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Is Skydiving a Problem?

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday, City Council dealt with multiple hot topic issues, including a presentation from council member Luther Kurtz who was concerned about feedback his skydiving business was receiving.

Kurtz chose to recuse himself from a discussion on Airport Manager Qualifications and Documentation of Changes after acknowledging that he owned a business that operates out of Charlevoix Municipal Airport. Before Airport Manager Liz Myer presented that agenda item however, Kurtz requested an opportunity to address council regarding the issues his skydiving operation has encountered in recent weeks.

"I just want to say a few words about my skydiving company, there has been a lot circulating around town about it," stated Kurtz.

He then continued on to explain why he chose to bring his business to Charlevoix, the history his company has with the Charlevoix Municipal Airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations he operates under.

Kurtz owns Skydive Harbor Springs, which operates in Charlevoix out of the Airport. His business involves planes taking off and landing, as well as jumpers landing with their parachutes. Kurtz opened his operation under the management of previous Airport Manager Scott Woody who allowed Kurtz to coordinate jumps for a minimal fee. However this year, Myer came to Kurtz and requested that he show

See **SKYDIVING** -7A



A large audience gathered at Monday nights City Council meeting to express their opinions on skydiving operations out of the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

The Fence Is Down!



Mayor Ron Grunch and owner Bob Grove shake hands after the last portion of fence is lowered.

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On Thursday, July 2 the fence surrounding the property at 475 N. Lake Street was taken down for the first time in at least 8 years.

The property, which is directly across from the Family Fare plaza in Boyne City, has sat unused for many years, with a large fence that obstructed the view of the water surrounding it. According to officials, citizens of Boyne have been asking for the fence to come down since the day it went up. Recently, two Charlevoix County men made it their mission to purchase the property and make it more user friendly for all in the community.

Co-owners Bob Grove and Mike Dow purchased the property in April and then offered a \$1 lease to Boyne City in the hope that the city would clean up the property, tear down the fence, and make the space open to the public. That lease was signed on June 10 and City Manager Michael Cain indicated that the fence would be down no later than July 4. City Staff, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Charlevoix County jail volunteers began clearing the land the day the lease was signed.

On July 2 the property becoming open space became a reality when Grove and Dow with assistance from city commissioners lowered the last portion of the

fence in an opening ceremony for the public. For the first time in years citizens were able to wander across the now cleaned up property and walk down to

the waterline that has been out of sight.

"We have the very start of a new beginning. Thanks to the in-

See **FENCE IS DOWN** -7A



Residents enjoy the waterline that has been obstructed for years on July 2.



The new Boyne City Open Space sign is officially unveiled to the public.

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JULY 7, 2015

City approves Commercial Redevelopment District downtown for new development

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN--The East Jordan City Commission opened with a public hearing to gather public comment on the establishment of a Commercial Redevelopment District in the downtown area

then approved a resolution to establish one at the July 7 meeting.

The owners of four parcels located on the corner of Main and Spring Streets requested that the property be listed as a Commercial Redevelopment District so that as they invest funds to develop it they can receive some tax breaks accord-

ing to Public Act 255 of 1978. Sara Christensen an Economic Development Specialist with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance gave a presentation explaining what a Commercial Redevelopment District was and how a tax abatement would work. "Sometimes people get confused and they think taxes are being taken away from the community. No, the taxes go up, they are just helping the developers to get established," she said. The property developers, Cannonball LLC already has an approved site and demolition plan. "This is just one of these formalities that need to be improved," said City Administrator Thomas Cannon. "It's a big investment and anything that will help it be a success is important to us. I grew up here, it's a nice community and a good opportunity and we want

See **COMMISSION** -9A



Kayla Keane was a 2014/15 track and field conference champion, regional champion and qualified for the state meet coming in third place in the 1600 meter run and first place in the 3200 meter run.



Andrew Drenth and the East Jordan High School golf team were the first to earn a regional championship. Drenth was honored at the July 7 City Commission meeting, the rest of the team will be mailed certificates of honor.

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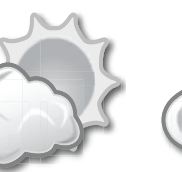


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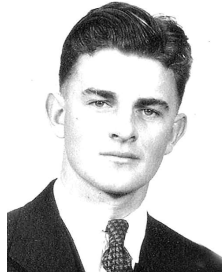
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OBITUARIES

Clayton Arthur Smith, 98

(NOV. 7, 1915 - JUNE 28, 2015)

At 98 Clayton could still tell you where the biggest trout are caught and where the best beaver he ever trapped was caught. Clayton went home to be with the Lord at 99 years of age.



Born in the Barnard section of Charlevoix, to Clyde and Vera Vance Smith, he came into the world in a country house and he will be buried at Barnard Cemetery not more than a ¼ mile from where he was born. Clayton was a self-made business man, learning early that he could make a lot more selling fruit than picking it. He continued this tradition and supplied the Upper Peninsula with fruit that would not be available to folks unless he brought it up across the Straits. He would tell stories about how he would have a load of fruit and he could go to the front of the line to get on the ferry (pre Big Mac Bridge) and get his load across to be sold. Clayton was in the Civilian Conservation Corps and then joined the Merchant Marines to help support the war effort. He came home to Charlevoix to meet Kathryn Besemer and married her at Barnard Methodist Church. They were married 61 years before Kay died in December of 2011. They had four children Debby (Terry) Wright of Grand Blanc, Michigan; Randy and Elizabeth Smith of Kentwood, Michigan; Linda (David) Scovel of Higganum, Connecticut; and Gail (Richard) King of Port Penn, Delaware. Nine grandchildren: Daniel and Rachel Wright; Josiah, Cody, and Samuel Scovel; and Kathryn, Olivia, Patience, and Emma Smith and one great grandchild, Lily Rae Forberg. Clayton is also survived by his sister, Marjorie Warner, of Charlevoix. Clayton became an author at 75 years old, writing down his stories because he realized his grandchildren might not get to hear them all. He had to write two books of his stories to get them all in.

He like writing down his story so much that he thought he should write down other Charlevoix patriarchs' stories. Nephew Mick Smith and Clay would go find the old timers and get them talking and record the stories on tape, and another book was born. His books are in the Charlevoix Library. When he was not on his Ford tractor, plowing up the garden he would be carving an animal from a piece of oak or walnut board.

Kay used to say "He just can't leave a piece of wood alone!"

Clayton's life will be honored at the Barnard Methodist Church where he first heard the stories of his Lord and Savior, whom he loved. His favorite hymn was "I come to the garden alone" and that is where he did most of his talking to the Lord.

This poem was written by daughter Gail a few years ago and sums up Clayton.

That's My Dad
A trapper by trade;
A deal always made.
An apple to sell;
A story to tell.
A Christmas tree to shake;
Just as mom started to bake.
Pumpkins to count;
And the dollars do amount.
Wood to saw, carve and whittle;
And you know it's never little.

From dawn to dusk you can hear Clayton say,
"Just not enough hours in the day."
Funeral was Tuesday, July 7,

2015, at the Barnard United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Burial at the Barnard Cemetery. The Reverends Greg Culver and Craig Pahl officiating.

Contributions to the Charlevoix or Barnard United Methodist Church.

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

Gordon "Jake" Grody, 71

(APRIL 14, 1944 - JULY 2, 2015)

Gordon "Jake" Grody of East Jordan and formerly of Mancelona, died Thursday, July 2, 2015 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He was born on April 14, 1944 in Mancelona, the son of Ervin C. and Chloe Mae (Henderson) Grody.

Jake was the owner-operator of Gordon Grody Construction for many years. He retired in 2008.

He enjoyed playing guitar and singing, cards and pool.

Jake is survived by nine children, Jeff Grody, David "Bud", Rich (Garnet) Grody, Gordon "Gordy" Grody, Leathal "Jake" (Nancy) Grody, Catrina (Shawn) Norton, Claudette (Andy) Brooks, Angela (Dave) Barnes and Cortni Cutler; twenty-one grandchildren, Christyna, Christopher, Audra, Tiffany, Amber, Jade, Brent, Ethan, Mark, Angela, Kaleb, Nickolas, RevaSue, Andrew, Caitlyn, Jasmine, Shaun, Carleigh, Braedon, Parker and Jakeb; six great grandchildren, Samantha, Josh, Dustin, Alyiah, Darren and LiLRichie; one sister, Dorothy (Harry) Richards; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Dustin; and ten siblings, Ilene, Donald, Virgil "Red", Sylvia "Black", Shirley, Ervin "Bill", Robert, Howard "Hob", Alice "Maxine" and Forest "Wayne".

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Louie Scholl will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until service time at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Brenda Urman (Crozier), 57

(OCT. 2, 1957 - JUNE 30, 2015)

On Tuesday June 30, Brenda Urman passed away after a long battle with cancer. Born on October 2, 1957 in Petoskey, Michigan to Howard and Peg Crozier.



She was raised in Boyne City, graduating high school in 1976, where she met and later married her high school sweetheart, Terry Urman.

Throughout Brenda's life, she was a strong and inspirational woman whose presence emanated charm and brought joy wherever she went. Her family was the pride of her life, but her love did not stop with them alone. Whether it was close friends, or friends of her son and daughter, her adoration was felt by all.

This warrior is survived by her husband Terry Urman of Boyne City; two children, Hilary Urman of Boyne City and Tyler Urman of Grand Rapids; her mother Peg Crozier of Boyne City; three siblings, Howard (Phyllis) Crozier Jr. of Boyne City, Patricia (Bob) Tanis of Ludington, and Ron (Patty) Crozier of Boyne City.

A memorial to celebrate Brenda's Life was held Friday, July 3, 2015 at the Walloon Lake Community Church.

Family and friends wishing

to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Rosalie Hampton (Kowalski), 82

(DEC. 25, 1932 - JUNE 28, 2015)

Rosalie Hampton, age 82 of Boyne City, Michigan died on June 28, 2015 at her home.

A memorial mass will be held Friday July 3, 2015 at Saint Matthews Church in Boyne City at 11:00 am with Father Dennis Stillwell will officiating.

Rosalie was born December 25, 1932 to Phillip and Rose Kowalski. She grew up in a large loving family with six siblings. She attended Catholic school and graduated from Alpena public, she furthered her education and became a LPN, She had her license in nursing and donated her time to the Boyne Area Free Clinic until she was too ill to participate.

She married Jack William Hampton on January 12, 1952. They had four children Angela Hampton Cyr, Karla (Pete) Valler, Sandra (Jeff Howery) Hampton, Patrick (Julie Cobrea) Hampton. As well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of Saint Matthews Church as well as the Eagles in Boyne City. Rosie loved gardening, sewing but most of all nursing, she remained passionate for the care of people.

A luncheon was held July 3, 2015 at the Eagles in Boyne City

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Rosalie are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Polly L. Hueber, 54

(DEC. 8, 1960 - JUNE 17, 2015)

Polly L. Hueber. Age 54, of Charlevoix, MI died on June 17, 2015. She was born on December 8, 1960 to the late Donald R. Hueber & Patsy H. Hueber of Indianapolis, IN.



Polly was a gardener and worked for many homeowners in the Charlevoix area tending to their landscaping needs. She is survived by her two adult sons, Connor R. Lowe, 25 who resides in Los Angeles and Ryan J. Lowe, 19 who lived with his Mom.

She leaves behind a brother, Parkison K. (Yvonne) Hueber of Boyne City, MI; a sister Martha C. (Ronald) Tucker of Denver, CO; a sister Emily A. Hueber of Virginia Beach, VA; former husband Kenny R. Lowe of Indianapolis, IN and 4 nephews, 2 nieces, 2 great nephews and 1 great niece.

At the wishes of Polly, there will be no memorial service.

She will be interred at Crown Hill Memorial Cemetery in Indianapolis. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to those that helped Polly over the past 18 months while she battled cancer. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

William "Bud" Cruickshank, 87

(FEB. 25, 1928 - JUNE 29, 2015)

William "Bud" Cruickshank of Beaver Island, died Monday, June 29, 2015, at Grandvue medical Care Facility in East Jordan. He was born February 25, 1928, in Port Huron to Arthur and Mary M. (Willey) Cruickshank. He graduated from Port Huron High School in 1946, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Wayne State

University.

Bud served in the US Navy during WWII during the Korean War.

He worked for General Motors retiring in 1984. Following retirement he made his home on Beaver Island.

On September 9, 1950, William married Barbara Miller in Port Huron and she survives. Bud is also survived by his sons, Dan of Grand Rapids, and Scott (Patricia) of Hesperia; daughter-n-law, Deborah of Royal Oak; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, William Jr., Grant, and Brian.

The wake was Tuesday at Bud's home. Funeral will be 1pm, Wednesday, July 8, at the Beaver Island Episcopal Church, Pastor Howard Davis officiating. Burial will take place at the Beaver Island Cemetery where military honors will be conducted by the Beaver Island AMVETS. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Vicky A. Perkins, 72

(SEPT. 18, 1942 - JULY 1, 2015)

Vicky Alice Perkins of Central Lake, died peacefully, July 1, 2015 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility.

She was born September 18, 1942 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Ervin and Marvel (Smith) Racignol.

Vicky was a graduate of CMU with a teaching degree in special education. She had a brilliant mind, teaching in Lincoln Park and East Jordan, before coming to Central Lake and teaching Kindergarten for many years. She retired in 1994.

Vicky had a very kind and giving heart, generous to all those she knew. She cherished spending time baking and crafting with her grandchildren. She loved pets, reading and doing needlework. Vicky was a member of the Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth.

On February 7, 1964 in Eaton Rapids, she married H. Norman Perkins, who survives. Also surviving are her children Matt (Michelle) Perkins, Kate (Rob) Essenberg, brother Jim (Pat) Racignol, grandchildren Alex Perkins, Cole Essenberg, Matilda Perkins, Tess Perkins, and Brooke Essenberg.

Funeral service was Monday, July 6, 2015 at Belltower Reformed Church with Rev. Jared VanNoord officiating. A private burial will take place in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake.

Memorial contributions can be made to "With A Little help From My Friends", 3820 Ritt Rd., Bellaire, MI 49615. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Rose M. Niswander, 86

Rose M. Niswander of Charlevoix, formerly of East Jordan, died Friday, July 3, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. Arrangements are pending.

Edith Ladi, 95

Edith Ladi of Charlevoix died Monday, July 6, 2015, at American House in Charlevoix. No services are planned. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery.

Bonnie Jean Bellows, 70

(AUG. 11, 1944 - JULY 6, 2015)

Bonnie Jean Bellows of Charlevoix, died Monday, July 6, 2015, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She was born August 11, 1944, in Petoskey to Oliver M. and Lilly Belle (Hubble) Gram.

On February 19, 1977, she married William Bellows in Petoskey. They made their home in Charlevoix.

Bonnie worked as a waitress at the Hillcrest Country Club in Roseville, and Leuthheuser's Restaurant in Charlevoix. She was an avid reader, taught Vacation Bible School, volunteered at the Rainbow Shoppe, and Republican Party, and sold Avon for many years. Bonnie also worked at Bendix-Quarters in Boyne City.

She was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, William L. Bellows of Charlevoix; daughters, Dona (Darryl) Burleson of Asheville, N.C., Bill (Sallie) Bellows of Summerfield, N.C., Beth (Bruce) Cook of Black Mountain, N.C., Pamela (Wes) McCoy of Palm Harbor, Fla., Kim Pelzel of East Jordan, Stan Sutherland of Wisconsin; sixteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley (Dave) Baily of Fountain, Colo., Mary (Bill) Boros, Julia Eppler all of Petoskey; brother, Oliver "Butch" (Diane) Gram of Bay Shore.

(She was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Bellows; great-grandchild, Elyssa Lane Roman; parents, Oliver and Lilly; sister, Darlene Bowell; son-in-law, James Pelzel.

Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Friday, July 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 7:30 pm. Funeral Mass will be 11 am, Saturday, July 11, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Interment will take place at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

James P. Waller, 90

(NOV. 5, 1924 - JULY 6, 2015)

James P. Waller of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, July 6, 2015, at Tender Care in Gaylord. He was born November 5, 1924, in Detroit to Harris and Mabel (Drury) Waller.

He served in the US Coast Guard during WWII as a sonarman. Following the war, he made his home in Central Lake.

Married on November 6, 1981, he has been the devoted husband of Viola Andersen Pettis Waller for thirty-three years. They made their home in Charlevoix where James worked at Harbor Industries as a cabinet maker, retiring after thirty-four years.

He loved woodworking, tending his garden, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

James is survived by his wife, Viola; children, James Waller of Traverse City, Gloria (Ben) Waller of East Jordan, Joy Livingston of Central Lake, Richard Waller of Central Lake, Mary (Enos) Bacon of East Jordan, Susan Pettis (Alfred) Bagaglia of New Providence, R.I., James Pettis of Charlevoix, Gary (Patti) Pettis of Cotton Town, Tenn. Amazing grandpa and papa to fifteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Don and Richard; sister Delores; daughter-in-law, Kathleen Pettis.

Funeral will be 1 pm, Monday, July 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where visitation will begin at 11 am. Burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Reverend Todd Thompson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Please sign James' guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

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12th Annual 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. COURTESY PHOTO

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 Somerset 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 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 Veter-

ans 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.

Special thanks to our major sponsors: Mystic Power Boats, Somerset Pointe, and Chief Performance. For more information about Boyne Thunder, visit www.boynethunder.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Great Lakes Energy holds district elections

Mail-in ballots were recently sent to Great Lakes Energy members in districts 1, 2 and 7 who will elect a candidate from their district to serve on the electric cooperative's board of directors.

Incumbent Mark Carson of Boyne City and challenger Ken Tough of Charlevoix are seeking to fill the director seat in District 2 (Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties). Incumbent Paul Schemanski of Petoskey runs unopposed in District 1 (Emmet County). Incumbent Paul Byl of Shelby is being challenged by Anne Pawli of Montague for the board position in District 7 (Oceana and Muskegon counties).

Great Lakes Energy members in the three dis-

tricts received a mail-in ballot and candidate information with their July/August issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine. Members are asked to cast their vote and mail the postage-paid ballot to the Petoskey accounting firm handling the vote count. Returned ballots must be received by accountants by no later than Aug. 20.

The three winners, one from each district, will be announced Aug. 26 at the cooperative's annual business meeting in Boyne City. Results will also be posted online at gtlakes.com.

Remaining Great Lakes Energy members in districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 will vote by mail-in ballot in either 2016 or 2017. M

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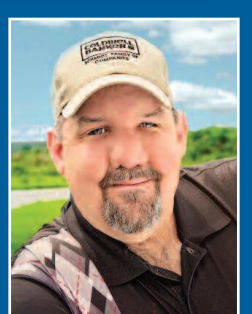
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35th annual Blissfest Music Festival takes place this weekend

By Jim Akans

It's a celebration of music, culture, art and community, and for 35 years, the annual Blissfest Music Festival has gotten tuned up and ready to present an amazing array of musical performers on three stages. This year's event is starting on Friday, July 10, and continuing through Sunday, July 12. The event takes place at the 120-acre Blissfest Festival Farm, located about five miles outside of historic Cross Village and north of Harbor Springs.

Joe Wambold, past president, board member and a longtime volunteer for the Blissfest Music Organization (BMO), states, "I want to talk to the people of Northern Michigan, the people that have heard of Blissfest and more than once said "we should check that out one of these years." I may be partial but I truly believe we have something unique in Blissfest, we sell more than music. We sell an atmosphere that is hard to find this day and age."

It is an atmosphere filled people enjoying the sounds of live music in the open air. There are many dozens of talented acts scheduled for this year's event showcasing virtually every type of musical genre. It is a gathering of families, friends and music lovers of every age who may camp out, attend a huge variety of workshops, peruse the fascinating wares at the numerous craft, healing arts and service booths, treat the kids to a huge variety of organized kids activities, enjoy fabulous food cooked up at the several food booths on the grounds, and even enjoy a



Folk legend Arlo Guthrie will be one of the headline performers at this year's Blissfest Music Festival. COURTESY PHOTO

lighthearted round of 18-hole Frisbee golf.

Wambold notes, "I would like to invite people up for one day for your first time, bring your lawn chair, bring your cooler bring a Bliss attitude. Find a place at our main stage for your chair and then you can walk around and checkout our property. We pride ourselves in having an very family friendly farm with three stages for main acts, a small Song Tree stage in the woods for unplugged acts, the Drum Kiva which is a must see also in the woods and our instrument workshops were you can get pointers on your favorite instrument or just get to know your favorite artist a little better."

This year's musical lineup features a typically diverse range of artists, bringing a wide array of folk, world and roots music and dance to the Blissfest grounds. Performers this year includes such well known names as folk legend Arlo Guthrie, the indie folk sounds of Pearl and the Beard, bluegrass hip hop from Gangstagrass, a bit of the blues from Mulebone and much, much more. Blissfest is also a showcase of Michigan musical talents and among this year's performers will be Seth and May, The Accidentals, Kellerville and the Pistil Whips.

Blissfest was founded by Jim Gillespie 35 years ago, and he remains the festival's director



Blissfest features many Michigan-based acts, including The Accidentals. COURTESY PHOTO.

to this day. Over 400 volunteers join together to assist putting the event on, and approximately 5,000 attendees are expected to gather at this one of a kind musical celebration.

Wambold observes, "I would say to my friends from Northern Michigan who have said "we should check that out one

of these years" - make it 2015. I think you will be impressed."

Rustic camping is available for the weekend with a Weekend Pass. Ticket information, directions to the event, and a full schedule of performers and performance times can be found at www.blissfest.org.



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Student veterans utilize G.I. Bill benefits

More than 13,500 student veterans and their dependents across the state can continue to use their G.I. Bill benefits and receive in-state tuition rates when they return to campus this fall. Two state agencies collaborated to ensure student veterans, their spouses, children and other dependents can use their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, Montgomery G.I. Bill and other educational benefits to pursue their educational goals at each of Michigan's 43 colleges and universities.

Under the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 – also known as the Choice Act – public colleges and universities nationwide were required to offer in-state tuition and fees to all eligible individuals by July 1, 2015. In most states, a vote by the legislature could bring the entire state into compliance; however, under the Michigan Constitution, all state public institutions of higher learning are autonomously governed and each needed to adopt the revised Choice Act policies independently to be in compliance.

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and Michigan State Approving Agency worked hand-in-hand with the VA Choice Act compliance staff and 43 public institu-

tions to meet the federal deadline and ensure student veterans would not have their G.I. Bill benefits interrupted regardless of which college or university they are attending.

"This was a huge undertaking, and it demonstrates Michigan's commitment to its student veterans," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said. "No matter what college or university a veteran or their dependent attends, they will be able to utilize their G.I. Bill benefits. This is no small feat, and it could not have been accomplished without strong partnerships with each of our institutions of higher education."


Section 702 of the Choice Act required that schools adopt policies stating that all individuals using G.I. Bill benefits within three years of active duty be given in-state tuition rates. However, many Michigan colleges and universities went above and beyond what the VA required by adopting policies that did not include a timeframe – meaning that whenever a veteran uses their benefits, they will be given in-state tuition rates.

For more information about G.I. Bill benefits, visit MichiganVeterans.com or call 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838).

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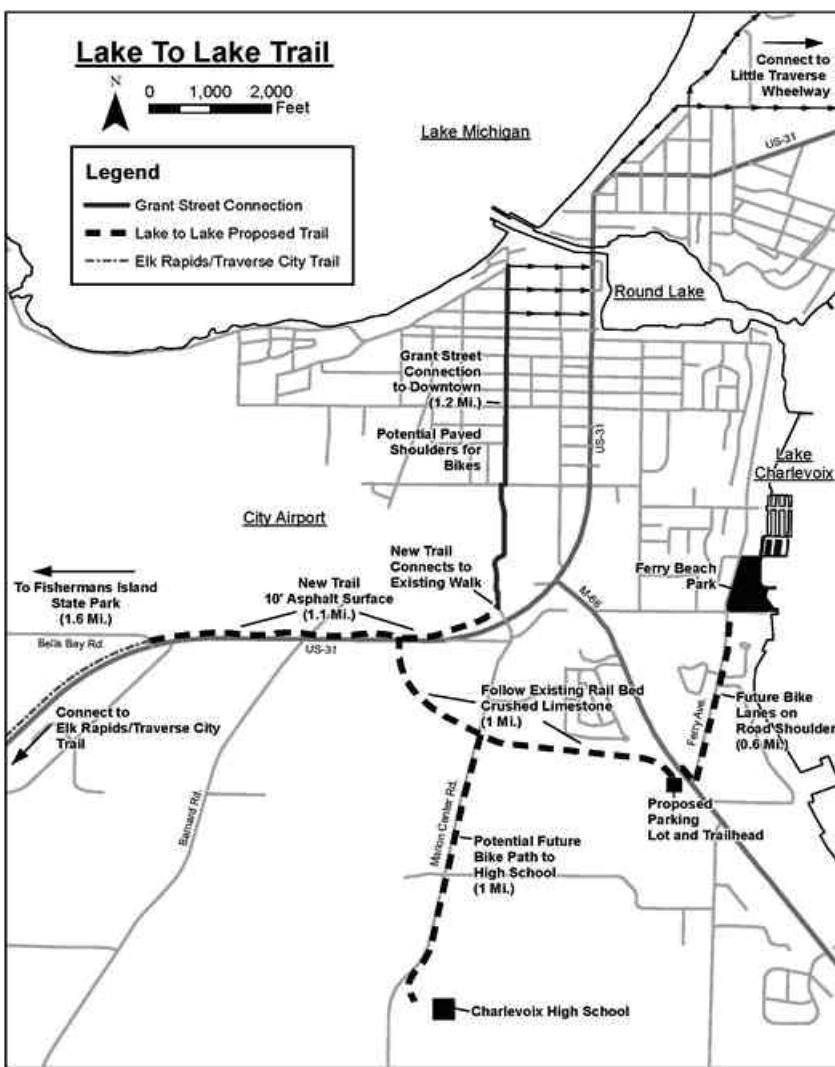
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Lake to Lake Trail is open

The Lake To Lake Trail Committee, City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township are pleased to announce the opening of the Lake to Lake Trail to the general public. The planning, design, fundraising and construction of this trail has been a 20 year process and the first phase is complete.

There are multiple access points, as you can see on the map below. Please follow all safety guidelines and be sage. The trail crosses major highways, roads and driveways. Trail users do not have the right of way. Please see the safety guidelines below.

Guidelines for multi-use trails and paths
Paths and trails are often shared by users of all ages and abilities, including bicyclists, walkers, joggers, parents pushing strollers, rollerbladers, and pets. The great variety of users and their varying speeds and mobility can make trail riding more un-

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- Avoid wearing headphones so you are aware of faster users approaching from behind.
- Control your speed, slow down, and use caution approaching or overtaking other path users.
- Before passing others, courteously announce your intentions by saying, "on your left," or ringing your bike bell.
- Don't "spook" children or animals; always yield to them.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals at road crossings.
- Use proper lights if riding before daylight or after dusk.

- Point to trail hazards and call out to riders behind you "gravel", "glass", etc.
- Use traffic hand signals when appropriate.

We still need your help with this trail. This trail project was paid for by numerous grants (about 70% of the total cost) and the financial support of the tax payers of the City and Charlevoix Township. We thank you for your support!

We still need donations to make trail improvements, add landscaping, benches, and construct future phases for everyone to enjoy. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the Charlevoix Community Foundation online or by mailing checks. Go to www.c3f.org. The fund is called the "Charlevoix Lake to Lake Multi-Use Trail Fund". For more information go to www.laketolaketrail.com or www.michigantrails.org

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Artist applications now accepted for Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

From now until July 31, Crooked Tree Arts Center is accepting applications for the upcoming Juried Fine Arts Exhibition. This exhibition has become a hallmark to showcase artists from across the state of Michigan, and it is open to all Michigan residents 18 years and over. Crooked Tree Arts Center members are offered discounted entry fees.

The Ermy B. & Gordon B. Bonfield Gallery will present the 2015 exhibit from September 19 through November 25, with the opening reception taking place on Saturday, September 19 from 2 - 4 p.m. for CTAC members, artists, and their guests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, re-

spectively.

To register for the 2015 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition, applications will be taken online from June 1 - July 31 through the CTAC website where you will be guided to the Café registration process via www.callforentry.org. Accepted media includes all types except for work based primarily on photography, due to the fact that CTAC hosts a photography exhibition in January.

For more information and to apply to the call, contact CTAC at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, and at 322 Sixth Street, Traverse City.

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL, JULY 6, 2015

Paving on State Street will begin July 17

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday, City Council heard an update on the construction project on State Street, and approved several Venetian Festival requests.

The construction project that began in early spring has been pushed back another few weeks according to Interim City Manager Michael Spencer, the dates for construction are as follows; July 9 will see curbs put in, on July 14 sidewalks will be put in, and on July 17 paving will begin. Spencer stated that at this point they are not sure what has caused the delay, but that city staff will look into the issue to determine what has happened to push the project this far back.

Council also approved three agenda items for Venetian Festival this year. The first was to approve Mayor Gabe Campbell to sign the \$12,000 donation to the festival, and an additional \$3,000 for signs to create a partial road closure. The second was to approve the fireworks displays over Round Lake held on Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th. The third was to allow the Venetian Tiki Tent in East Park. The Tent will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The tent will offer alcoholic beverages, which violates the City Code. In order for the Tiki Tent to serve, council must waive the alcohol restrictions each year. All three of the Venetian related agenda items were passed.

In other council news, sign ordinance violations were discussed. Spencer stated that in the past several weeks numerous sign violations have been rectified and the ordinance has been enforced. Spencer expressed that the ordinance is enforced against each business equally in town.

Also, the Lake to Lake Trail in Charlevoix is officially open! The trail was part of the combined efforts between the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township to have trails that connect multiple points in Charlevoix to each other. The first phase of that trail is complete and open for public use! For information on the trail, visit www.laketolaketrail.com.



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ISD seeks AmeriCorps members to work with students

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is calling for interested individuals to become 2015-2016 AmeriCorps members. Members will have the opportunity to make a difference through literacy efforts, community service projects, volunteering with nonprofits, conducting outreach presentations, improving leadership skills, and much more.

As part of the ISD's AmeriCorps program, members are assigned to a local elementary school to serve as a reading tutor. Applicants must have a positive, patient and encouraging manner while working one-on-one with at-risk students.

These full-time positions are a 10 month commitment and require completion of 1,700 hours of service throughout the 2015-2016 school year. Benefits include a living stipend of \$12,530, an education award of \$5,645, and single-subscriber health insurance for those who qualify. Members must be at least 17 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and be free of any criminal convictions.

The Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps program serves 11 school districts within ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties.

To apply or find more information, visit www.charemisd.org and look for the AmeriCorps logo on the right hand side of the homepage, or call 231.547.9947.

South Arm Classic brings music, classic boats, cars, micro brews and more

The East Jordan Friday Night Music in the Park Concert Series will feature the band TNT, on July 10 in the Memorial Park bandshell. This local favorite band will hit the stage at 7pm performing a venue of "Country tunes and oldies but goodies" to concertgoers throughout the evening. Arrive early in East Jordan and enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants before heading to the park with your chair or blanket for a memorable summer evening by the water.

The concert series will continue throughout the summer

thru Friday August 7. These family-friendly concerts are made possible by donations from individuals, organizations and businesses. They are co-sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority and the Jordan River Arts Council. Donations may be sent to the City of East Jordan "Music in the Park Concert Series", P.O. Box 499 East Jordan, MI 49727.

The July 10 concert is part of the South Arm Classic weekend in East Jordan. On Saturday, July 11, the Lions Club will

be holding a Classic Boat Show and Car Show downtown East Jordan from 10am to 3pm. Also that day, the East Jordan Freedom Festival will be sponsoring a Micro Brew Tent with entertainment from 2pm to 8pm. For more information visit www.ejchamber.org or phone 231-536-7351.

SouthArmClassicPhoto; On Saturday, July 11, the Lions Club will be holding a Classic Boat Show and Car Show downtown East Jordan from 10am to 3pm. Courtesy photo

Second Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of the year

Thousands of Adopt-A-Highway volunteers will be back picking up litter along state roadways starting Saturday, as they've done each summer since 1990. Participants in the popular Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) program will clean highway roadsides from July 11 to 19 during the second of three scheduled pickups this year.

"This year marks a quarter century of outstanding community service from groups in the Adopt-A-Highway program," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "For 25 years, these volunteer crews have given a big financial boost to MDOT, and the entire state. They're performing an impor-

tant job that we simply couldn't otherwise afford.

Every year, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers collect about 70,000 bags of trash, for a total of more than 2 million bags in 25 years. Last year alone, Adopt-A-Highway cleanups generated a \$5 million value for state taxpayers.

Getting involved in the program is straightforward. Volunteers include members of civic groups, businesses and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must include at least three people. Groups are asked to adopt a section of highway for at least two years. There is no fee to participate. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing group

names are posted along the stretches of adopted highway.

When working in a highway right of way, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations. MDOT provides free vests and trash bags, and arranges to haul away the trash.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Interested groups can get more information at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.

The year's final Adopt-A-Highway pickup is scheduled for the fall, from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan grant helps essential patient needs

Hospice of Northwest Michigan has announced it will receive a grant from the Marana Webber Tost Charitable Fund of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSCF) to be used towards meeting the immediate and emergent needs of hospice patients. Amy Wieland, Executive Director, said the funding will be used to establish an Essential Needs Fund that will assist with temporary safe transitional living arrangements that are needed due to unexpected or rapid decline or for short term respite care for a patient in response to a caregiver crisis.

"We are extremely grateful to the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for supporting this need and for recognizing the gap in access to safe living arrangement during an emergency or crisis," Wieland said. PHSCF funding will allow Hospice of Northwest Michigan the flexibility to immediately respond to our patients and families needs.

Wieland said Hospice of Northwest 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 ever-changing needs," she explained. "Of course, it also means we're much more dependent on local support to survive." To learn more about Hospice of Northwest Michigan or to schedule presentations to local organizations please contact Wieland at (231) 547-7659.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation is a local charitable organization that raises the awareness of the value of unrestricted giving and promotes philanthropy so that we can give more. Their funding decisions are made by members of the community to serve the community. Learn more about the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at www.phsacf.org or by calling 231-348-5820.

Resale bargains and one-of-kind items at the Bergmann Center Resale Shop

By Jim Akans

Many Northern Michigan residents are familiar with the outstanding opportunities provided by the ongoing work of the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix. The staff at the non-profit Center assists in building life skills for individuals with developmental disabilities, with programs that include on-site job training and employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, community awareness, daily living skills and enrichment classes.

In August of 2010 the Bergmann Center opened a fantastic Resale

Shop located right next to their main facility on Ance Road, offering terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals.

The shop has many exciting products made by individuals at the Bergmann Center; such as fire starters from recycled material, furniture painted by a local woman artist, gazing balls made from recycled bowling balls adorned with donated stained glass, items from clay, handmade jewelry, love lights made with clear stained glass

and candles, and much more.

In addition to a lot of great merchandise, the Bergmann Center Resale Shop also offers a great place for individuals in the Center's program to learn skills on the job, such as running a cash register and processing inventory. These are valuable skills that will continue to provide rewards for these individuals for years to come.

The Bergmann Center Resale Shop is located at 8888 Ance Road in Charlevoix, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and the staff accepts item donations during those



The Bergmann Center Resale Shop offers terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals. COURTESY PHOTO

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proof of his insurance policy and prove that he excluded the city from any liability. He also was asked to pay \$2,500 as a fee for operating from the airport.

"Last year I paid about a \$1,000 in jump costs and stuff like that with no insurance, this year Liz was hired and she required me to pay \$2,500 and name the city under the comprehensive liability policy. After improving the city's position extensively from last year, it all of a sudden seems there is a problem with my operation," stated Kurtz.

Kurtz stated that he felt Myer "did a great job enforcing" policies to keep the city safe from liability. However, he felt concern over "disappointing complaints" he had received via email. He cited an email from Island Airways who also operate out of the airport and who filed a complaint on Monday morning. According to Kurtz the letter indicated that Island Airways felt having jumpers land at the airport is a dangerous situation.

Mayor Gabe Campbell lent his support to the letter by commenting about an incident on Thursday of last week in which 2 skydivers were allegedly out of the pilot's vision for a period of time. He expressed his opinion that this type of situation was dangerous for both the skydiver and planes who could potentially collide with the jumper.

"You must agree it's pretty scary having people jumping out of planes with parachutes when you have planes coming and going," said Mayor Campbell. Campbell continued to explain that his main issue was worry over whether or not the city would be liable for any incidents happening through the skydiving business.

Kurtz responded that his operation follows all FAA guidelines, and that landing on the airport and sharing airspace is not considered a problem under their regulations. In addition Myer expressed her concern that now that Kurtz has taken measures to be compliant with the city and protect them from liability there are problems. She also stated that if there had been a problem with skydivers being in the way of planes, it was never relayed to her during the week in question. Rather, it was filed Monday morning.

"If it's so unsafe, how come nobody told the airport manager?" said Myer.

Myer continued that after having one of the

busiest weeks in recent history, she had received zero complaints up until the letter from Island Airways. In her opinion, the letter being filed as late "smells bad." Many in the audience appeared to be in agreement with her, as several of her comments met with applause.

A member of Island Airways was in attendance, but insisted that all of the concerns the company had were listed in the complaint. When asked if there had been a problem, she responded that there wasn't, but "there could have been."

Interim City Manager Michael Spencer stated that the issue needed more research and a special meeting before council could seriously address the concerns about having the skydiving operation land jumpers at the airport. Spencer advocated taking public comment and then scheduling a meeting once more facts were gathered.

Those in the audience took that time to express both support for skydivers landing at the airport and concerns over the safety of doing so. The first to speak, Don Seely, said that he felt having the jumpers land on busy days was "distracting" and "unsafe." Several others said that they supported Kurtz, and allowing jumpers to land. One member even commented that if larger airports such as the one in his hometown of Cincinnati could accommodate skydivers landing, then Charlevoix could most likely do so.

Ultimately, the issue was heated, but nothing was resolved Monday night. Spencer plans to gather as much information as possible about the situation and bring it back before council at a special meeting. The date for that has yet to be set. Council recommended getting City Attorney Scott Howard's opinion on the issue as well.

"I ask that council please try to find a way to make it work instead of directing the city attorney to not make it work," asked Kurtz at the end of his presentation.

FENCE IS DOWN

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intervention of Mr. Grove and Mr. Dow we are all here today... This site has been transformed and given new life," said Cain at the ceremony.

The crowd gathered cheered and clapped as the last portion was lowered, signaling that the space was open for public use. After the fence was lowered, officials uncovered a new sign that refers to the area as the Boyne City Open Space, and reads "Land with a View to the

Future PUBLIC WELCOME!"

"It's just an amazing moment for Boyne City. I don't know what more to say. It's breathtaking, we've had so many positive comments from people that have been driving by that didn't know anything was going on...people have been waiting for this a long time...It's a community coming together, it's great!" said Cain.

The city hopes to acquire enough funding to purchase the area from Dow and Grove to keep the park open space for Boyne City indefinitely. They plan to gather money from fundraising efforts and grant applications.

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.

"Golden Wishes" initiative for Northern Michigan seniors

To commemorate its 10-year anniversary, Comfort Keepers of Northern Lower Michigan has created the Golden Wishes program, giving local seniors the opportunity to have a wish come true this year.

The purpose of Golden Wishes is to honor local, deserving seniors who have given of themselves by offering a chance at receiving the wish of a lifetime, something on their bucket list, something they may have thought it was too late to pursue. Comfort Keepers is committed to making a difference in the lives of area seniors and is thankful for the trust instilled by local families to care for their loved ones since 2005.

"This year marks our 10th anniversary," said Leslie Knopp, Comfort Keepers owner. "Golden Wishes is our chance to celebrate and brighten seniors' lives with an opportunity they might never have been able to pursue on their own. It's our way of giving back to the community that has supported us

these past 10 years."

A nominating friend or family member can request a number of different types of wishes. These might include: reconnecting loved ones, attending events or concerts, participating in a former hobby or passion that is now a challenging (ride in classic car, horseback riding), the purchase of a computer to connect virtually with family, installation of a wheelchair ramp, renewing wedding vows or maybe even help planting a garden.

Nominations will be accepted July 1 - August 17 and can be submitted online (goldenwishesup-north.com) or by filling out a form available at Comfort Keepers' offices. Family and friends are encouraged to submit nominations for admirable seniors.

To be eligible, the nominee must be a minimum age of 65, a resident of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Otsego or Wexford Counties, unable to fulfill the wish on their own, and capable

of experiencing the wish.

Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges formed by Comfort Keepers, based on adherence to age and residence requirements, integrity of the nominee, senior's community involvement, impact that granting of the wish would have on the nominee, and the ability and practicality of administering the wish. Winners will then be selected by review of written entries and/or phone interviews.

Winners will be announced in September, and a celebration will take place in October for Comfort Keepers 10-year Anniversary and all Golden Wishes recipients. In 10 years, Comfort Keepers of Northern Lower Michigan has helped 2,598 families, served 21 counties, provided 1,278,000 hours of service to seniors, and awarded 28 college scholarships to caregivers.

For more information about Golden Wishes, call (231) 929-9044 or like "Comfort Keepers Northern Lower Michigan" on Facebook.

Dangers of a sedentary lifestyle

By Deb Hagen-Foley

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

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

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

ties of daily living.

Sitting is "the disease of our time," according to James Levine, an obesity specialist at Mayo Clinic. Inactivity results in health problems other than obesity. Estimates are that a sedentary lifestyle is responsible for 6% of cases of coronary heart disease, 7% of type 2 diabetes, 10% of breast and colon cancer cases. For every 2 hours that a person watched TV, according to one study, their risk of type 2 diabetes increased 14%.

Research indicates a 40% decreased risk of colon and breast cancer mortality in persons who were physical active. Physical activity helps prevent insulin resistance, the cause of type 2 diabetes. Regular physical activity reduced the risk of dementia in older persons a whopping 50%.

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

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

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

It may seem odd at first, but with practice, it will seem normal to walk and talk or type. By integrating regular activity throughout the day, every day, you can overcome the negative impacts of a sedentary lifestyle. Keep moving!

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015
 0620 Assist EMS with medical alarm in the 300 block of E Division St
 0745 Wallet was found in Lake St. Returned to owner.
 0910 Moped parked, blocking river walkway near Lake St
 1102 Gasoline drive-off in the 400 block of N Lake St.
 1130 Report of a lost Kindle. Had been turned in here. Was returned to owner.
 1324 Vehicle unlock on W Main.
 1500 The wooden playground in Vet's Park is closed for testing.
 2153 Assist FD, report of gas smell in the 500 block of N Lake St
 2309 Report of a suspicious subject in the 400 block of N Lake St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
 0037 Report of a disturbance at the playground in Veteran's Park.
 0930 Driving complaint on E Main St
 0945 Driving complaint on E Main.
 1019 Theft of firewood reported from the 400 block of Lewis Av

1115 Report of a house on Haven Ct. having a loud drummer and band playing often.
 1145 Report of subject removing/killing bushes and ornamental grass from 500 block of S. Lake St.
 1156 Report of vehicle being sideswiped in the Industrial Park.
 1248 Complaint about the homeless people in the shelter and unsupervised swim school kids running around there.
 1351 Civil issues in the 600 block of Riverridge Lane.
 1440 Vehicle unlock on State St.
 1520 Report of possible OWI in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1535 Arrested subject for OWI 2nd on E. Michigan
 1558 Stalking complaint from the 300 block of Jefferson St.
 1658 Hit and run PDA in Industrial Park
 1713 Citation issued for No ops on person at Boyne Av and Beardsley.
 1736 Driving complaint on W Lincoln near Pleasant.
 2130 Report of missing boat from Bay Street. Was located short time later. Broke loose of mooring.
 2218 Arrested subject for

MDOP and possession of marijuana in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av.
 2243 Complaint about kids yelling and swearing at lady at crosswalk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015
 0825 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1143 Assist Sheriff Dept with PIA entrapment on Old Mackinaw Trail.
 1207 Larceny reported from Bay St.
 1255 Complaint about the homeless people in the pavilion.
 1340 Observed juveniles pulling flowers out of pots on the bridge.
 1400 Vehicle egged on East St
 1822 Welfare check on S Park St.
 1858 Civil complaint in the 400 block of State St
 1920 Larceny of medications reported on N Parks St
 2152 Report of "a loud band playing on the street" somewhere around Haven Ct.

THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2015
 0019 Reporting suspicious persons in the 100 block of E Water St.
 1203 Property damage accident in the 100 block of E Water St
 1801 Attempted warrant arrest on Front St.
 1902 Report of an intoxicated subject North St.
 2006 Assisted Sheriff Dept with warrant attempt on Boyne City Rd.
 2220 Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015
 0812 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1125 Driving complaint in the area of W Lincoln and Mor-

gan.
 1131 Property damage accident in the 100 block of Water St.
 1340 Found cell phone in the 100 block of E Water St. Returned to owner.
 1920 Parking complaint on W Water St
 2147 Unlock on Water St.
 2205 Fireworks complaint on Boyne Ave.
 2228 Fireworks complaint on Jefferson St.
 2315 Assist Sheriff Dept with disturbance at Young State Park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015
 0035 Found a group of intoxicated subjects walking in the middle of Front St.
 0100 Motorist assist at Lake and State.
 0612 Suspicious vehicle parked in the area of East and Water
 1107 Report of suspicious subject at Avalanche.
 1255 Vehicle unlock at Veterans Park.
 1318 2 car Property damage accident at Park and Water.
 1415 Report of a suspicious subject near the river mouth.
 2046 Fireworks complaint Boyne Av and High St. There were multiple complaints of fireworks, but we were not able to pinpoint them.
 2123 Private property damage accident in the 500 block of Harris St.
 2143 Flagged down to sign off waivable ticket
 2209 Fireworks complaint Lewis and Franklin.
 2235 Fireworks complaint on Clark.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015
 0708 Citizen assist in the 500 block of E. Lincoln St.

1218 Citizen Assist at the Veterans Park.
 1237 Unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 1815 Assault reported in the 100 block of E Water St
 2040 Fireworks complaint from Front and Main.
 2114 Porcupine inside the building in the 300 block of Front St
 2142 Fireworks complaint in the 300 block of Boice St. Located subject on E Main and another group on E. Lincoln St.
 2212 Vehicles reportedly driving on the elementary school playground. It was juveniles playing basketball. Told them to leave warned for trespassing.

Jordan Road near Pearsall Road in Wilson Township.
 While in-route to the scene, Deputies learned that the vehicle involved in the accident was discovered to be a stolen vehicle from Cheboygan County. When the Deputies arrived on scene, the driver of the vehicle was not there. Deputies searched the area of the accident and located the suspect walking down the road.
 The suspect, whose name is being withheld pending arraignment, was placed under arrest and transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital for evaluation and clearance and was then lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON M-66
 On July 3rd, 2015 at approximately 1:40 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office along with Charlevoix City EMS and Charlevoix Township Fire responded to a report of a two vehicle injury accident on M-66 near K-Mart in Charlevoix Township.

BEAVER ISLAND ROLLOVER ACCIDENT
 On June 25, 2015, at approximately 20:12 hours, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on Beaver Island was dispatched to the area of Slopstown Road near King's Highway for a single vehicle rollover accident.

The accident occurred when 54 year old Christine Chatas was driving South on M-66 and struck a vehicle driven by 83 year old Patricia Rule. Rule was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto M-66 and was rear-ended by Chatas.
 Rule was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital for evaluation. Both parties were wearing their seatbelts.

The driver of the vehicle, Jewell Gillespie-Cushman age 19 of Beaver Island, was traveling West on Slopstown Road in a 1995 Ford Ranger when he lost control of his vehicle, hitting a tree then rolling the vehicle over. The vehicle landed on its roof with the driver inside. Gillespie-Cushman was wearing his seatbelt.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED AFTER ACCIDENT
 Sheriff Don Schneider of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office reports that on July 5th, 2015 at approximately 2:11 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a personal injury accident on Boyne City East

Gillespie-Cushman was transported to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center where he was treated for a laceration to his arm.
 The accident remains under investigation, but speed and alcohol may have been a factor in the crash.

Public Notice City of East Jordan

The City of East Jordan intends to file an application for financial assistance from the USDA Rural Development Services (RUS) to fund improvements to the existing wastewater treatment system. The existing system has struggled to meet discharge and storage requirements the past few years as well as aging equipment that has become more costly to maintain. The proposed project includes improvements to three pump stations including; but not limited to; new pumps, electrical and controls. The main project work will be a new treatment plant at the existing wastewater facility. The new treatment plant would consist of mechanical treatment that utilizes a headworks, extended aeration activated sludge and rapid infiltration. The new activated sludge process would occur within a concrete channel. The improvements would allow for year round system discharge. The total project is estimated to cost \$5 million dollars. Design is anticipated to begin this fall with construction starting next fall. A public hearing regarding the project will be held at City Hall on July 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Questions about the project can be direct to Tom Cannon, City Administrator, 231-536-3381.

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to do the best we can with it," said Cannonball LLC partner Jim Malpass. An engineering study needs to be completed but Malpass told the Commission that they would like to start construction ASAP and expect it to take 9-11 months to complete after construction begins. "We're trying to repurpose as much of what's there as possible," said Malpass.

Two of several East Jordan High School athletes were in attendance by invitation of the Commission. "Tonight we were hoping to honor a great number of students," said Mayor Russ Peck. Andrew Drenth from the East Jordan High School golf team and Kayla Keane who had multiple successes in East Jordan track and field were given certificates of honor at the meeting. Athletic Director, Phyllis Olszewski was in attendance.

The next East Jordan City Commission meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 7 p.m. The August meeting that was moved has been moved back to August 18.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



SEX AND APPLE'S NEW HEALTHKIT APP

Apple recently announced that the update of iOS 9 will allow its HealthKit app -- in a new category called "Reproductive" Health -- to track your sex life (frequency and what contraceptive you used) on your iPhone or Apple Watch. Women will be able to monitor their menstrual cycle and record info on basal body temperature, cervical mucus quality and spotting. That'll make the HealthKit a digital rhythm-method tracker or fertility booster, depending on how you use the info. You'll also be able to send the info to your doctor or anonymously share it with scientists conducting research studies. Note: The sex tracker

doesn't work like a pedometer! You put info in AFTER the fact (or act).

Reports have doctors saying it's not very useful in and of itself; and many on social media echoed that sentiment. One Tweet said: "iOS 9 will include an app to help you track how often you have sex. No, thanks, Apple, I don't need to be reminded! (Sobs gently)."

But we think it's one more way to empower YOU. Research shows that a loving, ongoing sex life boosts heart health, eases bladder control problems, reduces stress, increases levels of illness-fighting immunoglobulin A, is associated with generosity and happiness, and makes your RealAge much younger.

Since the HealthKit app also lets you track your weight, physical activity, diet and mood, you can see how changes in those markers seem to correlate with your sexual activity. So we say, tonight tell your honey that you're doing important health research, and enjoy what you discover!

WATERMELON TO THE RESCUE

The World Championship of Watermelon Seed Spitting is held at the Annual Watermelon Thump in Luling, Texas: The world record is 68 feet, 9 1/8 inches! Clearly, the folks in Luling take their watermelon seriously, but what we're about to tell you is something even those watermeloners might not be aware of.

Watermelon is a super food. It has about 40 percent more lycopene per cup than tomatoes. Lycopene boosts levels of a hormone called adiponectin that helps you maintain healthy a blood sugar level, burn fat, cool inflammation, lower LDL (lousy) cholesterol levels and blood pressure, and decrease arterial aging or atherosclerosis. Plus, it encourages cancer cells to die. That's why lycopene

has been associated with reducing the risk for breast, prostate, lung and stomach cancers.

Another good-for-you nutrient found in watermelon is the amino acid L-citrulline. A recent study found that after you work out, citrulline accelerates removal of lactic acid from your body, reducing recovery time and next-day muscle soreness.

Does that mean watermelon can make you run faster or jump higher? Sorry, that seems unlikely. Another study found that eating it doesn't enhance athletic performance -- although it can help your muscles repair so that you feel more like getting back out there the next day!

So bring slices of watermelon to your child's next soccer game. And think about juicing up a glass for a thirst-quenching drink after you take a bike ride. Either way, chowing down on watermelon this summer will make you feel better today and tomorrow.

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Mulebone will "Kick the Blues" at Aten Place



Mulebone will make their first musical appearance at Aten Place on Saturday, July 11th, at 7:30 pm. COURTESY PHOTO

Mulebone will make their first musical appearance at Aten Place on Saturday, July 11th, at 7:30 pm. This Brooklyn-based musical duo consists of Excello Studios owner Hugh Pool on guitar, boot board, vocals, and harmonica, and John Ragusa on any number of flutes, tin whistles, jaw harp, and Conch shells. Mulebone's authentic homespun artistry and hard-nosed Delta blues will take the Aten Place audience on a musical journey through the origins of rock and roll along with an exploration of the great blues

masters of the past. Mulebone music spent 15 weeks in the Top 100 Albums in America. Along with playing live and TV appearances, they won blues artist of the year at radio stations from Seattle, Washington to Red Bank, New Jersey. Any given week, you may find them playing clubs in NYC or entertaining at private parties thrown by David Rockefeller, Bruce Wasserstein and list of other East Coast residents who are enthusiastic about bringing these boys in for a party by road, sea or air.

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.

Raven Hill Summer Magic festival

This year's theme of "Fun and Games" will take guests back to their childhood. Old-fashioned games will be everywhere. Guests can enjoy a friendly game of shuffleboard, tic-tac-toe or checkers. DJ, Roger Coates, will entertain with music and more. Nathan Bates Catering will provide hors d'oeuvres and guests can enjoy wine, coffee, tea or lemonade, as they explore the grounds and browse the spectacular silent auction. The new Evolving Technology (ET) Building will be

open with its timeline of Toys and Games, amongst other displays from periods throughout history. This year's benefit festival will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Raven Hill Discovery Center, 4737 Fuller Road, in rural East Jordan and, on this one night, Raven Hill is reserved for adults only. This year's major sponsors include EJ, Inc., East Jordan Plastics and Darrell Jacob. Supporters will gather to promote and help fund the Center's year round goals and ongoing programs,

which connect science, history and art, as well as help the Center raise matching donations required by many grant awards. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available in advance or at the door on the day of the event. Call (231) 536-3369 to make a donation or reservation, or send an email to info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org. Reservations are encouraged. More information is available at www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org

Charlevoix Art & Craft Show

There's something for everyone at the Charlevoix Art & Craft Show, taking place this Saturday July 11, 10am - 6pm, and Sunday July 12, 10am - 4pm. A variety of talented artists and craftsmen will join together at the 47th Annual Art & Craft Show taking place in downtown Charlevoix. The show will feature a wide selection of unique handmade crafts and inspired creations. Shoppers will find everything from the beautiful to the unusual and whimsical, sure to fit every taste and budget including handmade jewelry, metalwork, pottery, sculpture, paintings, quilts, clothing, furniture and so much more. With 140 exhibitors from around the country, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many fun and unique products to choose from. If you are looking for a unique shopping opportunity in a one of a kind community, Charlevoix the Beautiful is the place to be this summer on July 11 & 12. For more information



and for a list a exhibiting artists please contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

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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.

EAST JORDAN

SOUTH ARM CLASSICS

July 11, starting at 10am. Classic Boats, Cars, A Micro Brew Beer Tent, Music and Fun will all be part of this fast growing celebration. Boat Show and Car Show will run from 10am - 3pm. Boats will be on display in the water and in Memorial Park and the cars will be on display along the first two blocks of Main Street. The Micro Brew Tent will be held in the City Harbor Parking Lot from 2pm - 8pm. The weekend kicks off on Friday night with a car cruise-in at Pickers Exchange in the Walker Building parking lot followed by Music in the Park with TNT. What more could you ask for then a great event held on the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix.

EAST JORDAN

CLASS REUNION POTLUCK

July 11, 11am, East Jordan VFW Hall. The Class of 1950 invites all who attended East Jordan High School 50 or more years ago to a potluck. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, beverage and camera. East Jordan VFW Hall on M-32. Gathering at 11:00 AM and lunch at 12 Noon. Don't miss this wonderful event to renew acquaintances. Questions call 231-536-2553 or 231-536-0273

CHARLEVOIX

47TH ANNUAL ART & CRAFT SHOW

July 11, 10am-6pm, July 12, 10am-4pm. East Park.

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.

EAST JORDAN

COFFEE HOUR WITH SENATOR SCHMIDT

July 13, 12:30-1:30pm, Murray's Bar and Grill, 115 Main Street. The senator will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

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. The program is open to the public, for more information check the library web site at

www.boynelibrary.org.

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.

EAST JORDAN

SUMMER MAGIC READ PROGRAM

July 15, 10:30 am, Jordan Valley District Library. Jeff Boyer, the Magic Guy presents an hour long program. Each reader under 11 years old will receive a prize from the magician after the show. 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.

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 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.

CHARLEVOIX

VENETIAN FESTIVAL

July 18-25. For a schedule of events visit www.venetianfestival.com

EAST JORDAN

MUSIC SUNDAY WITH PICNIC

July 19, 9:30am. The East Jordan First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., will hold Music Sunday at 9:30 AM with a picnic to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 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

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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

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

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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

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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

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, 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 visit www.crookedtree.org.

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Boyne City Fourth celebration was a blast

Photos and story by Michelle Medjesky



(L to R) Brothers Marty Moody and Scott Moody say that next to Bruce Jenner, they are "Two and a Half Men" paddling down the Boyne River during the annual Commemorative Raft Race at Boyne City's Fourth of July Festival.



Crowds awaiting the raft race to begin during Boyne City's Fourth of July Festival. Some took to the water to fish out water balloons.



Entries in the raft race make their way down the Boyne River during the Fourth of July weekend.



Hundreds of rubber ducks make their way down the Boyne River and wait to be collected by volunteers in the water at the finish line.

BOYNE CITY - The weather could not have been more perfect; the crowds could not be more delighted and the many smiles could not be counted at the Fourth of July Festival in Boyne City last weekend.

Family friendly activities kicked off the holiday weekend there on Friday, July 3rd with events in Veteran's Park and the surrounding downtown area, including an arts and crafts show, an inflatable bouncy alley and musicians strolling the streets in the evening.

A long list of planned Fourth of July festivities began in the early morning on Saturday with the Eagles community breakfast and the 39th Annual Independence Day Run. Mid-morning found downtown streets lined with hundreds of spectators for the Grand Parade and later that afternoon for the Commemorative Raft Race and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce 27th Annual Duck Race down the Boyne River.

Throughout the weekend, dozens of vendors and food trucks were stationed in Veteran's Park offering a wide variety of merchandise, arts and crafts and foods from tacos and hot dogs to cajun pork and jambalaya.

It was the kind of Fourth of July weekend that Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce associate director Kim Altobello was hoping to see.

"There are just so many people here because of all the fun things we have going on," Altobello said, "It's been kind of crazy."

If there had been an award for "kind of crazy" during the weekend goings-on, though, it may well have been won by brothers Marty and Scott Moody of Boyne City.

The two constructed a float for the Grand Parade that later also doubled as their entry in the raft race. The float was a giant, orange cereal box; a spoof of the Wheaties box from the 1970s that featured a picture of Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner.

While on their "Sweaties" cereal box float, each of the brothers stood on either side of their hand-painted, life-size image of Jenner, only calling themselves, "Two and a Half Men".

The box claimed Bruce Jenner says their cereal is "Guaranteed to Make You Half the Man You Used to Be!" and contains "Tasty Sugar for Even More Energy!".



Participants got creative in their float making during the raft race, lashing together anything from kayaks to barrels to tires.

After the race, the brothers deconstructed their float and re-purposed it for the Commemorative Raft Race. Their "Sweaties" raft, however, may have floated a little better in milk, as the brothers paddled past the finish line as one of the last entries. They were easily a crowd favorite, though, as the theme of their raft, like their float, brought cheers and laughter from spectators.

"I think they may have crossed the line a little, but not by very much," smiled one observer, who declined to give her name.

There were at least two people who were more than happy to give their names, though, so they could have the Chamber of Commerce write them a check for \$1,000.

Dearborn residents Melissa Pellegrino and David Zimmerman were thrilled to learn they held the winning number for the rubber duck that crossed the finish line first in the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce annual duck race down the Boyne River. They won the \$1,000 Grand Prize but cash prizes from \$50 and up were also awarded.

Zimmerman, 29, grew up in Boyne City and now lives in Dearborn along with Pellegrino, 28. They are newly engaged and planning to wed in June, 2016.

"This (\$1,000) could not have come at a better time," Pellegrino said.

The Boyne City Fourth of July Festival as always was topped off by fireworks over Lake Charlevoix.



Karen Colburn of Springbrook (right) was all decked out in red-white-and-blue while waiting for the raft race to begin. Standing next to her are Boyne City residents Melissa Bouters and her 9-year-old son, Sam.



Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Assistant Director Kim Altobello presents a check for \$1,000 to Dearborn residents Melissa Pellegrino and David Zimmerman for their rubber duck coming in first at the annual duck race down the Boyne River. The couple is newly-engaged and planning to wed next summer.

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