## Boyne City celebrates 4th of July with a parades, fireworks and festivities



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An action-packed Boyne City 4th of July Festival fun begins this Friday, and the Grand Parade and other activities will take place on Saturday, July 4th. COURTESY PHOTO

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Boyne City will celebrate our freedoms with parades, fireworks and an assortment of festivities commemorating our nation's 239 years of democracy. The excitement begins on Friday, July 3, with the opening of Inflatable Alley, the 39th Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, an All-Class Boyne City Schools Reunion in Veterans Park, a Soap Box Derby School and the always entertaining Stroll the Streets

in downtown Boyne City.

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beautiful summer evenings, or sitting outside enjoying a rainfall while you sit high and dry reading a book! \$104,900

Some highlights of the weekend include the Independence Day Run, the Grand Parade, Boyne Chamber's 26th Annual Duck Race in the Boyne River and much more. Of course there will be fireworks, spanning the night sky over Lake Charlevoix starting around 10:30 pm on Saturday. In case rain, the fireworks will take place on Sunday evening.

Following is a full schedule of Bovne City's 4th of July celebration (subject to change.)

Friday, July 3

10 a.m.- 9 p.m. - "Bouncers and More" Inflatable Alley -For all ages

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10 a.m.-5 p.m. - 39th Annual Waterside Arts & Crafts Show -Veterans Park

1-3 p.m. - All-Class Reunion for Boyne City Schools, Veterans Park.

1 p.m. - Soap Box Derby School - Required of all kids who want to participate in the Soap Box Derby at 2 p.m. the

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## East Jordan open late 'til eight on Wednesdays!

East Jordan is "Open Late "Til Eight" on Wednesdays, July and first two weeks of August. The following businesses will be open until 8:00 PM on Wednesdays in July (starting July 8 thru August 12). Please come dine and discover all that our participating businesses have to offer!

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## **Know your local** fireworks ordinance

The Boyne City Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors that Boyne City has a fireworks ordinance clarifying when Fireworks may be used.

"Consumer Fireworks" which are defined as firework devices designed to produce visible and/or audible effects by combustion, are only allowed to be used on the day before a national holiday, on the holiday, and on the day after a holiday. Consumer Fireworks include devices such as; fire-crackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, consumer size aerial and other exploding devices.

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## **Exchange Student reunites** with host family after 44 years



"The Ruhlman family was reunited with exchange student George Santiago after 44 years at "Mom " Pat Ruhlman Messink's, 80th birthday party. Left to right. Denise Brown, George Santiago, Jeani Mead, Mary Damery, Mike Ruhlman, Pat Ruhlman Messink, Roberta Nemecek, Renee Ruhlman and Tony Ruhlman.

**By Tina Sundelius** 

EAST JORDAN - EAST JOR-DAN-In August of 1971 Pat Messink and her husband, Robert Ruhlman with the eager agreement of their 6 children took on the responsibility of welcoming an exchange student into their home for a year. Seventeen year old George Santiago almost immediately became

family, getting grounded for staying out too late, graduating with the Ruhlman's oldest child, Mike, and cramming into a two bedroom apartment after the family home burnt to the ground. Forty-four years later Santiago has returned to East Jordan as the surprise element at Pat's 80th birthday party.

Just as the Ruhlman's have never forgotten their Filipino brother, George never forgot his American family. "Coming back

is a bucket list thing," he said. The family can attribute their renewed and continued relationship with Santiago to Facebook. "Facebook brought us all together 5 or 6 years ago, we've all reconnected, we've kept up with his kids getting married,"

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JUL 6	54°	82°	33° (1965)	95° (1993)
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JUL 9	55°	82°	38° (1961)	97° (1988)

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Kathryn Marie Loeb, 96

Kathryn Marie Loeb of Longboat Key Fla., died on February 16, 2015. She was a longtime summer resident of Charlevoix. Kathryn had two daughters, Jeanne and Jane (deceased). She married Thomas Loeb in 1976 and he adopted her two daughters.

She is survived by daughter, Jeanne (Michael) Rudman: three step-sons, John, Tom and Tim Loeb; grandchildren, Kathryn Graham, Gary (Kristina) Gray, Lisa Wagner-(Tom) Daegling, Wendy (Drew) Selman; thirteen great-grandchildren, Jackson and Sun Graham, Jessica and Eric Wagner, Dan (Ashley), Rachel and Jennifer Daegling, Shaye Smith, Brady, Alexandra and Zackary Thomas Gray, Jamie and Lindsay Selman; beloved niece, Patsy Huth; longtime friend and caregiver, Frederick Chinwuba.

She was devoted to her family and friends. She had many passions including art, music, fashion, theatre and dance. She was an expert with crossword puzzles and identifying and arranging flowers.

She will be greatly missed. Memorial Service at 2:00 PM, Friday, July 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix followed by private burial. The Reverend Neil Wilson of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix will officiate.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

### Aaron Lew Brock, 66

(FEB. 2, 1949 - JUNE 28, 2015)

Aaron Lew Brock a life-long Charlevoix resident went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 28, 2015, after fighting a brief but brave battle with cancer. He was a gentle giant and loving family man. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Kim (Ransom) Brock; daughters, Kayla Brock and Trista (Edward) Schwager; stepdaughters, Monica Vanden-Bosch, Christina VandenBosch, Maranda VandenBosch; brothers Pete (Cindy) Brock, Ralph (Mary) Brock; grandchildren, Zaylyn, Kaylee, Brandy, Madalene, Aysia, Lauren, Tyler, Angelina, Sydne', Aaron, Andrew, Asa; two great-grandchildren and many, many other family and friends who were very dear to his heart.

He was born to Aaron and Lulla Brock on February 2, 1949, who preceded him in death, along with a sister Dagmar (Brock) Muma, niece Cheryl (Muma) Ostergren and grandson Isaac Hoffman.

In Aaron's early years he helped on his family's dairy farm, served in the U.S. Navy and went to college to become a diesel mechanic. He made his career as a Semi- Driver. Fol-

an owner-operator, he started Brock's Express in 2010. He loved spending time with his family, friends, children and grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling, sports, NASCAR, camping, golfing and singing.

He believed in God and was baptized into Jesus Christ in 2000. He was active in both Excelsior and Kalkaska Church of Christ.

Friends and family may call at Winchester Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The funeral will be 1 p.m. at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix on Thursday, July 2, 2015 with Jeff Badgero of Kalkaska Church of Christ officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wilderness Christian Camp or to help fund missionary work in Haiti through Son Light Ministries in care of Kalkaska Church of Christ 1725 W Kalkaska Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

#### Barbara Louise Varnum-Schwartzfisher, 55

(OCT. 24, 1959 - JUNE 27, 2015) Barbara Louise Varnum-

Schwartzfisher of Beaver Island, Michigan passed away Saturday, June 27, 2015 at her home on Beaver Island.



She was born October 24, 1959 in Manistique, Michigan the daughter of Charles and P. Sharon (McNally) Varnum and attended Manistique area schools. She was a graduate of Manistique High School with the Class of 1977. She continued her education at Lake Superior State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science. She also worked on her Master's Degree at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Under the watchful eye of her late father, State Representative Charles H. Varnum. Barb grew up learning how to work with people and solve complex problems; and as a result of her father's early mentoring, Barb was recognized as a people person and a problem solver throughout her work life.

Her first job was on behalf of the State of Michigan Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 where she taught clients how to find and secure employment. She later accepted a position with Congressman Robert Davis where she successfully ran the congressman's last two political campaigns. In that position, she distinguished herself as a case worker and political consultant.

came the Director of the **Emmet County Senior Center** and was an integral part of the team that built the new senior center in Petoskey.

Barbara then accepted a position as the Executive Director for the Beaver Island Transportation Authority and held that position for many years until she recently accepted the position of Director of the Thunder Bay Transportation Authority in Alpena.

While living on Beaver Island, Barb served as President of the Beaver Island School Board and worked hard to pass a mileage for a new school. She oversaw the construction of the new Beaver Island School and was proud of the fact that Beaver Island was the only school system in the State of Michigan to pass a mileage that year.

Wherever Barb worked, she added value and established herself as a patient leader/problem solver who could remove roadblocks in her path to getting the job done.

Barb loved to spend time as a mentor to family and friends. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her husband David, especially in warmer climates.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 23 years, David Schwartzfisher of Beaver Island; daughters, Olivia Schwartzfisher of Holland, MI and Sharon Schwartzfisher of Beaver Island; son, David Schwartzfisher of Petoskey, MI; mother, Sherry Varnum of Manistique, MI; brother, Mitchell Charles Varnum of Escanaba, MI; uncle, Fred Mc-Nally of Escanaba, MI; along with her cousins, Sally Mc-Nally, Don McNally, and Winnie Butrum.

She was preceded in death by her father. Charles H. Varnum; her maternal grandparents, Don and Louise McNally; and her paternal grandparents, Henry and Mae Varnum.

The Memorial Service will be held at 11:30am, Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at Beaver Island Community School. A luncheon will follow the service, at Holy Cross Hall.

Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manis-

Memorial donations may be directed to the 21st Century Learning Foundation at Beaver Island Community School.

Barbara, you were much loved and will be sorely missed. Your dad, Charles would be proud.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com

## Col. Thomas Michael Hamlin,

Col. Thomas Michael Hamlin of Lake Bluff, Ill., formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Jan. 13, 2015.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Monday, July 6, at St. Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Matthew Wigton will officiate. Military honors will be presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans.

### Richard John Wynkoop, 78

(MARCH 29, 1937 - JUNE 26, 2015) Richard John Wynkoop of

passed away Friday, June 26, 2015, at his home. He was born March 29, 1937, in Shelvin, Minn. to

Chellas and Helen (Bauman) Wynkoop. In 1950, Dick moved to Port

Huron and in 1954 was welter weight champion of the Blue Water Golden Gloves. On April 7, 1955, he married Sally D. Minor in Port Huron.

Dick was the General Foreman for Prestolite in Port Huron for twenty-seven years. In 1985, he and Sally moved to Charlevoix where he and his brother owned and operated Wynkoop's Auto Body.

He loved to hunt and fish. On his last day he went fishing and caught seven fish.

Sally preceded Dick in death on January 28, 2015. He is survived by his children, Ricky L. Wynkoop, Vicki Lynn (Ronnie) McWatters all of Charlevoix, Jeffrey Scott (Cheryll) Wynkoop of Kewadin, Andrew John Wynkoop of Charlevoix; fifteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother, Victor (Karen) Wynkoop of West Branch; sister, Rosalie Graham of Port Huron. Dick was also preceded in death by his son, Wayne; grandson, Jeremy Moses; brother, Cecil; son-in-law, Terry Moses; and his parents.

A memorial service will be 11 am, Monday, July 6, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend David Behling will officiate. Interment will take place in the Norwood Cemetery.

Please sign Richard's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

### Virginia S. Reed, 95

(OCT. 6, 1919 - JUNE 22, 2015) Virginia S Reed, died June

22, 2015 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born October 6, 1919 in Jordan Township, Antrim County,



East Jordan, Michigan. Her parents were Charles J and Mamie (Shepard) Stanek. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1937.

She attended Logels Beauty School in Lansing, Michigan and worked there for ten vears. She was licensed with the Board of Cosmetology with the State of Michigan for many years. Virginia married Harold E. Reed of East Jordan and Lansing on October 6, 1940 at Ithaca, Michigan, They returned to East Jordan in 1947. She worked as a housewife and shop employee at East Jordan Canning Company, Mt. Clemens and Circuit Control (ITT) in East Jordan. Virginia retired from Allied Bendix in Boyne City in 1986 after 20 vears.

She enjoyed many crafts (knitting, crocheting, embroidery, macramé, hand quilting), reading, traveling, gardening, family, etc. She was a 4H mother for many years. Virginia was a 4H leader, Boy Scout Den Mother, and taught Sunday school for many years as well.

Virginia is survived by daughter Anette J (Roger C Cyr), Petoskey, son Charles H (Mina), Whittemore, and son, David J Reed (friend Sherry Johnson), East Jordan, Sisterin-law, Leona (Charles W) Stanek, Sister-in-law, Marge (Robert) Reed, Friend Mary Kraemer, Grandsons Kevin (Jill) Reed, Bradley (Samantha) Reed, Granddaughter Charlene (Reed) Jose. Great grandchildren are Zachery of Indian River (Jon), Chloe and Tanner (Kevin), Rachael and Ashlynn (Charlene).

Those preceding her in death were her Husband Harold E Reed on April 24, 1990, Grandson Jon R Cyr on August 31,

1995 (Roger and Anette), Daughter-in-law Mary Elizabeth Reed on February 17, 2009 (Beth/Charles), both parents Charles in 1967 and Mamie and 1970, Sisters Agnes Darbee and Lucille Jenkins Dodge, and Brother Charles W Stanek.

A memorial service will take place at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 2:00 by LuAnn Reed. Memorial donations can be in her memory to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

#### Rosalie Hampton, 82

Rosalie Hampton of Boyne City passed away at her home Sunday, June 28, 2015.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, July 3, at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City followed by a reception from 1-4 p.m. at the Boyne City Eagles.

#### Michael Edward Thorp, 65

(April 5, 1950 – June 19, 2015)

Michael Edward Thorp, 65, of East Jordan passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.



He was born the youngest of three children on April 5, 1950, in Charlevoix, to Edward and Shirley (Beckham) Thorp.

Michael graduated in 1970, from Charlevoix High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy for four years. Afterwards, he received his pilot's license and began a career as an aviation mechanic. In 1977, he suffered a life altering traumatic brain injury which dramatically affected

his personality and behavior. At a mutual friend's wedding, he met Martha Dodge of East Jordan and it was love at first sight for both of them. They were married one week

later on October 23, 1998. They spent years at their small farm on Knipe Road in Central Lake until August of 2006, and then moved to East

Jordan. He is survived by his wife, Martha Dodge - Thorp of East Jordan; daughter, Katherine (Scott) Chanda of East Jordan; his son, Justin Thorp of Wisconsin; granddaughter, Avery Rose Thorp; three step children, Autumn Dodge of New York, Chicory Dodge of Traverse City and Noah Dodge of East Jordan; sister Susan (Ron) Gielda of Ellsworth; brother, Joe (Paulette) Thorp of Charlevoix; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service in the first week of August will be announced at a later date.

Those wishing to express their sympathies may direct donations to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727; or, for traumatic brain injury research, to the Henry M Jackson Foundation, Attention: Nadine Shewell/CNRM, 6720A Rockledge Drive, Suite 100, Bethesda, MD 20817.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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(I-r) - Claudia and Mike Bost, Marcia and Mike Wertzbar, Linda and Jim Sell and Barry Pierce

## 23rd Annual Car Show to cruise into Charlevoix July 17-18

#### Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On July 18 car enthusiasts in Charlevoix County can rejoice as the 23rd Annual Car Show held by the Street Legends Classic Car Club cruises into town to show off some of the most beautiful cars owned in the area!

The show is the brainchild of The Street Legends Classic Car Club out of the Charlevoix area. 35 local car lovers banded together in the summer of 1992 to create a club that could support their love of classic cars. After choosing the name, the club decided to host a yearly car show that all in Charlevoix could attend and enjoy.

The show itself will be held on July 18; however festivities involving these unique cars begin on July 17 when the "Up North Cruise" happens around Lake Charlevoix. Those driving the cars will meet at 4:30 pm in the Bethany Lutheran Church Parking Lot and leave at 5:00 pm. The cruise drives around stunning Lake Charlevoix until 6:00 pm when the "Downtown Cruise-In" begins with special parking spaces open for those involved. The Cruise-In will serve as

a kickoff for the actual show on July

On the 18th, downtown is filled with more than 150 gorgeous vehicles. Featuring classic and custom built cars, the show has selections from 24 different categories. Everything from vehicles that have been factory maintained from the 1900-1960's to brand new imports will be on display for car lovers to see.

The car show serves to show off the amazing cars, but also gathers funds in the hopes of distributing them back into the community. In fact during their 23 years of existence the Street Legends Club has been able to put \$133,000 back into the community. Organizations such as; Boulder Park Terrace, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Mt. McSauba, The Food Pantry, and many more have benefitted from the club's efforts to raise money by showcasing gorgeous vehicles.

"It is a privilege to be a member of the Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club and to join efforts with the club membership to raise funds that will in turn help promote and support our community programs," said club member Claudia Bost.

Bost included that the support

from area businesses makes the event truly successful as the partnership between the club and the community works to give back in a big

"Charlevoix Street Legends partner with our local businesses to offer a silent auction at the car show, which is a big part of our fundraising. Their generosity is valued and appreciated," stated Bost.

Those interested in being involved in the show are encouraged to register from 8 am to noon, and goody bags and dash plaques will be given to the first 150 entrants. The Silent Auction will begin at 10 am and end at 1 pm. Games will be available for the youngsters in town and prizes will be given as well. The Awards Ceremony for Best Interior, Best Paint, Best Engineered, and Best of Show will begin at 3 pm.

Any and all are welcomed to the event, and area restaurants and shopping will be available during the day as well. The Car Show makes for a perfect summer day in Charlevoix! For those interested in further information, please check out www.streetlegends.net.



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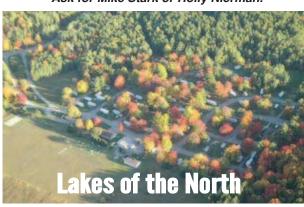
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## Charlevoix Teacher to be in Library of Congress Program

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Local educator Jane Garver of the Charlevoix Middle/High School will be participating in the Library of Congress Teaching With Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute from July 6-10 after being selected from a wide candidate pool for the opportunity.

Garver was one of over 300applicants who wanted to be in the program that teaches educators how to use effective practices in the classroom. Each year, a group of K-12 educators are selected to attend one of these five teacher institutes which are held in Washington D.C. Each institute is five days long, and allows educators to learn from Library of Congress education specialists and subject matter experts in the hopes of learning the best practices available for teach-

"I'm so excited about this opportunity to attend the Library of Congress Teacher Institute...I'm thrilled to be working with teachers around the country as well as Library of Congress staff," said Garver.

The institutes allow for the teachers in attendance to explore the digitized historical documents and artifacts available on the Library's Website while they are there. The goal is to find ways that teachers can get students engaged by asking thoughtful questions, developing critical-thinking skills, and build knowledge. Part of their experience while in Washington D.C. will allow educators like Garver to utilize the teaching strategies on the Library's website specifically designed for teachers.

For attendees the experience will showcase the different ways that K-12 educators educate their pupils. The institute chooses all types of educators, including; library media specialists, school administrators, and classroom teachers like Garver. Attendees are chosen from various states and represent all types of schools from small rural areas to large metropolitan schools. The goal is that attendees will take the knowledge imparted at the program back to their schools and



implement the strategies.

Garver's specific course focuses in on "primary sources" for teaching, meaning original documents or objects from the period that is being studied. These are different from "secondary resources" that serve as interpretations of the event from someone with firsthand knowledge of the event. According to the Library of Congress, "Students working with primary sources become engaged learners while building critical thinking skills and constructing new knowledge."

"Working with primary sources, especially those related to US history, is something my students need to do well, so I'm fortunate that I'll have the chance for deeper learning myself," said Garver.

According to Kathy
McGuigan of Educational Outreach for the Library, applicants submitted an essay and recommendation from a school administrator in order to be considered for the institute.

Each applicant is then reviewed thoroughly before acceptance

"Factors we consider include their geographic location, the grade level they teach, the students they serve, and their potential to share with other educators when they return," said McGuigan.

Garver will be involved in a course that allows free access to the hundreds of resources provided through the Library of Congress which is the nation's oldest federally based cultural institution. For those interested in learning more about what is available through the Library, visit www.loc.gov.

# Concerts in the Park kicks off with the Galactic Sherpas



A large audience gathered for the first concert which featured the Galactic Sherpas who also played during the Boyne City Muhsroom Festival.

#### Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: To kick off their summer concert series, Boyne City held the first "Concert in the Park" on June 24 with the rock band Galactic Sherpas playing to a large crowd.

The concerts are held at the Old City Park under the Gazebo on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm from June 24 to August 19 this year. All types of music from rock, opera, country, bluegrass, folk, and instrumental will be played this year. The concerts boast aspiring young vocalists to Petoskey Steel Drum Band alumni, and everything in between

The year started off on a rocking note with the band Galactic Sherpas a nine-piece rock band that features a horn section, guitars, keyboards, and drums. Some in the audience sat and enjoyed the music while others got up and danced to the almost reggae notes streaming from the Gazebo from trumpets, a keyboard, and multiple other instruments. The Galactic Sherpas can be found next in Cross Village at Blissfest on July 12.

The next concert to be held Wednesday, July 1 will feature young opera singers from the Up North Vocal Institute. The Institute is sponsored by the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey and focuses on training young vocalist's voices, bodies, and minds to be prepared for a singing career. This year's singers are being taught in part by international Opera Singer Michelle DeYoung who has played lead roles in numerous operas, including the Metropolitan Opera. The students are sure to be an enjoyable concert for those interested in supporting the growth of young singers and opera fans alike.

Following the Up North Vocal Institute Singers will be the Steel Drum Quartet on July 8, featuring alumni of the Petoskey Steel Drum Band. After their performance, the band "Full Circle" will perform their classic rock on July 15. Then on July 22 The Johns will perform their country and Americana tunes in the Gazebo. The Johns claim to fame is having three members all named John, hence the apropos name.

Following the drum band, classic rock tunes, and country influence, one of the Top 4 Finalists on America's Got Talent will come to town on July 29. Olivia Millerschin is a Michigan native, who recently played at the Detroit Michigan Awards despite her young age of 18. Her

music will please old and young crowds alike as she blends her youthful lyrics with a classic folk rock feel.

On August 5 audiences can enjoy the bluegrass, country, and folksy sounds of Horton Creek, a local favourite from right here in Charlevoix County. Then on August 12 Moors & McCumber of Wisconsin will play melodic pop and rootsy folk in the gazebo.

The final concert of the season will be held on August 19 when Ali Ryerson, a world-renowned flutist will take the park stage. Ryerson, who led her own Jazz Flute Big Band that was on the Top Ten Jazz Chart in 2013, will close the season as part of her Northern Michigan Tour.

The "Concerts in the Park" series are sponsored by numerous area businesses including the Boyne Area Medical Clinic, Boyne Co-Op True Value Hardware, Industrial Magnetics Inc., Lynda's Real Estate Service, the Boyne City FOE 1583, Café Sante and Red Mesa Grille, to name just a few. For those interested in sponsoring the concerts or finding out further information, call the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce at 231-582-6222.

## New Boyne City Open Space to formally open

The Boyne City community is invited to gather on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at 475 North Lake Street to formally open the new Boyne City Open Space to the public.

At their June 9th evening meeting the Boyne City City Commission approved a one dollar per year lease for the property from its new owners Bob Grove and Mike Dow. The next morning, June 10th at 8:30 a.m., the City and the owners met on the site, executed the lease thru December 2017, the City took possession of the property and began to get to work. Since then City Public Works and Water/Wastewater employees, with assistance at various times from trustees from the Charlevoix County jail, local Girl Scouts and Boyne Scouts and local contractors, have cleaned up and prepared the site for public use in time for the 4th of July holiday and Boyne City's spectacular waterfront fireworks show.

In 23 days Boyne City has transformed the site from an overgrown hazard of a mess to a stunning enhancement of the Lake Charlevoix waterfront and significant addition to the City's park system. Items removed from the site included scrub trees and brush throughout the site, but primarily along the waterfront, a construction dumpster, construction debris and materials, abandoned utility poles (repurposed to define parking areas), old water piping systems and most significantly the stockade fence that surrounded the three landward sides of the site. The existing unfinished building shell on the site has been secured to allow the public to use the site without danger.

Boyne City has also added picnic tables, benches and trash barrels to help encourage the public's enjoyment of the site. Public restrooms are available at the City's adjacent boat launch. Work on a paved walk-

way along North Lake Street that will tie into the City's sidewalk system at Vogel Street is underway. Parking will be confined to the two paved parking areas on the north and south ends of the site. Parking for the site is not allowed at the public boat launch.

During their June 23rd meeting the Boyne City City Commission authorized the hiring of A.K. Smith Appraisal Service of Big Rapids to conduct the first of two real estate appraisals of the site that are required for the City to be able to apply for state grants to help purchase the property.

At the July 2nd opening the last remaining sections of the obscuring fence will be removed and a new sign marking the site unveiled. The public is welcome to attend and be a part of the beginning of the transformation of this new open space.

## **4TH FUN FACTS**

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more.

In 1778, General George Washington celebrating by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum and having an artillery salute. Benjamin Franklin and John Adams were in Paris, France, and held a dinner for other Americans there.

1791 was the year that the name "Independence Day" was used for the first time. It may have been used before then, but that was the first time it was recorded.

1801 was the first time a July 4th party was held at the White House.

In 1805, Lewis and Clark celebrated the first July 4th celebration west of the Mississippi, at Independence Creek.

There were 2.5 million people living in the United States in July of 1776.

There are 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence. They did not all sign at the same time because some were not present. Most historians agree that they all signed by August 2, 1776.

The major reason for the U. S. to declare independence was taxation without representa-

More than 150 million hot dogs will be consumed on July 4th. That's roughly one hot dog for every two people in the U.S.

The first
Fourth of July
party was held at
the White House
in 1801.

1801. More than 80 million Americans will barbecue on July 4th.

The stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle to ensure that all colonies were represented equally.

Three U.S. presidents have died on July 4th: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; five years later, James Monroe died on July 4, 1831.

Calvin Coolidge is the only U.S. president born on the 4th of July. He was born in 1872.

Marie Curie, the only woman to win two Nobel Prizes and the only person to win two in two different science fields, died on July 4, 1934.

There are 31 places nationwide with the "liberty" in their name. The most populous one is Liberty, Missouri (29,149). Iowa has more of these places than any other state: four (Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty).

Eleven places have "independence" in their name. The most populous of these is Independence, Missouri, with 116,830 residents.

Five places adopted the name "freedom." New Freedom, Pennsylvania with 4,464 residents, has the largest population among these.

There is one place named "patriot" — Patriot, Indiana, with a population of 209.

And what could be more fitting than spending the day in a place called "America"? There are five such places in the country, with the most populous being American Fork, Utah, with 26,263 residents.

--Compiled by Mike Dunn



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## News

## Foundation Grant helps patient care throughout Charlevoix and Antrim Counties

Through a \$4,867 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority will have yet another tool to help patients in need in Charlevoix and Antrim Counties. The grant, supported by generous contributions throughout the community, was also made possible through a ten percent match by the East Jordan Ambulance Association and enabled the purchase of six EZ-IO units, drill drivers which allow trained providers to give fluid and medication through a patient's bone exactly as they would an IV in the event that they cannot obtain access normally.

"We are so appreciative of the kindness of organizations like these which help our community and allow these people to do their jobs," said EMS Authority Board President Thomas Mann.

The EZ-IO units will be deployed soon in all four ambulances, as well as the two paramedic rapid response units (Echo cars).

"This equipment will benefit residents of all ages, especially pediatric patients," said EMS Director and Paramedic Jay Peck. "The result of this is quicker and safer vascular access, and as a result, better overall patient care."

The EZ-IO provides the following unique benefits:

- Fluid resuscitation at up to 5 Liters per Hour

- 3-second access to the heart with medication and fluids

- Lower pain on insertion and infusion



The checks were presented by Maureen Radke, Program Director for the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (second from left) and Jim Rathbun, Vice President of the East Jordan Ambulance Association (far right). Present to accept the checks on behalf of Jordan Valley EMS were Board President Thomas Mann representing Banks Township and Board Members Alan Petrie representing Echo Township, John Doebel representing the City of East Jordan, Todd Sorenson representing Wilson Township, and Robert Draves representing South Arm Township. COURTESY PHOTO

closeup of an EZ-IO unit is shown, which includes a motor-run driver along with



- Less medication required for pain management

- No reported compartment syndrome due to IO access place-

The Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority, headquartered in East Jordan, services the City of East Jordan, as well as the outlying townships of Banks, Wilson, Echo, Jordan, South Arm Eveline and the board is made up of representatives from several of these municipalities.

If you are looking to help EMS become even better for the surrounding area, there are many ways to do so, from volunteering your time to taking a class, or even giving to one of the two endowment funds that are maintained thorough the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, from which the patients of Jordan Valley EMS benefits.

If you are interested in more information about the Jordan Valley EMS Authority, volunteering, or learning to perform CPR or even work as an Emergency Medical Technician, contact the EMS Director at (231) 536-7881 or visit

http://www.ejems.com

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix **County Community Foundation** may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

## **BOYNE FOURTH**

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next day. This will to ensure that drivers have the proper skills to operate the derby car. On Pine Street between Park & East Streets. Info: 248-410-3632.

5-6 p.m. - Early registration and packet pick-up for 39th Annual Independence Day Run Race, behind the Chamber of Commerce, 28 S. Lake St.

6 to 9 p.m. - Stroll the Streets, musicians performing all over downtown Boyne City. www.strollthestreets.com

Saturday, July 4th, 2015 6:30-7:15 a.m. - 39th Annual Independence Day Run Race Registration behind Chamber building. 28 S. Lake St.

7-10 a.m. - Eagles Breakfast at Eagles Hall, 106

7:30 a.m - 39th annual Independence Day Run - 2mile and 10k races along

the edge of Lake Charlevoix

8:30 a.m. Parade registration & lineup at Water Works building on Division Street

9 a.m.-7 p.m. Bouncers & More Inflatable Alley - For all ages and sizes

9-9:15 a.m. Children's Bike & Costume lineup at Early Childhood Development Center playground, corner of Main and Park Streets: judging at 9:30 sharp

9:30 a.m. Pre-parade entertainment and Eta Nu Clowns - Downtown

10 a.m.- 5 p.m. 38th Annual Waterside Arts & Craft Show

10 a.m. - GRAND PA-RADE\* on Water Street and Lake Street. Begins at corner of East and Water Streets, proceeds west on Water Street to Lake Street, then north on Lake, ending at Glen's Market

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. -Charlevoix Area Hospital/Boyne Area Medical Center First Aid Station, North Lake Street next to the river.

10 a.m. - Boyne Valley Garden Club Pie Sale

11 a.m. - Boyne City Rotary Club Chicken Barbe-

11:30 a.m. Kiwanis/Family Fare Supermarket Children's Pie-Eating Contest -Veterans Park

Noon - 2 p.m. Kiwanis Children's Games - Veterans Park

1-7p.m. Bands in Veterans Park

1 p.m. Northern Nights, 3 p.m. The Cookies, 5 p.m.

2 p.m. - Commemorative Raft Race in the Boyne River | Flier

2 -4 p.m. - Soap Box Derby, Park Street at Cedar Street - contestants must first pre-register and attend Derby School at 1

p.m. July 3 (see above). 2:30 p.m. - Boyne Chamber's 26th Annual Duck Race in the Boyne River -Chance to win \$1,000, \$250, \$100, and seven \$50 prizes.

Purchase \$10 tickets at Chamber office.

10:30 p.m. - FIREWORKS over Lake Charlevoix | Adopt Fireworks donation

Reminder: Dogs are not allowed in city parks during festivals/special events.

\* Handicapped parking available during the parade on Park Street between Ace Hardware and Pat O'Brien Real Estate and behind Park View Family Dentistry, corner of State and Lake streets.

Sunday, July 5 (Rain date for fireworks)

For more information about Boyne City's 4th of July celebration visit www.boynechamber.com or call the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 582-6222.

Enjoy a fabulous, and safe, 4th of July in beautiful northern Michigan!



place in Veteran's Memorial Park from 10am until 5pm on Friday and Saturday. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

## **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

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said Pat's fourth child, Denise Brown.

At the time George came to stay with the Ruhlman's he and Mike were both seniors. Jeani (Mead) was a sophomore at the time, Roberta (Nemecek) was in the 8th grade, Denise (Brown) 7th, Mary (Damery) 5th, Tony Ruhlman was just starting kindergarten and Renee Ruhlman wasn't even born yet. During his stay with the Ruhlman's their new house burnt down. "To the

ground, there was a hole, you could see our refrigerator in it," said Denise. Although George and almost the entire family were at home when the fire started no one was hurt. The experience however, brought everyone closer together, including George. "His Filipino mother felt he was a burden with the fire and all and wanted him to come home, he didn't want to and we didn't want him to either," said Denise. He was allowed to finish out his tenure with the Ruhlman's returning to the Philippines after graduation and always wanting to see the family again. "What a perfect time, moms 80th, what a better way to come back," he

Many things have changed in the Ruhlman family since he returned home to Manila, Philippines in 1972. Through occasional letters, George learned that little sister Renee was born in 1973, in 1989, Robert Ruhlman passed away, his American family grew up, married and had children. In 2000 Pat remarried Roy Messink. Then in 2009 they reconnected on Facebook and he just melded back into the family. "I've been asked if I would ever take another exchange student, no, I could never have as good of an experience, I was so spoiled by him," said Pat. "I always knew down deep, I'd see

him again."

An organization called Youth for Understanding brought the family together with Santiago. "It was a wonderful experience, we were the same, basically everything just fit," he said. Santiago played basketball, so did Mike, he was Catholic, so were the Ruhlman's, he came from a big family and the Ruhlmans certainly are a big family. "I was just like a regular child, I gave her problems especially about my grades," said Santiago.

"This was one of the greatest surprises of my life," said Pat.

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## **FIREWORKS LAWS**

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time of the year

Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither said there have been some questions about the use of fireworks. Basically, if it goes bang or is launched, you can only use them on the designated days. Gaither said the police department will investigate all reports of fireworks that are used

outside of the permitted days or where prohibited. The penalty for a violation of the fireworks ordinance is a municipal civil infraction. In all violations of the ordinance, the fireworks will be confiscated. Gaither also cautioned that fireworks users are responsible for any damage caused by the use of

fireworks. This includes damage caused by "flying lanterns" because as he noted, they will come down eventually.

State law prohibits the use of Consumer Fireworks on any public property including city parks

and streets.

## News

## A Weekend of celebration by Hospice

The weekend served as a kick off to the summer season, when many feel happy and joyous, and yet others are reminded that their dear ones are no longer with them.

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In what proved to be a fun-filled yet emotionally charged weekend, Hospice of Northwest Michigan were involved in three major events in Charlevoix on June 27 and 28 to support the community, raise funds for the organization, and provide support for families who have lost members to death.

The weekend was sunny and bright, making the weather per-

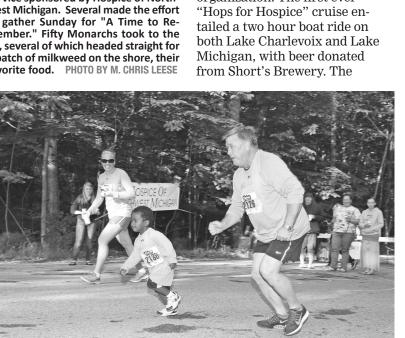


A participant thinks about a loved one as she releases a butterfly at Depot Beach during the annual memorial service sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Several made the effort to gather Sunday for "A Time to Remember." Fifty Monarchs took to the air, several of which headed straight for a patch of milkweed on the shore, their

fect for running in the Charlevoix Marathon. Aid Station #1 was run by Hospice volunteers who provided cool water to the participants from their station at the corner of McSauba and Pleasant Streets. Hospice of Northwest Michigan has been involved in the Marathon for 7 years as part of their commitment to volunteerism in the

"Volunteers from our nonprofit organization have partnered with the Charlevoix Marathon to actively support the event participants...This station is seen and utilized by all of the runners twice during the marathon, which is appropriate when you think about it...Hospice is with you from start to finish," said Director Amy Weiland of their efforts during the Marathon. Weiland also says that the volunteers have been asked to commit to hosting the station for next year as many of the runners appreciated their ef-

Following the Marathon, Hospice Volunteers found themselves on the Keewanaw Star in an effort to raise funds for the organization. The first ever



Little Aidan Garberson, 3, of Seattle, Washington, gets some quick refreshments at the Hospice watering table and is ready to run again with his 'Papa", David Dowdall, in the 5K division of the Charlevoix Marathon Saturday. Papa carried him most of the way. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Amy Wieland, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan shares information about their program choices during a fundraiser cruise "Hops for Hospice" on the Keweenaw Star, Saturday in Charlevoix. Keweenaw Excursions, Shorts Brewery and the Charlevoix Marathon all contributed to the success of the fundraiser, PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

cruise, which volunteers anticipated 50-75 attending, boasted over 100 participants! Those on the cruise enjoyed the gorgeous weather and delicious beer while supporting a wonderful cause in the area.

As part of their support to the families who have lost loved ones, Hospice held a Memorial Service on Sunday, June 28 at Depot Beach. Those in attendance enjoyed live music, words from a pastoral counselor, and spent time remembering and celebrating the lives of those they have lost. The event focused on celebrating the lives of loved ones as opposed to mourning their loss. Most heart wrenchingly, those present participated in a live butterfly release to commemorate those they've lost. The butterflies served as a "visual reminder that life goes on" according to Weiland. The service gave any and all in the community who had lost loved ones time to remember them and support each other, whether or not they had used hospice.

The weekend served as a kick off to the summer season, when many feel happy and joyous, and yet others are reminded that their dear ones are no longer



Community fun being had at the 1st Annual Hops for Hospice Cruise on Saturday! Keweenaw Excursion, Shorts Brewery & the Charlevoix Marathon all contributed to the cruises success! PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

with them. The events helped those grieving to be involved in supporting the journey of others who may be enduring the same trials, and gave much needed funds to an organization that makes that terrible experience as endurable as possible.

"We make life moments happen," stated Weiland as a reminder that although their purpose may be to ease suffering toward the end of life, they focus just as much on the journey of

life itself.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a non-profit organization that serves Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. For those interested in learning about how Hospice can help their family or how their family can support Hospice, please call 800-551-4140 or go to the Hospice website at

www.hospicenwm.org.



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## Health & Wellness

## **Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse** Program receives statewide honor

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) today announced that Charlevoix Area Hospital was one of four winners of its 2015 Ludwig Community Benefit Award. The award, named in memory of Patric E. Ludwig, a former MHA president who championed investing in the community's overall health, is presented to member organizations integrally involved in collaborative programs to improve the health and well-being of area residents.

Four years ago, Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation leaders responded to a dire need in their community. The position of school nurse had been cut from the budget of many of their local schools, leaving teachers to pick up the slack. The hospital recognized the lack of training that most teachers had, not to mention the undue burden this would place on them.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a ratio of one school nurse to every 750 students; Michigan's ratio is one nurse to 6,607 students – last in the nation.

The hospital and foundation recognized the need and gave Kathy Jacobsen, director of community health education, the task of coming up with a plan. Partnering with the willing school administrators, Kathy recommended that four full-time registered nurses be placed into nine area schools. Thus the Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse Program was born – at no cost to the schools.

The program works closely with area superintendents, principals, the Health Department of NW Michigan, area dentists and many others to provide previously unavailable access to care to 4,000 students annually. It has had a significant impact, including one unexpected, but very welcome result. The schools have seen a marked decrease in chronic absenteeism (defined as those absent at least 10 percent of the school year) by 6 percent in the first three years. Not only has the medical safety in the schools greatly increased, but students have been given the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyle habits that will last a lifetime.

Sue Coen, RN, provides coverage for Ellsworth, Central Lake and Bellaire schools. Chris Signs-Warstler,



left to right - Sue Coen, Chris Signs-Warstler, Kathy Jacobsen, Patti Howes, Kristie Robarge.

RN, has responsibility for Boyne Falls, Boyne Concord, Northwest Academy and St. Mary's Schools. Patti Howes, RN, covers the East Jordan schools and Kristie Robarge, RN, has responsibility for Charlevoix schools. These nurses have become far more involved with the schools than what a typical school nurse job description requires. From writing grants for healthy school lunch programs and building hoop houses to planning color fun runs, these nurses have become well-loved, successful advocates for healthy change among their students. All of these extra projects are helping to create a setting where our local children can both learn and flourish.

'This program has been so rewarding," states Kathy Jacobsen, who continues to supervise the program. "The nurses deserve all the credit. Their hard work in the school setting with some of the most medically fragile students has proved that inno-

vative and dedicated nurses make a lasting difference every day."

This is not the first award the very successful program has won. In 2013-14, it was named a "Program of Promise" by the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, a national program sponsored by Jackson Healthcare, recognizing hospitals whose commitment to their community has led to innovative efforts to improve community health and increase access to healthcare education and services.

Also honored by Michigan Health & Hospital Association were programs led by Aspirus Grand View, Ironwood; Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater; and Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital. Each of the four winners will receive \$3,000 from the MHA Health Foundation to assist in its health improvement efforts.

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

## Quality Child Care in Michigan... So what's in it for me?

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

By Barb Monroe, Program Director, Great Start to Quality **Central Resource Center** 

For decades, early childhood education has been on the minds of many early childhood professionals across the state. Caring, nurturing and teaching our youngest, most vulnerable citizens, is a passion of these professionals, whether it is registered family home providers, group providers, child care center providers, **Great Start Readiness** or Head Start teachers or the professors in higher education. Ask any one of them why they do what they do. I guarantee they will all say, "It's about providing the children; our future, with quality experiences right from the start!"

After many years of trying to get early childhood on the agenda of legislators and those that govern, the attention is finally opening up to what many of us already know. President Obama included early childhood in his State of the Union Address on January 20, 2015, "In today's economy, when having both parents in the workforce is an economic necessity for many families; we need affordable, high-quality childcare more than ever. It's not a nice-to-have it's a must-have. So it's time we stop treating childcare as a side issue, or as a women's issue, and treat it like the national economic priority that is for all of us."

So what's in it for me? Research clearly shows that money spent on young children is a great investment that provides many long lasting benefits to children and families. The President's Council of Economic Advisors' report on the Economics of Early Childhood indicates that investments in high-quality early education generate economic returns over \$8 for every \$1 spent. We are talking about the future of our society, the legacies we leave in the hands of our children! A strong beginning to a strong workforce is what's in it for me. The fact that we, as early childhood professionals, are part of this big picture of quality for children means a secure foundation for a prosperous future for us.

Great Start to Quality is Michigan's tiered quality rating and improvement system for child care and preschool. Children start learning from day one long before Kindergarten - so quality child care and preschool programs can help them succeed in school, work and life. Learning begins at birth where the earliest years of a child's life are the most critical for building foundational cognitive skills, social and emotional skills and patterns of engagement in school and learning, (www.whitehouse.gov). Great Start to Quality goes beyond licensing requirements. It is a system based on a consistent set of indicators that align with Michigan's Early Childhood Standards of Quality established by the Michigan State Board of Education. The move to quality systems for childcare and preschool is under way across the nation.

So what's in it for me? Early childhood educators have the opportunity to show the policy makers in our state that early learning and care matters in Michigan. Participating in Great Start to Quality shows commitment to best practices and the dedication for continuous learning that transfers to providing the most up to date early learning and care experiences for children. What's in it for me? Great Start to Quality supports early childhood providers in their efforts to improve their programs and helps parents find and cho quality programs that meet their children's needs.

Nothing ever stays the same: as we know better we do better. So let's all say, "It's about providing the children; our future, with quality experiences right from the start!"

To find out more please contact your local Great Start To Quality Resource Center, 1-877-614-7328.

## Community Foundation Awards Grant to help Hospice of Northwest Michigan improve staff skills and marketing

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded Hospice of Northwest Michigan a \$5,000 grant, based upon the recognized need for access to marketing tools and staff skills development. Amy Wieland, Executive Director, said part of the funding will be used to support the agency's marketing initiatives that help our community better understand the Who, What, Where, Why and When of Hospice care and to reinforce that everyone has a choice in their Hospice care provider. The other portion will provide opportunities for staff skills development, which not only allow us to improve staff skills but ultimately the care provided to our community

"We are extremely grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for supporting our com-

munity services through this grant and recognizing our services as a valued choice," Wieland said. "They have enabled us to more effectively reach out to those who need and depend on Hospice of Northwest Michigan and to ensure that we are able to provide the best possible care." According to Wieland, the continued outstanding support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will positively impact our community friends and neighbors well into the future.

You have a Choice in hospice care. Know what choices are available for you and your family before an emergent situation arises. Presentations to local organizations or access to more information can be arranged by contacting Wieland at (231) 547-

Wieland said Hospice of North-

west Michigan is the only non-profit, community-based, locally-managed hospice in northern lower Michigan. meaning it is not owned, operated, regulated or supported by corporate interests. "That gives us the flexibility to make decisions that serve our own communities' unique and everchanging needs," she explained. "Of course, it also means we're much more dependent on local support to survive."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grant-making, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. Learn more about CCCF online at www.c3f.org.

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## 2015 Freedom Festival was 1st Class!

By Jim Akans

Picture perfect northern Michigan weather greeted annual East Jordan Freedom Festival attendees this past weekend. East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Director. Shannon Fender, reports that ideal celebration conditions brought huge crowds to this year's event, including record crowds at the Friday Night Block Party. Festival 500 tickets were also sold out, and East Jordan area businesses observed brisk customer traffic throughout the weekend as folks flocked to enjoy yet another fantastic Freedom Festival. Let freedom ring, and welcome summer.



Sounds of music filled the air throughout the festival, including this performance by the Sault St. Marie Pipe Band. COURTESY PHOTO

Kids love the opportunity to display some creative face





This year's Grand Marshals, the East Jordan Lions Club COURTESY





**Fireworks** PHOTO BY KAREN WALKER



Police Chief Dale Boehm led his final Freedom Festival parade before his retirement later this year. COURTESY PHOTO

## David Massengill performs at Aten Place on Friday

On Friday, July 3rd, David Massengill will return to the Aten Place stage for a 7:30 pm performance. The last time David toured Northern Michigan was in 2005. A former Tennessean, David Massengill emigrated to the Greenwich Village folk scene in the mid-70's, and walked the same streets and played the same storied coffee houses as Bob Dylan and David Van Ronk. Thirty years later, he's still walking those streets, but now he's being recognized universally for his pivotal role in keeping the American folk music tradition

David is a master of vivid lyrical imagery and creates beautiful and poignant "story songs" that are intimate and relevant, and tug at your emotions. David's

songs have been covered and recorded by Joan Baez, The Roches, Lucy Kaplansky, Tom Russell, Nanci Griffith and his mentor, Dave Van Ronk. David's instrument of choice is the lap dulcimer, an instrument indelibly Appalachian, and is the perfect accompaniment to his masterful songs and stories.

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

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile

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

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



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## **News Briefs**

#### EAST JORDAN **EPSILON CELEBRATION BAND**

July 4, 7pm, Memorial Park bandshell. This fabulous concert is sure to be a great way to kick off your 4th of July evening.

#### EAST JORDAN "4 ONE ACCORD" GOSPEL **MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

July 4, 6pm, East Jordan Community Center. The Open Door Christian coffee House will be held every first and third Saturday. Admission is free and refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

#### **BOYNE CITY DOWNSIZING FOR HAPPINESS**

July 5, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café<sup>7</sup>, 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 vou 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.

#### EAST JORDAN **MAGICIAN "BAFFLING BILL" PROGRAM**

July 8, 10:30am, Jordan Valley District Library. Baffling Bill, the Magician in an hour long program. Each reader under 11 years old will receive a prize from the magician after the show. Other magical items will also be available to purchase from Baffling Bill after the show so bring money. The library would suggest readers get hooked on a fictional magic book, check out a how to magic book or read a digital magic ebook to keep readers reading throughout the summer.

#### HARBOR SPRINGS **ART FAIR AT NUBS NOB**

July 8, 9:30am-4pm, Nub's Nob. Over 100 artists from as far away as New York and Arizona will offer their creations for sale at this year's event. Vendor offerings will include jewelry, woodcarving, painting, pottery, fiber, glass, stone, leather, metal paper and photography. Admission to the art fair is \$3 per adult; children are admitted free with an adult. The Slightly Gourmet Café will once again offer lunch fare, beverages and desserts for fair-goers

to enjoy while they shop. Profits from The Women's Club Art Fair support over 20 local northern Michigan charities and scholarships.

### **BOYNE CITY BOYNE THUNDER POKER**

July 10-11, This unique boating event showcases high performance boats, slicing through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 150mile excursion. Since it began, Boyne Thunder has raised more \$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 MODERN ROMANCE EXPLORED**

July 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café', First Presbyterian Church Community Room. "Modern Romance: That Crazy Thing Called Love,' features a filmed interview with cowboy humorist and performer Gary McMahan as well as his wife of more than 20 years. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

#### **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 Michi-

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**

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 8amnoon at Veterans Park.

#### CHARLEVOIX **FARMERS MARKET**

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

#### EAST JORDAN **FARMERS MARKET**

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

## 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 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 email 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 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.

#### EAST JORDAN "BOB SELLERS" GOSPEL

## **MUSIC PERFORMANCE** July 18, 6pm, East Jor-

dan Community Center. The Open Door Christian coffee House will be held every first and third Saturday. Admission is free and refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

#### **BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT: OILIVIA 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 JORDA **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-

#### **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 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-

#### **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 Foundation. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or www.crookedtree.org.

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#### CHARLEVOIX **CTAC LECTURE SERIES**

August 13, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Robert Swanson, Architect/Photography: Inside/Outside Museums. 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.

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#### **BOYNE CITY TECH TUESDAY WITH NICK PULVER**

August 18, 6-7pm, Boyne District Library. Intro to Arduino. The Arduino board provides an inexpensive and easy way for novices and professionals to create devices that interact with their environment using sensors and actuators. Common examples for beginner hobbyists include simple robots, thermostats and motion detectors. 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.



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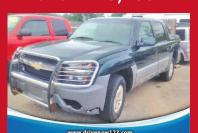
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