is a fundraiser for the youth of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church. The youth served root beer floats and hamburger and hot dog baskets to patron's car hop style. The event was popular and a great deal of socializing took place to the familiar tunes of Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis.

From there the crowd traveled to the Community Park where a giant waterslide dominated the hillside, music set an upbeat, festive tone and an ice cream booth awaited anyone who didn't get enough at the drive-in. Children of all ages screamed and giggled as they hurtled down the hill through the water while those intimidated by the slide pulled lawn chairs out of their cars and watched, visited and enjoyed the music and ice cream.

Early Saturday morning over 60 people of all ages sprinted through town competing in the first 5K the Pig Roast has seen in over five years. All though many medals were awarded the overall winners for the men's division was Winter Romeyn with a time of 17:56 and for women, Chelsey Herrmann at 22:12.

The parade was exceptional this year with entrants from all over the area, well presented floats and enough antique cars and tractors to hold a show in themselves. "My family thoroughly enjoyed the pig roast. From the parade to the tough mudder everything was great," said Marcie Potter.

As for the pigs, a team of 8 cooked 4 pigs through the night starting at 8p.m. Friday and serving promptly at noon. "They all turned out great. We had a lot of compliments on it," said chief-for-the-day Tom Cooper. The meal was topped off with a choice of one of many homemade desserts spread out on tables that made for the toughest decision of the day. "I have been help-



Parade



Dinner is Served

ing cook the pigs for over 20 years. Every year someone new steps up to help," said Cooper.

The three on three shoot-out attracted an oddly diverse group including Grandmother Laura Essenberg. Prizes were awarded in six groups: Elementary group: Kelan Pletcher 5th grade,

Junior high girls: Judy Veldboom 7th grade, Junior High Boys: Robert Groenink, 7th grade

High School Boys Collin Ingalls 10th grade, High school Girls: No entries, Open: Tyler Ingalls. "Turn out wasn't as big as in years past, but I believe it will grow in years to come. It was a big hit for the elementary age group with competition for a new basketball, I personally enjoyed watching them compete the most," said event organizer Jarod Steenwyk.

Because of a conflicting horse pull taking place in



The horse pull always draws a big crowd



MacKenzie Essenberg tried the waterslide and slide picked up speed as the evening progressed, the cool air didn't slow down the fun.

McBain, MI there were only 2 teams that participated in one of the Pig Roast's landmark events this year. Father and son competed against one another with Ben Reed's team winning the pull and Larry Reed taking second place. "Even though the competition was limited it was a good show," said Matt Gerber an out of

town visitor who had never seen a horse pull before.

The Pig Pen Challenge (tough mudder) was geared toward teens ages 12-18 but as others watched the challenge, belts and shirts came off and competitors of all ages stepped in line to wallow in the mud and test their stamina. "Super, fun, fan-

tastic challenge of agility, strength and stamina ending with a happy note of "WOW, I did it!" said Gail Denny.

Although the park emptied out, people began to gather at the town hall at 8p.m. for the first ever Pig Roast safe dance. DJ Tony Cutler set the tone and over 30 teens enjoyed the dance floor in the beautiful grand room of the township hall. Cutler donated his DJ skills & Charlevoix State Bank donated for the cost of the equipment. Charlevoix Cinemas donated for the cost of all the decorating and beverages/snacks. "The first annual 2015 Ellsworth Pig Roast teen dance went well. We hope to have even more area teens join us next year," said event organizer and chaperone Heidi McNicol.

Throughout the weekend an Ellsworth Alumni reception took place with 26 of the 35 graduates from the class of 1965 coming into town for their fiftieth reunion. The class that is now in their late 60's participated in nonstop activities including two multi-mile walks, a formal



Parade



The 50's themed drive in kicked off the festival Friday night!



Parade

dinner at a Matter of Taste and a reception held at the school that included a video presentation. "We enjoyed the beauty and rolling hills on our walks around Ellsworth, a class breakfast at the Front Porch and had the opportunity to once again walk the halls of the Ellsworth school," said event organizer Louis Alfred.

All in all the Ellsworth

Pig Roast appeared to be a great way to spend the last day of spring. "I think the two-day Pig Roast event offered the entire community and its friends a time to connect and re-connect. It was a successful celebration of all that is great about the Ellsworth community," said Pig Roast Committee Chair Lynn Spearing.

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Old Fashioned Summer Fun with "Young Friends" program

Submitted by Jen Lewis

"The summers that stand out from my own childhood are the ones where I could lose count numbering the mosquito bites on my legs, gained catching frogs in the wildish wetlands bordering our subdivision in SE Michigan. Far fewer children are encouraged or even allowed to experience the type of freedom I had in those years."

So says Jen Lewis, Program Director of the The Young Friends of the Jordan River Summer Program. But she also thinks that the "Young Friends" program provides an alternative that just might be the next best thing for youth entering 3rd through 8th grade.

As the organizers of the Summer Program, the non-profit Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Inc. (FOJ) hope the participants will gain some knowledge of environmental ecology. Even more though, they hope the children will have some good old fashioned "wild" summer fun. And yes, there's likely to be mosquito bites!

This year, the Young Friends will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for two weeks, from 10am to 3 pm. Session I begins July 6; Session II, July 20. The daily program time has doubled from previous years in order to accommodate more of the favorite activities at a more relaxed, student-led pace and to take advantage of unpredictable natural wonders. Last year, for example, one timely outing led to the observation - careful and thoughtful, of course - of countless numbers Red-backed Salamanders in their natural habitat. Although this isn't an uncommon critter, the rare treat was a first for all of the youth in attendance.

Through daily activities at the FOJ Watershed Center (off of Bridge Street near Sportsman's Park in East Jordan) and a different field trip each day, the Young Friends build relationships with each other and the beautiful Jordan Valley itself. The goal? To elicit the feeling that we are all a part of the landscape, and to encourage caring through this connection with a place. In different terms, Lewis hopes that the each of the Young Friends has at least two major "take-aways": 1) that they live within (or have spent time in) a unique watershed that is officially and "totally awesome" and 2) that they had a blast discovering this, perhaps in a novel way, with friends old and new.

The Young Friends will explore the Jordan River Watershed from the well-trodden overlooks to the less visited "secret" treasures of the Valley found just off the beaten path. Participants play the part of adventurer, observer, naturalist, protector - and as children, they'll just play. The FOJ keeps the following sentiment (from David Sobel, education writer, "place-based education") in mind when developing the Summer Program: "If we want children to flourish, we need to give them time to connect with nature and love the Earth before we ask them to save it"

Daily activities are designed to suit many interests and the many avenues to experience the watershed: through recreation, by thoughtfully harvesting resources for food and dye, as artist or writer, and always with the open mind of a tourist and keen observer. A perspective of environmental protection is honored through nurturing a love of the surroundings.

Sign up soon - there is a limit for each session of 20 participants. The cost is \$60 per child per session, \$100 maximum per family. Scholarships are available and no child will be turned away for lack of funds.



Charlevoix Rotary donation

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix recently donated \$1000 to the "Stop the Slide" reading program. Stop the Slide is a partnership program between the Charlevoix Elementary School and the Charlevoix Public Library to help kids continue reading throughout the summer. (pictured from l to r, Audrey Shapiro from the Charlevoix Public Library and Rotarian Dr. Aaron Wilkin). PHOTO BY DON JESS

Summer Environmental Education Programs

This summer, the Little Traverse Conservancy is once again offering several series of environmental education programs aimed at young people from preschool aged to middle school. New programs are being offered in the Burt Lake region and Boyne City area this year. A downloadable flyer can be found on their website at landtrust.org. Pre-registration is requested for all programs to assist the leaders with preparations and materials. For more information, please call 231.347.0991 and ask for Sarah or Melissa. Photo by Joe Clark, Glass Lakes Photography



Community Foundation announces scholarships to area grads

Charlevoix County students planning to enter trade schools and collegiate programs this fall are feeling the support of the community as the Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded over \$167,000 in scholarships to help support their postsecondary educational endeavors. More than 130 scholarships were recently awarded to area graduates from special funds held by the community foundation. Each fund

has been established by local citizens or groups - to honor family members, civic leaders, educators and others who valued the benefits of a quality education.

Over the past twenty-three years, the Community Foundation has awarded merit scholarships to outstanding local students. Those scholarships have supported students entering the skilled trades, community colleges, colleges and

universities. These students have demonstrated their eagerness to succeed beyond high school and have shown promise in their work ethic and in their academic achievement.

The Community Foundation now holds 271 different funds, 58 of which are designated for scholarships. Established by local citizens in 1992, the community foundation serves as a charitable resource for the entire county, and has distributed

grants and scholarships totaling more than \$20 million to benefit area residents. For more information about the community foundation, or any of its funds, please call the foundation office at (231)536-2440.

For a complete list of the 2015 scholarship recipients, please visit us at www.c3f.org and click on grants and scholarships.

NASA STEM workshops held at Raven Hill

Susan Kohler, N.A.S.A. Education Professional Development Specialist for Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio presented back-to-back workshops at Raven Hill Discovery Center on June 18 and 19, 2015.

Susan's expertise in STEM and professional development, combined with her knowledge of new technology trends and

innovative instructional strategies, made for two exciting, hands-on days for participants. Char-Em ISD teachers joined with teachers from across northern Michigan to focus on aeronautics on Thursday and engineering design on Friday.

The workshops guided participants through hands-on and inquiry based learning activities related to aeronautics and the engineering design process. Educators practiced 21st century learning skills, such as solving problems, collaboration and evidentiary arguments. Participating educators will be able to use what they have learned at this workshop to engage their students in problem-based learning and solve STEM challenges using inquiry based science activities.

The activities and N.A.S.A. educational websites introduced will provide educators with more new ideas. The workshops were made possible by NASA and a 2015 operational grant award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Kristy Kemp from Fairview Elementary School and Kendall Grazul from Jenison Elementary School testing their radiation shield. Teachers used UV sensitive beads as their "astronauts" to test for radiation exposure, a critical problem for NASA, as space flight and time in space increase. COURTESY PHOTO

Boyne Thunder roars into Northern Michigan

Bigger than ever, the 12th annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run brings speed, thunder, and excitement to northern Michigan on July 10 and 11 in Boyne City.

The poker run event showcases 110 high performance boats from all over the country racing through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 130-mile excursion in search of the best poker hand. The Poker Run begins with a series of parade laps starting at 10 a.m. July 11 leaving from the Boyne City Marina. Veterans Park offers some of the best views for spectators. Card stops include Northport, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, Bay Harbor, with a lunch stop in downtown Charlevoix The Beautiful. Boaters wrap up their day on the water with a final card stop near Horton Bay and a reception at Sommerset Pointe. The day concludes with a dinner and an auction at Veterans Park where participants play their cards to see who has the best hand.

In addition to the Poker Run, the weekend offers activities galore in Boyne City, including a Friday night dinner for the boaters at the Veterans Park Pavilion and Stroll the Streets in downtown Boyne City. The streets are closed to bring incredible displays of Boyne Thunder powerboats and classic cars for people to see up



The 12th annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run brings speed, thunder, and excitement to northern Michigan on July 10 and 11 in Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO

close, with music on every street corner. Stroll the Streets runs from 6-10 p.m.

Saturday's festivities include a sold out Champagne Cruise for people to get an up-close view of the spectacular boats aboard yachts generously donated for the day by area boat owners. Boyne City is also home to the "best in the north" farmers market Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. Due to the buzz at Veterans Park from Boyne Thunder, the market moves to Peninsula Beach, another beautiful park on the shore of Lake Charlevoix, just a short distance from downtown.

Boyne Thunder is an important fund-raising event for Camp Quality, a non-profit organization serving children with cancer and their families providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship, at no cost; Challenge Mountain, a non profit organization dedicated to enriching and improving lives for the mentally and physically challenged through outdoor recreation; and the Boyne City Main Street Program.

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For more information about Boyne Thunder, visit www.boynethunder.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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Thieves sentenced for crimes at Boyne Mountain and Charlevoix E-Z Mart

This morning in the 33rd Circuit Court, Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced Rosalyn Philpot, 42, of Chicago to a term of 21 months to 72 months in prison for illegal use of a financial transaction device. Philpot pled guilty on May 1, 2015 to using a gift card at Boyne Mountain that had been purchased with stolen credit card information. She also pled guilty to two counts to lying to a peace officer.

She was sentenced to 18 to 36 months in prison on that charge. The sentences will run concurrently.

Philpot had 20 prior convictions, including charges in Illinois, Wisconsin and Georgia. She was on probation for similar offenses in Georgia at the time she committed the offenses in



Rosalyn Philpot



Dennis Mckee



Matthew Denise



Trevor Blackwell

Charlevoix County.

"The judge sentenced the defendant at the maximum end of the sentencing guidelines as I had asked," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "We need to send a message to criminals that if they continue to commit their crimes up here while they are on vacation that they will be dealt

with. Stealing \$4,000 from a business may not seem like much down in Chicago or in Atlanta, but in Charlevoix County we will not tolerate it."

At the conclusion of Philpot's prison sentence, the State of Georgia will extradite her to pursue her probation violation down there which will likely lead to additional prison time.

Also today Dennis Robert McKee, 20, of Charlevoix, pled guilty to a reduced charge of larceny from a person, a felony carrying a maximum penalty of ten years in prison. McKee admitted to robbing the Charlevoix E-Z Mart with another individual on March 26, 2013.

He told the Court that he pretended to have a gun to place the

employee in fear so she would give him the money. He indicated he received between \$200 and \$300.

Mathew DeNise, 20, of Charlevoix is also charged on the same robbery. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23.

The same E-Z Mart was also robbed again in 2014. McKee testified at preliminary examination on June 11 that he planned to rob the station again with Trevor Blackwell but he changed his mind and Blackwell robbed the store alone.

Blackwell was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of armed robbery and his case is set to go to trial on September 8, 2015.

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Possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony is a felony punishable by two years in prison consecutive to and preceding any term of imprisonment on the underlying felony.

Breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a larceny is a felony punishable by up to ten years in prison. Unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of personal property \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000 are both felonies punishable by up to five years in prison.

The charges relate to incidents that occurred on May 16, 2015.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof reviewed reports submitted by Michigan State Police Detective/Sergeant Mark Harris which contained interviews with all witnesses at the scene as well as videos taken at the scene. Additionally the Boyne City Police Department submitted a report regarding the car theft and vandalism.

According to the affidavit of probable cause filed in this matter:

On May 16, 2015 at 5:05 p.m., it was reported to 911 dispatch that it was believed that James Franklin Cook had stolen a truck from Boyne Irrigation

and had driven it to a home on M-75 where he left it and stole another vehicle, a 2000 Ford Focus station wagon.

The Boyne Irrigation truck had been spray painted in an attempt to cover the business's identification.

At 5:58 p.m., a caller reported to police that they had seen the stolen Focus driving down Addis Road in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Deputy William Church responded to the call and was driving down Addis Road when he saw a maroon vehicle across from Drury Lane and a subject, later identified as Cook, pulling the gate closed where Addis Road ends and becomes a "two track" seasonal road. Cook saw Church approaching in his marked police vehicle then ran to the maroon car and hid behind it. Church was unable to see Cook at that time and ordered Cook to come out. Cook refused.

Since Cook was a suspect in two felony vehicle thefts, had run away from Church to his vehicle for cover, was not visible to Church and was not complying with Church's command, Church pulled his weapon and ordered Cook to the ground. Cook did not comply.

Church identified himself and turned on the lights in his patrol car to be certain that Cook knew he was a police officer.

Boyne City Assistant Chief of

Police Kevin Spate then arrived at the scene and took a position to Church's right and Cook's left on a berm. Spate observed a long, black object in Cook's hands which he was holding as, and appeared to be, a rifle.

Spate drew a weapon and as other officers arrived on the scene, they were informed that Cook had a weapon and they drew their weapons as well.

Cook and Spate could see each other and Spate moved to different locations on the berm for his safety. Cook asked who Spate was and Spate identified himself.

Cook told both Spate and Church that he did not have a weapon but was only videotaping what was happening.

Michigan State Police Trooper Zachary Helton, Charlevoix County Sheriff Department Corporal Fred Hasty and Sergeant George Robert Lasater also arrived on the scene and took positions to the left of Church and Spate.

Hasty was closest to Cook, about 30 to 40 yards away, Hasty estimated. Hasty looked away from Cook for a moment to see how the other officers on the scene were positioned and when he returned his gaze to Cook, he saw Cook now standing, pointing a handgun at him.

Cook fired at Hasty and struck him in his hip. This was observed by Hasty and Helton. Hasty returned fire, but his leg gave out causing him to fall backward and lose sight of Cook.

Undersheriff Chuck Vondra arrived at the scene shortly thereafter and he and Lasater tended to the injured Hasty. While they were moving Hasty into Vondra's vehicle, more shots were fired.

Church could see that at the time of the second round of shots, Cook was looking toward him and Spate. Church, Spate and Helton then returned fire. Helton observed that Cook was shooting in the direction of Church and Spate using a pistol.

Soon thereafter, Cook told officers that he had been shot and needed help. The officers ordered him to come out but he said he couldn't comply because he was hurt and shot. Deputy Travis Williams approached Cook, while being covered by Lasater, and arrested Cook.

The assault with intent to murder charges relate to Cook shooting at Hasty, Church and Spate. The felonious assault charges allege that by shooting, Cook also intended to place Lasater, Vondra and Helton in fear of an immediate battery.

The injuries suffered by Hasty, a broken fibula, which requires him to utilize the assistance of a walker, are the basis for the charge of assaulting a police officer causing serious impairment.

Cook already has a number of other charges pending in the 90th District Court, being previously charged with malicious destruction of police property,

unlawful use of a motor vehicle, first degree home invasion, unlawful driving away of an automobile, illegal entry, trespass, driving while license suspended and operating a motor vehicle without security.

Attorney Doak also represents Cook on these matters and filed a notice of her intent to raise an insanity defense in the home invasion case. Judge James N. Erhart entered an order referring Cook for an evaluation by the Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

"I anticipate that there would not be any preliminary examinations or trials scheduled on the charges against Mr. Cook until we have the results of the evaluation by the Center for Forensic Psychiatry," Telgenhof said.

"It is important to note that we have a very high standard for judging someone not criminally responsible for their actions in Michigan," Telgenhof explained. "It is not enough to be mentally ill, a defendant must also prove that as a result of this illness, they failed either to appreciate the wrongness of their actions or as a result of the illness, they could not conform their conduct to the requirements of the law."

The complaints against Cook are mere allegations at this point and he is presumed innocent unless and until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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The impact of chronic migraines

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Migraines are different than headaches as migraine is a genetic neurological disease. Of the 100 million people in the U.S. that have headaches, about 37 million of these have migraines. Migraines may result in an inability to participate in normal activities. The symptoms of migraine vary and fall into two general types, migraine with aura and migraine without aura. Symptoms include: throbbing, pulsating pain, light or sound sensitivity, nausea, pain on one side of the head, vision changes, aura, and/or vomiting.

Between two and three million of the 37 million persons with migraines have chronic migraines. Chronic migraine means that headaches are present on 15 or more days per month for more than three months. Kristi Sprague has had chronic migraines since 2004. The migraines have been nearly daily since April, 2004, the month that she had an emergency appendectomy. Her doctors believe the migraines may be a side-effect of the anesthesia used in the surgery.

Kristi reports, "It has been eleven years of appointments with my Primary Care doctor to review my total health with migraines, with my Head Pain Specialist for new or better treatment options, with Physician's Assistants for Trigger Point injections, with Physical Therapists to address muscular-skeletal issues, with Pharmacists to review the more than 10 medications I take to manage or stop migraines or to alleviate migraine symptoms, and many visits to the Emergency Room for help when pain has been intolerable."

She also spent three weeks at the "incredible Michigan Head Pain and Neurological Institute at Ann Arbor, MI. I found so much support at MHNI and would recommend the visit to anyone in a similar situation."

In addition to traditional Western approaches to treating

migraine, Kristi has tried acupuncture, chiropractic care, dietary changes, biofeedback and mindfulness meditation.

"Of all of the treatments and adjustments I have made to manage the symptoms of migraine, I have found these to be the most helpful: 1) Dietary changes - no gluten, no citrus, no MSGs, no nitrates or sulfites. Yes to root veggies, some lean meats, nuts and seeds, rice, some fruit. Yes to lots of water. 2) Pacing my day- this means that it is important for me to not over do things. When I schedule my day, I try to only schedule one "appointment" per day. If more needs to be done, I schedule one mid-morning and one in the later afternoon. On days when my pain is high, I cancel all plans. 3) Taking my medication. This includes Trigger Point injections, preventative medication and 'rescue' medication."

Chronic migraine has taken a toll on Kristi. She has lost friends due to her inability to make and keep plans, her marriage did not survive her illness, she has learned not to make plans to do things with her children because she of how frequently the headaches made it impossible to follow through on her promises. She has learned to look for the joy.

"Joy is there. I have learned to look at life from a new perspective to be able to see it. It is in the voice of my daughter when she talks about how excited she is about beginning something new. I find joy in feeding the birds and sending in my back yard bird count for a survey every year."

Kristi doesn't believe she will have chronic migraine for the rest of her life. She is now 47 years old and is open to trying new options to relieve her pain. "I keep thinking that there is a treatment that simply needs to be found, and we'll find it!"

I certainly hope that she is correct and Kristi will one day soon again know what it is like to live without migraines.

Water quality testing for Northwest Michigan beaches

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is one of 11 agencies across the state that will be piloting a new rapid-testing method of water quality monitoring at swimming beaches. Using the new method, health officials hope to be able to respond quickly to rapidly-changing E.coli levels, rather than having to await test results for a day or more after samples are taken.

The new test method is known as qPCR, or Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded \$500,000 in qPCR testing equipment to participating local public health departments. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan received Federal funding of \$29,695 to monitor 31 Great Lakes public bathing beaches,

and an additional \$20,540 from the Clean Michigan Initiative to use qPCR testing on 18 inland lakes beaches across Northwest Michigan.

"We're excited to begin qPCR testing this month," said Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services for the Health Department. "Our Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory in Gaylord was partially renovated to accommodate the new qPCR equipment, and we've added an intern with qPCR experience to assist with sample collection and testing."

Kendzierski added that the new method will enable the Health Department to improve public health and safety by providing same-day beach water quality information.

Traditional test methods involve

culturing samples, and require at least a day for cultures to grow. "E.coli levels change quickly," Kendzierski explained. "That's why it's important for our Health Department to pursue any and all avenues of getting reliable test results to the public as quickly as possible."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Regional Laboratory will also provide qPCR testing services for neighboring public health departments serving Grand Traverse County, Benzie-Leelanau and Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft in the Upper Peninsula. To learn more about services provided by the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory, contact the Health Department at (800) 432-4121.

New Farmers Market season finds cool season vegetables

June marks the opening month for many farmers markets across the state. Michigan produces the second most diverse crop of agricultural products in the nation, including a plentiful supply of fruits and vegetables. Farmers markets are a great way to learn about healthy foods you may not have tried. This is a great month to find Greens in the market. They are a cool-season vegetable, quick to mature and easy to grow. Recommended varieties include spinach, mustard, Swiss chard, and collards. Young, tender greens can be eaten raw or cooked.

Store unwashed greens in moist paper towels and place in sealed plastic bags in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. They will keep about three to four days. When ready to use, wash thoroughly. Greens tend to have dirt and grit on the leaves, so wash in several changes of cool water. To prevent cross-contamination, keep greens away from raw meat and meat juices. Remember to wash your hands before and after handling fresh produce.

Preserving Greens

Canning - Vegetables must be canned in a pressure canner to guarantee their safety. Greens may be canned, but freezing results in a better product. Choose fresh, tender leaves.

Hot pack - Wash thoroughly in several changes of water. Cut out tough, woody stems. Blanch 1 pound of greens at a time until well wilted (about 3 to 5 minutes). Pack hot greens loosely into hot jars, leaving 1 inch headspace. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to pints, 3/4 teaspoon to quarts, if desired.



Fill jars to 1 inch from top with boiling water. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust lids and process. When using a dial-pressure canner process for 70 minutes in a pint jar and 90 minutes in a quart jar at 11 pounds. For a weighted gauge pressure canner process for 70 minutes in a pint jar and 90 minutes in a quart jar at 10 pounds. This is based on up to 2,000 feet land elevation and will vary at different altitudes.

Freezing

Preparation - Select young, tender green leaves. Wash thoroughly and cut off woody stems. Water blanch collard greens 3 minutes; all other greens, 2 minutes.

Water blanching - Use 1 gallon of water per pound of prepared greens. Put the greens in a blanching basket or metal strainer and lower into a large pot of rapidly boiling water. Cover. Wait for water to return to boiling. Start counting blanching

time when water returns to a full boil. It should take only a minute to come back to a boil. If it takes longer, too many greens have been added to the boiling water.

Cooling - As soon as the water blanching is complete, greens should be placed in ice-cold water. Change water often or use cold running water or ice water. Cooling greens should take the same amount of time as blanching. Drain greens very well and carefully pat dry, then pack into containers or freezer bags, removing as much air as possible, and allowing for 1/2 inch of headspace. Label and date containers and freeze.

Refer to "So Easy to Preserve" for additional information.

The Otsego County MSUE office is located on the 4th floor of the Alpine Center on Livingston Blvd., and can be reached by calling 989-731-0272. For additional gardening information visit www.msue.anr.msu.edu or call 1-888-678-3464.

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Area June Happenings

6/24, Wed. 8am - 12pm

6/13, 20, 27, Saturdays

Boyne City Farmers' Market

Outdoor market in Veteran's Park on Lake Street.
www.boynechamber.com

6/25, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

Charlevoix Farmers' Market

East Park, along Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix.
www.charlevoix.org

6/25, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

East Jordan Farmers' Market

Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge Street.
www.ejchamber.org

6/26, Fridays, 6pm - 9pm

Stroll the Streets

Every Friday night with live music, balloon artists, face painters and more throughout downtown Boyne City.
www.boynechamber.com

6/22, Monday, 5pm - 9pm

Charlevoix Summer Open House

Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering great deals, prize drawings, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more!
www.charlevoix.org

6/23, Tuesday - 6/28, Sunday

East Jordan Freedom Festival

Four great days of family fun. Carnival, live music, block party, kids' games, fireworks, parades, and much more. Visit www.eastjordanfreedomfestival.org or call the Chamber Office @ 231-536-7351.

6/24, Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Evenings at the Gazebo

Free concerts in Old City Park, corner of Park and River Street. For more info, visit www.gazeboconcerts.com
www.boynechamber.com

6/26, Friday - 6/27, Saturday

SOBO Arts Festival

Festival begins Friday evening in the SOBO Downtown District with Stroll the Streets. Saturday (11am - 7pm) festival activities move to nearby Peninsula Beach.
www.boynechamber.com or www.soboartsfestival.com

6/27, Saturday - 6/28, Sunday

17th Annual Summer Art Show

Downtown Charlevoix in East Park. The show features many beautiful and unique items on the shores of scenic Round Lake.
www.charlevoix.org

6/28, Sunday, 4:00pm

Annual Memorial Service

Open to the public @ Depot Beach, Charlevoix.
www.hospicenwm.org

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 25 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, June 26 Birthday Day! 11am Roger Hartson Raffle	Monday, June 29 Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, June 30 Brown-Bag Bingo - Trip to Petoskey Friendship Center—Lunch & Wii Bowling!
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 25 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, June 26 BIRTHDAY DAY! 1pm Rummy Adolph Cwik Music	Monday, June 29 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, June 30 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 25 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, June 26 11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle	Monday, June 29 8am-1pm Walking M-	Tuesday, June 30 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo 1pm Paint Class
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, June 25 COOK'S CHOICE	Friday, June 26 SALISBURY STEAK	Monday, June 29 MACARONI & CHEESE	Tuesday, June 30 CHICKEN POT PIE
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Medicare News

Many people are working beyond what was once a standard retirement age. The rising costs for health care, inadequate retirement income, and in some cases, the desire to continue working because they truly enjoy their job are only some of the reasons. Many of these folks work beyond the age of 65, and become eligible for Medicare while still employed. This brings about many questions in terms of how to select among the various health insurance options, for both the individual and their retired spouse. For example, should I continue with my group health insurance, or opt for Medicare Parts A & B, along with prescription drug coverage? Or is some combination of both a better choice?

Often it is most beneficial for active employees to remain on their group health insurance as long as the amount that is deducted from their pay for the employee's portion of insurance is cheaper than the cost of Medicare products. If one attempts to make the decision based on comparable benefits, then it gets more complicated, because there are so many Medicare plans available.

Most people in this situation will get Medicare Part A, the hospitalization coverage at no cost, if they have worked 10 years or more. At the age of 65, you have the option to sign up for Part B, which covers all of the other medical expenses. However, just remember you will be required to pay the premium, which currently is \$104.90 per month. Some people enroll in Part B even if they have group health because it can afford additional medical coverage. If your employer has 20 or more employees, and you decide to enroll in Medicare, the group health insurance is always considered primary.

Medicare will only pay after the private insurance pays its portion. If the employer has less than 20 employees, then Medicare will be primary, and the company plan will pay only after Medicare pays its approved amount.

As long as your employer has credible health care insurance, you can defer signing up for Medicare Part B and the Part D drug insurance until you retire. Just remember, once you retire, there is a schedule by which time you need to enroll in Medicare plans. You must enroll in Medicare Part B no later than 8 months after the date you lose the group coverage. You have only 60 days to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug insurance Part D plan. Failure to enroll within these timelines can result in monthly penalties that will remain in force for the life of the beneficiary, and a delay in obtaining coverage.

Another important consideration is the guaranteed issue right that is available for 6 months after you sign up for Medicare Part B. If you enroll in Part B while still working, you can possibly lose this right, depending on your date of retirement. This can affect your choices and the cost to enroll in one of the Medicare Medigap plans later.

The process of understanding the differences between a private employer's insurance and Medicare plans can be challenging. Beneficiaries can obtain help regarding this topic or any other item associated with Medicare and Medicaid insurance programs by contacting a trained and certified counselor with the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Simply call our toll free number at 800-803-7174 and leave a message.

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

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June 25, 9:30am, Windy Ridge, 17922 Ferry Road. Over 30 acres to roam and paint. Artists/Painters/Anyone/Any Medium. 6 Miles south of Charlevoix, just off US 31. Turn East at Bier Art Gallery, Wind Ridge is on the right. 231.675.7375. No worries if it sprinkles, there are plenty of covered deck areas.

EAST JORDAN FREE KIDS SIGHT VISION SCREENING

June 26, 6-8:30pm, Main Street Center. 100 Main Street. Offered by the East Jordan Lions Club during the East Jordan Freedom Festival Friday Night Block Party - FREE KidSight Vision Screening for Preschoolers (ages 1-6). It only takes 60 quick seconds and has proven to catch eye problems early, as most children are not tested until entering Kindergarten.

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX MARATHON

June 26 & 27. The Charlevoix Marathon has just been given the distinction of being one of the Top 10 Small Town Marathons in the US by Runners World Magazine. This year the event will bring in over 10,000 athletes and spectators to the area with athletes representing 38 states, 5 countries and 2 continents. The event starts on Friday, June 26. Late registration and pre-registered packet pick up will be held from 12noon-6pm. Saturday, June 27 starts early at 5am. The first runners will go off at 6am. Race details can be found at www.charlevoix-marathon.com.

BOYNE CITY SOBO ARTS FESTIVAL

June 27, 10am-4pm, Veterans Park. Celebrating the visual, performing, written and audible arts, the festival will take place at Veterans Park in Boyne City, a beautiful shaded area with ample lawn and open space on the shore of Lake Charlevoix, come by boat and spend the day or night!

CHARLEVOIX BIRD WALK AT LAVENDER HILL FARMS

June 27, 8am. Join Petoskey Regional Audubon Society on a bird walk at Lavender Hill Farms, 7354 Horton Bay Rd about 3 miles south of US 31 on the east side of the road. Tracy Datlen and Lisa Hoyt, will lead the walk and observe and identify the birds. The free, open to the public, two-hour walk is by invitation of the owners and it will be held on a weather permitting basis. Wear clothing appropriate for walking hills and fields. Family-friendly but not suitable for small children. The bird walk will begin at the drying shed. Look for Audubon sign. For more information email tadatl@live.com.

CHARLEVOIX ANNUAL SUMMER ART SHOW

June 27 & 28, Sat-10am-5pm, Sun-10am-4pm. East Park. The Summer Art Show, features a mix of fine art and fine crafts displayed on the shores of scenic Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix. The Up North Vocal Institute will perform a free concert in the Odmark Pavilion in East Park from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Saturday, June 27th.

BOYNE CITY WHERE IS GOD WHEN THINGS GO WRONG DISCUSSION

June 28, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 South Park Street. How to find peace in the midst of unexpected tragedy will be explored. The program, titled "When Everything Goes Wrong, Where Is God?" includes a filmed interview with Denise Lauerman, a woman who coped with the death of two children and her husband.

In the midst of sadness and brokenness, Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

CHARLEVOIX 3RD ANNUAL MLB ALUMNI CLINIC & RECEPTION

June 28. Legends for Youth Baseball Clinic at Shanahan Field from 10am - 1pm. This is a FREE clinic for boys and girls ages 6-17. The clinic will pair former Professional Baseball Players with highly motivated young athletes who are serious about turning up their game! Autographs & free lunch immediately following the clinic. The Major League Baseball Alumni Reception will be held at the Lange Center at Bay Harbor Yacht Club from 6-9pm. Meet & Greet with MLB Alumni (Darrel Evans, Jon Warden, Scott Kamieniecki, Bruce Look, Roger Mason, Dave Gumpert, & Dennis Rasmussen). Silent Auction till 8pm & Live Auction starting at 8pm. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres. Cash Bar. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information on the Clinic or to register, contact Dennis Rasmussen at 407.702.8684 or stop by the Dairy Grille. For more information on the Reception or to purchase tickets, contact Dennis Rasmussen at 407.702.8684, stop by the Dairy Grille or call the Bay Harbor Foundation at 231.439.2700 or email candy@bayharborfoundation.org

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: UP NORTH VOCAL INSTITUTE

July 1, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and beverage. New this year, Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring their food cart, offering burgers and hot dogs at the concerts.

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

July 1, 8-11am, Charlevoix Area Hospital Classroom B. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screen includes: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting is required. However, if individuals are fasting, LDL and triglyceride levels can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Participants will receive a blood pressure log and pedometer and all test results at the time of the screening. Health consultation and educational materials will be adapted to individual results. No appointment is required. For more information, visit cah.org/communityhealth or email community-health@cah.org

EAST JORDAN FULL MOON OF MAKING FAT POTLUCK

July 1, 6pm Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Monthly potluck meal celebrating traditional, land-based cooking immersed in the rhythm of the seasons. Every year there are between 12 or 13 Moon cycles, aka lunations, beginning with the New Moon "waxing" into the Full Moon which begins "waning" into the next New Moon. FREE. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to RSVP or for more information.

BOYNE CITY DOWNSIZING FOR HAPPINESS

July 5, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 Park Street. How to have a happier life by getting rid of stuff will be discussed. The Lifetree event, titled "Upsizing Life by Downsizing Stuff: Living Large in an 84-sq-ft House," features a filmed interview with Dee Williams, author of the best-selling book The Big Tiny. Participants will get practical tips for getting rid of stuff, and see how one

woman downsized to owning less than 300 items to maximize the amount of space in her life. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

BOYNE CITY TECH TUESDAY WITH NICK PULVER

July 7, 6-7pm, Boyne District Library. Intro to Raspberry Pi - a little computer that fits in the palm of your hand, yet packs enough power to run your home media center, a VPN, and a lot more. But before you can do anything awesome, however, you need to configure it and install an operating system and Nick will teach you how. The classes will be held in the Boyne District Libraries community room and are geared for anyone 12 and up. The class sizes are limited and you must register to attend. You can register online at boynelibrary.org or by calling the library at 582-7861.

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: STEEL DRUM QUARTET

July 8, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and beverage. New this year, Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring their food cart, offering burgers and hot dogs at the concerts.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE THUNDER POKER RUN

July 10-11, This unique boating event showcases high performance boats, slicing through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 150-mile excursion. Since it began, Boyne Thunder has raised more than \$265,000 for Camp Quality and it has become an important part of the camp's success. For more information email Boyne Thunder or call the Boyne City Main Street office at 231.582.9009.

BOYNE CITY CANDIDATES FORUM

July 13, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. Boyne Area Chamber will hold a Candidates Forum for Boyne City Commission candidates. There will be six candidates competing for two positions on the City Commission.

BOYNE CITY MICHIGAN GHOST TOWNS

July 14, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. Hundreds of "ghost towns" dot Michigan's landscape throughout both the Lower and Upper Peninsula. Settle in for a historic tour through Michigan's past.

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP PARSONS FAMILY & GREAT TREES OF NORWOOD

July 15, 7:30pm, Norwood Schoolhouse. David and Terry Parsons own a Centennial farm on Parsons Road where they produce and sell maple syrup. Join us as Mr. Parsons shares his family legacy in Norwood. Then Pam Gnodtke will educate us on the trees of Norwood past and present. Norwood was built out of the logging industry after all. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: FULL CIRCLE

July 15, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and beverage. New this year, Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring their food cart, offering burgers and hot dogs at the concerts.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market outdoor market season is in full swing, open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am- noon at Veterans Park.

CHARLEVOIX Farmers Market

Charlevoix Farmers Market, East Park, Thursdays, 9am-1pm along Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Follow event updates on: www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 9am-1pm at Sportsman's Park (Bridge Street). On Facebook at EastJordanFarmer'sMarket

EAST JORDAN SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

East Jordan Public Schools plans to sponsor a food service program this summer under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program for Children. We plan to operate this food service program at East Jordan Elementary School, 304 Fourth Street. We will be serving breakfast from 9:00 am - 9:30 am and lunch from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday. This feeding program will operate from June 15, 2015 through August 21. Meals will not be available on July 3 and July 6.

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

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.

BOYNE CITY FOOD TRUCK RALLY

July 16, 6-9pm, Veterans Park. Featuring local food, soda, beer, wine and live music by Disasteroid. \$10 per person (includes 2 drink tickets). Food prices are \$3 - \$5.

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: OILVIA MILLERSCHIN

July 19, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and beverage. New this year, Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring their food cart, offering burgers and hot dogs at the concerts.

EAST JORDAN BREATHE OWL CONCERT/POT LUCK DINNER

July 20, 6pm, Bluestem Farm, 4218 M-32 (at Adams Road). To benefit Manna Food Project. Michigan-based band. Potluck and Cakewalk at 6pm, concert at 7:30pm. For more information, contact Mary Brower at (231) 459-8968 or bluestemfarmers@gmail.com.

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: THE JOHNS

July 22, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and beverage. New this year, Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring their food cart, offering burgers and hot dogs at the concerts.

BOYNE CITY TECH TUESDAY WITH NICK PULVER

July 23, 6-7pm, Boyne District Library. Soldering 101. The classes will be held in the Boyne District Libraries community room and are geared for anyone

12 and up. The class sizes are limited and you must register to attend. You can register online at boynelibrary.org or by calling the library at 582-7861.

BOYNE CITY JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT

July 25, 4pm, Boyne High School Performing Arts Center. Seattle's Ted Vigil, a man who closely resembles John Denver both physically and musically, honors the legend of this iconic songwriter and singer with a musical tribute. Reserved tickets range from \$25 to \$40 and can be ordered online at www.boynecc.com or by visiting or calling Boyne City Hardware, 231-582-6532.

ELLSWORTH CONDITIONING FOR CHRIST

July 26 & July 30, 6-8:30pm, Ellsworth track field. Age 5 (going in to Kindergarten) thru 8th grade. Early registration encouraged; jodell_danbert@hotmail.com.

CHARLEVOIX CTAC LECTURE SERIES

July 30, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. An evening with filmmaker David Crouse. Tickets are \$5 per person. The lecture series is supported in part by the Charlevoix Public Library and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

BOYNE CITY ZZ TOP TRIBUTE CONCERT

July 31, 8pm, Boyne High School Performing Arts Center. Kansas City's Eliminator have been performing a ZZ Top concert recreation for the last 15 years all over the USA. Reserved tickets range from \$25 to \$40 and can be ordered online at www.boynecc.com or by visiting or calling Boyne City Hardware, 231-582-6532.

BOYNE CITY TECH TUESDAY WITH NICK PULVER

August 4, 6-7pm, Boyne District Library. 3D printing using the library's new Maker 3D printer. The classes will be held in the Boyne District Libraries community room and are geared for anyone 12 and up. The class sizes are limited and you must register to attend. You can register online at boynelibrary.org or by calling the library at 582-7861.

CHARLEVOIX CTAC LECTURE SERIES

August 6, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. John Rutherford, Practice, Persistence, Professionalism: Musicians as Entrepreneurs. The lecture series is supported in part by the Charlevoix Public Library and the Charlevoix County Community Found-

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qualifying for this," said Commissioner Derek Gaylord.

The community playground at Veteran's Park has been temporarily closed due to high levels of toxins found in the wooden equipment. "We received the preliminary test results on the preservatives used on the wooden structures...it was much higher than we expected," he said. Since the late 90's when the playground was put in, regulations on what can be used to treat the wood used in playgrounds has changed. According to Cain a number of other communities are dealing with similar issues. "We were told that if we sealed it on a regular basis that would limit exposure," he said. The city reseals the wooden structures biannually. "Until we know exactly what we're dealing with we decided to err on the side of caution," said Cain. More detailed tests will be conducted at the end of the week.

The addition of the ability for residents to pay utility and tax bills with credit, debit or e-checks was approved. "On a regular basis we have people asking to have this serv-

ice," said Cain. Because of the cost of the service, there will be a convenience fee charged. "This gives our citizens another option," said Cain.

As required by the Michigan Planning enabling Act the proposed revised city Master Plan must be distributed for public input for 63 days. A resolution to distribute the Master Plan was approved by the Commission. After the comment period has expired the Planning commission will review all comments received and then make final changes to the plan before submitting it to the City Commission for approval. Commissioner Tom Neidhamer who is the commission's liaison to the Planning Commission confirmed that the PC has been working on the document for the last 5 months. "I think it's a good document to work with," he said.

Eveline Township will be holding a public informational meeting concerning the installation of a sewer line on Lakeshore Drive in July. City Manager Michael Cain reported that they have already received calls from township residents asking how to get hooked up to the system. The next City Commission meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 7p.m.



Live musical entertainment has always been a centerpiece of the East Jordan Freedom Festival. COURTESY PHOTO

Freedom Festival is underway!

By Jim Akans

The 2015 East Jordan Freedom Festival is underway. From now through Sunday, June 28, the East Jordan community is celebrating the spirit of freedom with activities, events and entertainment certain to bring excitement and FUN to those of every age.

Some Freedom Festival highlights taking place during the week include;

- A Carnival on Main & Esterly Street on Thursday through Saturday.
- Button Drawings on Friday evening for some great prizes including a GoPro Hero3, Laptop Computer and a Flat Screen TV. Freedom Festival Buttons are available for just \$3 each and are also good for discounts at local merchants.
- Friday Night Block Party from 6-9:30pm on Main Street with food, games and more.
- Jordan Valley Triathlon starting at 9am on Saturday morning. Register at www.ejems.com
- Grand Parade on Saturday at 3pm featuring this year's Grand Marshal; The East Jordan Lions Club.



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- Daily Horseshoe Tournaments
- A Prize Raffle at 6pm in Memorial Park featuring over 40 great prizes (must be present to win).
- The Festival 500 Drawing at 8pm on Saturday at Memorial Park with one \$500 prize and ten \$50 prizes.
- Fireworks at dusk on Saturday evening. Best viewing is Memorial Park, City Harbor area.
- Lots of fun events and competitions for those of every age including at Wii Dance Competition, Glow Bowling for Teens, a Petting Zoo, Lip Sync Contest and more.

ways been a centerpiece of the East Jordan Freedom Festival. This year, the jams kick off with local rock band "Scarkazm" performing at Memorial Park on Thursday evening starting at 8:30 pm, and at the Friday Night Block Party catch sounds of "Whiskey Creek" on the Main Street Stage starting at 6:30 pm. Saturday brings a double dose of live music with the "Pistol Whips" playing from 4:30-5:30 and the joyful sounds of the "Petoskey Steel Drum Band" performing at Memorial Park starting at 8:30 pm and continuing until dusk when it will be Fireworks time!

Of course, a celebration of freedom must include fireworks, and what a spectacular display it promises to be at the East Jordan Freedom Festival again this year. Beginning at dusk next Saturday evening the skies over Lake Charlevoix will be filled with a fabulous fireworks display synchronized to music on 88.9 FM.

Let freedom ring! For a complete schedule of Freedom Festival events, visit www.east-jordanfreedomfestival.org.

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Three City Lots



807 MILL, EAST JORDAN

Three city lots, short walk to middle and high school in the city of East Jordan. Seller is a licensed Michigan Realtor. MLS 438182. Ask for Chris Oliver. \$12,900.

Commercial Opportunity



10840 S US 131, MANCELONA

32 X 72-6 stall storage building on 17 acres with curb and gutter drive. Shows income. 1 mile south of Mancelona on US 131. MLS 442685. Ask for Donald Wright. \$109,900

Endless Possibilities



812 ERIE STREET, EAST JORDAN

4.88 acres within the city limits of East Jordan. Was once used as a church. This is also zoned R3 for multifamily. MLS 440333. Ask for Mike Stark. \$79,000



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