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The 85th Venetian Festival is On Its Way!

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: This year Charlevoix residents will be astounded by the 85th Annual Venetian Festival which begins July 18 and runs through July 25 throughout town!

Venetian Festival is a Charlevoix County favourite with its concerts in the band shell, carnival rides, athletic events, and stunning firework displays over Round Lake. This year is lining up to be an exceptional one for the festival that volunteers have been working on for months.

The Festival begins Saturday, July 18 with three athletic events and the first Venetian Rhythms Concert on Ferry Beach.

Participants can enjoy the Horseshoe Tournament and a Beach Volleyball Tournament during the day before enjoying "Soul Xpress" a funk band out of Saginaw.

On Sunday July 19, a Beach Bash Basketball Tournament will be held on Ferry Beach and the Venetian Jam: Bikes, Blades, and Boards will happen in City State Park. The second concert and the Worship on the Water event will be held in Odmark East Park Pavilion and will feature "For a Season" a Christian rock, folk, and soul band from South Florida. Then on Monday July 20, the Venetian Swim Meet will commence at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.



Also the first Venetian Vision movie "Big Hero 6" will be featured at the Odmark Pavilion. Monday is the perfect day to bring the kids to the park; before the movie families can enjoy entertainment by Tommy Tropic and be a

part of the Queen Story Time.

July 21, Tuesday, sees a huge amount of fun events with four athletic events, one larger than life chess match, and two concerts. Attendees can enjoy the Castle Garden Games held



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TIM SALMONSON.

at Castle Farms with huge chess pieces. For those more physically inclined, the 4-H Youth Sailing Regatta will be held at Depot Beach; a Disc Golf Doubles Tournament will be held at Mt. McSaubia, families can enjoy a 3-on-3 Soccer

Tournament at Shanahan Field, and the Sailing Regatta will take off from Ferry Beach. That night, music will be all over downtown Charlevoix as the Tiki Tent opens with

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Little Shops are Popping up

By Michelle Medjesky

It's summertime in northern Michigan and that means everything is poppin' up, from flowers and greenery to warmer temperatures.

But if you like to shop, you'll find another kind of pop here: a pop-up shop.

According to thestorefront.com, "pop-up shops" started to emerge in the early 1990s in large urban areas like Los Angeles, New York, London and Tokyo with the idea of allowing retailers to set up shop on a more or less temporary basis. The shops feature a wild variety of retail goods and are typically open anywhere from a few days to a few weeks or months, the site explained.

This summer, several such "Pop-Up Shops" can be found in the area.

A collection of "pop-ups" is currently situated in the



Shoppers perusing the Pop-Up shops in Walloon Lake Village. PHOTOS BY BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

heart of Walloon Lake Village where a variety of area retailers have opened mini shops in brightly-decorated, cabana like structures right across the street from the beach and the new Hotel Walloon.

Among the retailers there you can find all sorts of fun things to buy- from Fustini's Oils, unique ap-

parel and jewelry at Tulips and Sirens boutiques, toys from Rocking Horse Toy Co., nautical themed items at Lake Affect and home-baked goodies at Small Batch.

Bev Oleson, from Coral Gables, Florida, said she's delighted with the new pop-ups and the overall recent improvement they signal in

Walloon Lake Village. She said her family has summered at Walloon Lake for the past three generations and never seen it look as wonderful.

"It's just beautiful and these little shops are so charming and unique. I absolutely love it," Oleson

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Charlevoix Township Considers Donation to Skate Park

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP: At their regular monthly meeting on Monday, the Charlevoix Township Board approved of purchasing new CPR equipment and began considering a donation to the Charlevoix City Skate Park.

The first portion of the meeting focused on two insurance agents who presented new plans for the township to consider. After their presentations were given, Lieutenant Corey Wells of the Township Fire Department came before the Board to request funding for CPR equipment. Wells explained to the board that the Township doesn't currently own CPR equipment with which to train



Charlevoix Township officials are considering a donation toward the City Skate Park.

their fire and emergency departments. He then asked the Board to authorize spending up to \$1,500 to purchase equipment the township can own permanently.

At the meeting Wells explained that in the long run owning the equipment would be more cost effective, as each emergency worker in the township has to be CPR certified to continue their job. According to Wells many in those departments are due to be re-certified in the near future.

The board approved the amount and asked whether or not they would need to hire a trainer as well. Wells stated that he has been certified to train CPR by the American Heart Association and can train up to ten others at one time once the equipment is purchased.

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record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUL 16	54°	82°	39° (1966)	94° (2006)
JUL 17	54°	82°	42° (1958)	92° (1953)
JUL 18	55°	82°	40° (2003)	94° (1966)
JUL 19	55°	82°	40° (1965)	95° (1977)
JUL 20	55°	82°	36° (1965)	96° (1977)
JUL 21	55°	82°	35° (1970)	94° (2001)
JUL 22	55°	82°	41° (1981)	97° (2001)
JUL 23	55°	82°	36° (1954)	97° (2001)

OBITUARIES

Louise "Mickey" Hamerski, 91

Louise "Mickey" Hamerski of East Lansing and formerly of East Jordan, died Monday, July 13, 2015, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

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

Maxine Hooker, 72

(OCT. 10, 1942 - JULY 10, 2015)

Maxine Hooker passed away at Tendercare in Gaylord on July 10, 2015 the age of 72. She was born Maxine J. Kemp in Petoskey on October 10, 1942, and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1960.

Maxine enjoyed her family, reading, doll making, ceramics and canning goods from the garden. She was a member of Charlevoix United Methodist Church for many years.

Maxine is survived by Charles her loving husband of 53 years. They were married in Petoskey on January 23, 1962. Maxine is lovingly remembered by her husband Charles; daughters, Mary Lou (Jim) Hodge of Sanford Fla., Lisa (Derrick) Carroll of Charlevoix; and son, Mark Hooker of Charlevoix; grandsons, Brian (Shelley) French of Portsmouth, VA., Bradly French of Nichols, N.Y.; granddaughters, Victoria Carroll of Charlevoix, Anastasia Carroll of Charleston S.C.; great-grandsons, Aiden and Bradly; great-granddaughters, Alexis Amiah and Alexis Riley; brother, Frank (Betty) Kemp of Gaylord; sister, Lillian Miller of Barryton.

Maxine is predeceased

by her parents, William and Gladys (Dennison) Kemp; sisters, Mary Lou, Evelyn, and Ruth; brother, William (Bill).

Visitation will be 6-8 pm, Wednesday, July 15, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The funeral service will be 11 am, Thursday, July 16, at the Winchester Funeral Home. The Reverend Dan Bowman of the Gaylord First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions in memory of Maxine may be made to your charity of choice.

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

Robert Jewell Gillespie, 65

(JAN. 14, 1950 - JULY 9, 2015)

Robert Jewell Gillespie of Beaver Island, died Thursday, July 9, 2015, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. He was born January 14, 1950, on Beaver Island to Jewell Francis and Rita Mae (O'Donnell) Gillespie. Robert graduated from the Beaver Island School in 1968.

He worked as a diver and dock builder and commercial builder. He was an expert at building shipwreck furniture. He built the Beaver Island Community Center, and the Beaver Island Medical Center, the CMU Biological Center, the fire-hall, school, car wash, yacht club, and the Beaver Island Boat Dock.

Robert was a member of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, a life member of the NRA, and enjoyed golfing, boating, and hunting.

On May 25, 1991, he mar-

ried Lisa L. Vance on Beaver Island. He is survived by Lisa, and their son, Cody of Traverse City. Robert is also survived by his brothers and sisters, John (Jeanne) of Beaver Island, Billy (Jan) of Chicago, Mary (Edward) Palmer of Beaver Island, Danny (Tammy) of Charlevoix, Richie (Laura) of Beaver Island, Julie Gillespie of Charlevoix, Kathy Maudrie, and Cindy (Dusty) Cushman of Beaver Island.

One of Robert's favorite sayings is a quote from John Wayne: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."

The wake will be 6-8 pm Friday, July 17, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island where the Rosary will be recited at 7 pm. Funeral mass will be 11 am, Saturday, July 18, at Holy Cross Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. A luncheon will be served at the Holy Cross Hall following the services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Beaver Island Medical Center, or to the Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive.

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

Jacqueline C. DePriest, 82

(APRIL 30, 1933 - JUL 5, 2015)

Jacqueline C. DePriest of Charlevoix passed away Sunday, July 5, 2015 at Highland Cottage in Petoskey.

Jackie was born in Flint, Michigan on April 30, 1933, the daughter of Clare and Minnie Higley.

Jackie graduated from St. Mathew's High School in Flint, Michigan. She then attended Nazareth Nursing School in Kalamazoo and finished her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Michigan, Flint. Jackie was a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint for many years. After retiring from nursing, Jackie was a member of the League of Women Voters and a hospice volunteer while living in Buffalo, New York. Jacqueline moved to Norwood with her husband in 1992. She was a member of the Norwood Area Historical Society and the Needles Group. Jackie enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family, friends and grandchildren and delighted in her dog, Toby.

Jackie is survived by 5 sons: Larry DePriest of Columbus, Ohio, Tomas (Kathy) Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods, James (Jill) Miller of Overland Park, Kansas, Russell (Gretchen) DePriest of Ann Arbor, Mitchell (Carla) Miller of Tequesta, Florida; her daughter-in-law, Anne Miller of Buffalo, New York; 15 grandchildren; her sister, Marietta Hodges of Flint and many nieces and nephews.

Jackie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 41 years, James DePriest; her first hus-

band Marvin Miller as well as 3 sons; Douglas, Ricky and Nathan; and her sisters, Alice, Betty and Doris.

A celebration of Jackie & Jim's life will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, 2015 from 2-5 PM at the Norwood Area Historical Society. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Highland Cottage in Petoskey, Michigan. Arrangements are by Gaylord Funeral & Cremation Service, 850 N. Center Ave. Gaylord. Please share your memories or a personal message with Jackie's family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Dorothy d'Entremont, 82

(DECEMBER 31, 1932 - JULY 9, 2015)

Dorothy June d'Entremont of Ellsworth passed away peacefully on July 9, 2015, at the Elk Rapids Assisted Living facility. She was born on New Year's Eve, 1932, in Hazel Park, Michigan, the daughter of Lambert and Alice (Zylstra) Docter. She grew up in Hazel Park and Royal Oak. She pursued studies in both music and education, earning a BS from Wayne State University and an MA from Oakland University. She taught elementary school for 27 years in the Walled Lake school system. She played (and loved) both piano and organ all her life.

In 1952, she married Hiram Jones, her high school sweetheart, who became a pastor. Together, they pastored Union Lake Baptist Church, in Commerce Township, MI, for 28 years. They had two daughters, Pamela and Patricia. After a 40-year marriage, Hiram passed away in 1992. Then, in 1995, Dorothy married Albert d'Entremont, who survives her. Theirs was a 20-year marriage, during which they ran Lake Michigan's Abiding Place, a Bed & Breakfast, in their home in Ellsworth, "on the Bay, west of Atwood" for 8 years. They volunteered with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 7 years, and spent one of those years in France, managing a guest house for them. Dorothy was blessed with two long, good marriages, and two men were blessed to call her "my wife".

Dorothy had an older brother, Lester Docter, now deceased. She is survived by her husband, Albert, her two daughters, Pamela Awtrey Harrington and Patricia Warman, son-in-law Doug Warman, and six grandchildren, Megan Awtrey, Elisabeth Awtrey, Jacob Warman, Laura Warman, Matthew Warman, and Hannah (Warman) Nkeulia and her husband Franck. A nephew, Lawrence Docter, and a niece, Shirley Haweschuk, also survive her.

A celebration of Dorothy's life was held at noon on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at Eastport Baptist Church, where she and Al are members. Pastor

Jerry Troyer officiated. Burial will take place at a later date, in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, in Novi, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Dorothy is with the Lord she has always loved. We have lost, but she has gained. And we who love the Lord will see her (and Him) again!

John E. Vallance, 86

(MARCH 12, 1929 - JULY 12, 2015)

John E. Vallance, 86, of East Jordan died Sunday, July 12, 2015, at Aspen Ridge in Gaylord.

He was born on March 12, 1929 in East Jordan, the son of John and Mildred (King) Vallance.

On October 17, 1953, he married Ruth Ann Nemecek. John served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

John was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars #446 in Muskegon, the American Legion Post #227 in East Jordan and the Veterans of Foreign Wars #7580 in East Jordan.

He retired after 38 years as a pattern-maker. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking, hunting, fishing and wine making. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

John is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Vallance of East Jordan; four children, Vallerie Ann Johnston of Florida, Monica Rose (Tim) Spencer of Ellsworth, Rex Alan Vallance of Florida and Roxanne Marie (Larry) Fritz of Kingsley; eleven grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; four great, great grandchildren; one brother, Guy (Charlotte) Vallance of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Tom E. Vallance; daughter, Candice Mary Vallance; grandson, Jimmy Johnston; great great grandson, Austin Sheldon; sister, Barbara Jean Brock; and brother, David G. Vallance.

Funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Interment will be in St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery in Jordan Township, Antrim County, MI.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan with a rosary service at 7:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the care of St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery, c/o Dave Skrocki, 5863 Webster Bridge Rd East Jordan, MI 49727.

Kathy (Jodway) Edgerton

Kathy (Jodway) Edgerton passed away peacefully on Dec. 20, 2014. A celebration of Kathy's life will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Horton Bay

United Methodist Church, 4961 Boyne City Road, Boyne City. Friends and relatives may visit with the family beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Karen Lee Bos, 73

(JUNE 27, 1942 - JULY 8, 2015)

Karen Lee (Anderson) Bos returned to Our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, while at her home in East Jordan.

She was born June 27, 1942 in Algonac, MI to Nicholas and Virginia (Sampier) Ippolito. She was later adopted by her step-father, Walter Anderson.

On July 14, 1962, she married Michael T. Bos, and together they had three children.

Karen worked as a Nurse's Aide at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for many years as well as at Mount Pleasant Hospital. She is fondly remembered for being a dedicated and hard worker. Carrying on her life's mission as a highly skilled and compassionate care giver she and her husband, Mike, owned and operated the Bosson Adult Foster Care Homes in the area. She had a "servant's heart" and despite her own health issues, devoted herself beyond measure to the care of others. She influenced, perhaps unknowingly, others to follow that career path.

Karen was a devoted wife and mother. Her cooking skills were legendary. She enjoyed crafting, reading, gardening, many types of music and was extremely partial to Elvis. She appreciated the beauty of nature, and had a deep love of the sight and sounds of waterfronts and beaches.

She is highly regarded by all who knew her. Karen's strength, determination and stoic grace are truly inspirational.

Karen is survived by her husband, Michael T. Bos of East Jordan; two daughters Michelle (Randy) Morris and Trina Bos (David Lauska and his sons Dakota and Jacob) all of East Jordan; three grandchildren, Brittany Thayer of East Jordan, Cody Thayer of Grand Rapids, Stefani Morris of East Jordan, one sister, Kathy Grutsch of Zepherhills, Florida, one brother Ronald Anderson of Koshkonong, Missouri, and nieces, nephews & cousins. Karen also regarded her devoted dogs, Chi-Chi and Sophie as family.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Rebecca Bos.

The family would like to take this way to say a special thank you to Hospice of Northern Michigan.

A memory sharing service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Becky Bos Memorial Scholarship Fund and/or Hospice of Northern Michigan.

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What to do up north with your pooch

By Michelle Medjesky

When tourists and summer residents flock to northern Michigan in the summer months, it's no surprise they want to share the fun times they have up north with their best furry friends-their dogs. But what to do with Fido or Fluffy when you get here? Luckily, northern Michigan appears to be one of the most pooch friendly places on the planet. Not only do most all parks and campgrounds welcome dogs, but so do some beaches and boutiques, restaurants and hotels as well. There are also dog parks in the area, fenced and with fun equipment and toys ready for safe play. If your idea of fun in the sun is a dip in the surf, then your dog will be welcomed at Zoll Street Beach in Harbor Springs or offshore at Magnus Park in Petoskey, although dogs must be on leash at the Magnus Park campground. Some dog owners like to let their dogs swim at the small beach area off what's called Festival Place located between the marina and the break wall in Petoskey. Petoskey Parks and Recreation director Allen Hansen said that area isn't technically designated a beach, however, it's more just a shoreline area, so dog owners tend to let their pets swim there. "Anywhere in the city, dog owners always have to clean up after their dogs...they also need to maintain a six foot leash for their dogs, but that's a state law," Hansen explained. Dogs are not allowed, however, on the beaches at Petoskey State Park, Wilderness State Park in northern Emmet County or Fisherman's Island State Park near Charlevoix. Dogs are allowed at most all campgrounds in northern Michigan, only must be on a



Ridge Run Dog Park in Boyne City features two separate fenced areas for large and small breeds, watering stations and a variety of fun equipment and toys for your pooch.

leash and well-behaved. As elsewhere, owners are always required to clean up after their pets. If staying dry and just taking a walk with your pet is more your style, then northern Michigan has plenty of dog-friendly and scenic pathways perfect just for that. Folks are welcome to walk their dogs along the Little Traverse Bay Wheelway, although bike riders ask dog owners with retractable leashes to take extra care so as not to hamstring a passing cyclist. The Bear River Valley Recreation Area in Petoskey is also a popular place to take your dog for a walk and features a long, winding, paved walkway along the scenic Bear River, with doggy stations along the way offering plastic bags to make it easier to clean up after your dog. Bev Neilson of Chicago could be found along the Bear River walkway recently with her best friend, Maggie, a yellow lab she adopted from a rescue. Neilson, who was up for the weekend visiting friends in the area, said she was delighted to find such a welcoming place to walk her dog. "It's absolutely breathtak-

ing," Neilson said of the Bear River Valley Recreation Area. "It's a low-impact walk and it's right in town but you feel like you're in a forest away from everything. And there's so much to see-the river, all sorts of birds, plants, wildlife. I recommend it to everyone who comes up here-whether you have a dog or not," Neilson said. "You're really lucky to have something like this in your area." Those who enjoy window-shopping or dining out also are welcome to bring their dogs to many area shops and restaurants. Strolling the streets in downtown Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and elsewhere up north, it's not uncommon to see doggie water bowls placed out front of shops and many also allow customers to bring their dogs inside to shop with them. Owners should always ask permission first, just to be sure. Even some restaurants will let you dine alongside your dog. The Twisted Olive Cafe on Bay Street in downtown Petoskey is one such restaurant that invites you to bring your dog with you, so long as you're eating outside on their patio.

Numerous area hotels, motels and resorts are also pet friendly, including Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs, Comfort Inn in Petoskey and Stafford's Crooked River Lodge and Suites in Alanson. For dog owners who have pets that really need to work off some energy, one of the area's dog parks might be just the ticket. Dog parks are fenced-in and have separate areas for large and small breeds. They also offer watering stations, toys and other play equipment for your dog along with spots for the owners to relax while watching their pups at play. Two new dog parks opened in the past year in Gaylord and Boyne City. Both parks are fee-free and ask that dogs who play abide by a list of rules, including that they are healthy and fully vaccinated before they enter. In Gaylord, the Otsego County Dog Park is located at 580 South Illinois Ave. For more information about that park, call (989) 705-7632. Ridge Run Dog Park in Boyne City can be found on Ridge Street between Charlevoix and Addis Streets. Call (231) 582-6597 for more information.



Lisa Gillespie of Beaver Island walks her lab/shepherd mix "Pirate Murphy" along the Little Traverse Wheelway recently.



Accepting the award are Brandon McClanathan and Jim Bishop with Charlevoix Area Garden Club members Vivian Cohen and Roberta Gluck. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Area Garden Club announces Beautification Award winners

This year, for the very first time, 40 merchants participated in the beautification competition. There are many gorgeous window boxes and planters along Bridge Street, as well as terrific gardens both north and south of the downtown area. We salute all the merchants who go the extra mile to make our little slice of heaven even more beautiful. The winners in the window box/planter category: 1st place: Bridge Street Tap Room, 2nd place: Rocking Horse Toy Company, Color Wear, Staffords Weathervane (tie), 3rd place: The Villager & Kilwins (tie), 4th place: Maison & Jardin, 5th place: Glikes & Clothing Company (tie). The winners of Garden Charlevoix South category: 1st place: Burger King, 2nd place: Holiday Station. The winners of Garden Charlevoix North category: 1st place: Esperance, 2nd place: MacDougall House, 3rd place: Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites. City of Charlevoix Municipal Award: The "Chipper" Truck. For the past years, Jim Bishop of the Streets Department, has been beautifying his truck by planting petunias along the top of the cab. One day he noticed that weeds were growing due to all the debris he picked up along the roads on a daily basis. He thought, if I'm doing what needs to be done to add to the beautification of Charlevoix, then my truck should look its best too. Jim, and his assistant, Brandon McClanathan, are totally committed city employees.

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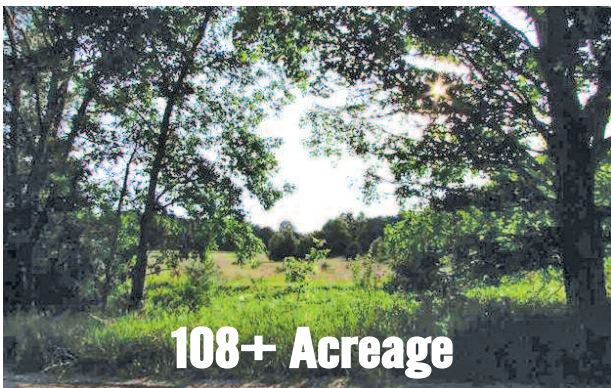


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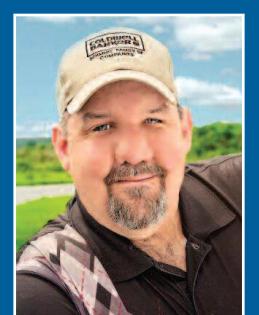
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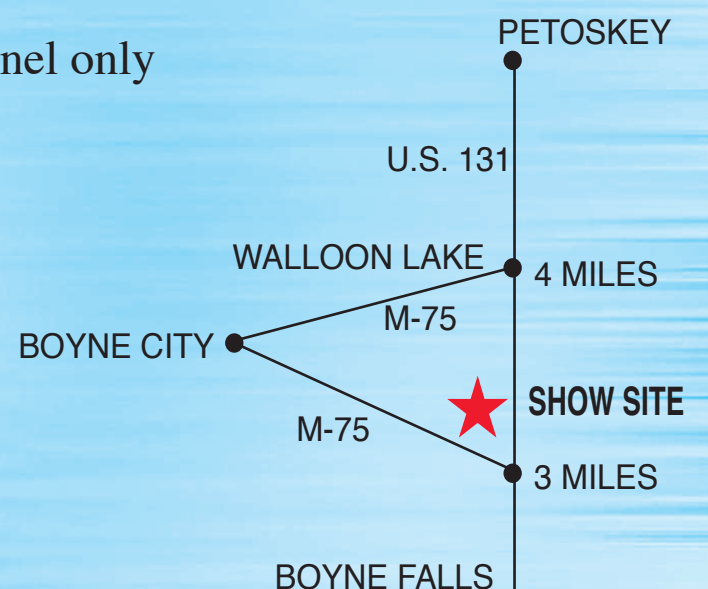
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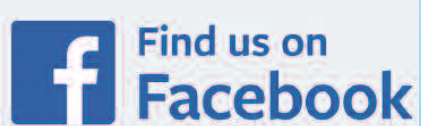
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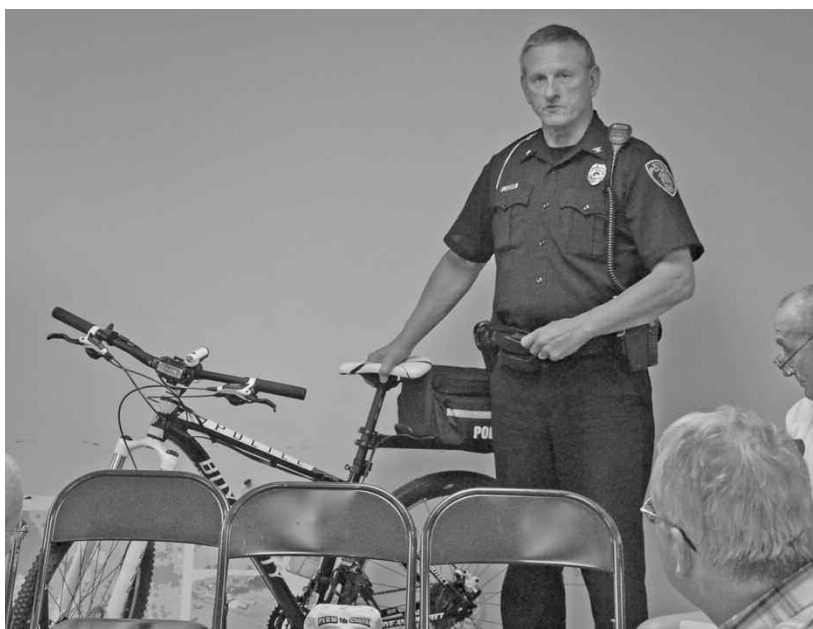
Committee will gather public input on toxic playground structure

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY - The Community Playground has been closed to the public since June 22 when the city's staff became alarmed about levels of toxic chemicals possibly seeping from the treated wood of which it is made. A consulting firm, Sagasser and Associates out of Gaylord, collected wood and soil samples from the playground inside and outside the fenced area and found higher than acceptable arsenic concentrations in the wood structure, wood chips and soil inside the fence. "Basically what we found was that anywhere near the playground the tests came back really high, in some cases extremely high," said City Manager Michael Cain. Cain explained that although other municipalities had toxin problems with their treated wood playgrounds he was hoping that because the city was so diligently following the installers recommendations concerning upkeep of the \$135,000 structure that they would not have the same problems. He recommended that the Commission ask the Parks and Recreation board to create a sub-committee to gather public input on the playground. "Hopefully we'll get some people who were involved with the project from the very beginning," he said. Cain isn't very optimistic about being able to salvage the structure. During public com-

ment Nord Schroeder who was involved with purchasing the playground asked if there wasn't any legal recourse the city could take. "It's a shame that now we're on the short end of the stick, it's been a wonderful structure, a lot of kids grew up on that thing," he said. Schroeder told the commission that all of the lumber and even the wood chips were brought by semi from Louisiana because they were "playground safe." The board approved the recommendation to create a committee and gather public input.

The first reading of an old Parks Ordinance that city staff believes needs to be reinitiated was held. In 2008 a new ordinance guide was created by streamlining and cleaning up the original book of ordinances. In the process some of the ordinances that pertained to the parks were weak. "In normal operations it doesn't really cause any problems but if somebody decided to misbehave we don't have as many tools to work with," said Cain. Cain provided the commission with copies of the old ordinances which contained many archaic sentiments like modesty rules and no "resting" or "thinking" in the pavilion. "We definitely need to go through these and tweak some of the language so it still accomplishes the goal of fun, safe, secure parks," said Commissioner Derek Gaylord.



Police Chief Jeff Gaither presented the city's new police bicycle at the July 14 City Commission meeting. Money to purchase the bike was provided by John McCloud of Classic Instruments and Bo Mayfield of North Country Cycle. The city now has five trained bicycle officers and five bikes. "There are times that the bikes can get across town much faster than a car," said Gaither. There were 4 bike police on duty during the Fourth of July weekend.

A detailed slide presentation including three D diagrams of the proposed new City Hall was presented by Ray Kendra of Environmental Architects. "Everything we've been talking about in the last year we're seeing coming to fruition," he said. Kendra stated that he expected the plans to be "nailed down" by the end of next week and the project out for bids between Thanksgiving and Christmas with construction sited for the

spring. "We've enhanced and have been able to build on the things we've been talking about along the way," he said. The plans are available on the city's website at [www.charlevoixcountynews.com](#) and at City Hall. Mayor Ron Grunch asked if a presentation for the public could be arranged and Kendra agreed.

Although Commissioners were prepared to make a decision on a plan of action to alleviate the excess water problems on Division Street, new information

presented by Cain concerning the possible existence and location of a drainage pipe that may have been partially removed when the road was repaved caused them to take another two weeks to gather more information. The pipe is not found on any plans but former DPW Supervisor Bill Bush remembers installing one. All options available right now would only bring the water down 3 feet and discussion at the meeting indicated that that would not be sufficient. Also, a proposal from the owner of the Parkview Apartments, from whom the city had requested permission to have an easement which they would use to divert the water was available for the first time earlier that day and needed more consideration. "I was absolutely prepared to move forward with option 2 even though nobody wants to tear up Division Street but at this point I'm not sure," said Commissioner Derek Gaylord. After a full hour of discussion the commission decided to take more time to investigate the "mystery pipe" and find a way to lower the water more than 3 feet. The issue will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 28 at noon.

Boyne on the Water public waterfront planning project will be held July 21 from 4p.m. to 8p.m. at Sunset Park.

Boyne Library celebrates "Community Heroes Week"

Not all heroes wear capes! This past week was "Community Heroes Week" for the Summer Reading Clubs at the Boyne District Library. Many local heroes joined as guest readers: Officer Kyle Smith from the Boyne City Police Department, Ms. Lisa Howie from the Boyne City Transportation Department, Mr. Bill McMillian, a former member of the U.S. Navy, Boyne City Police Department Police Chief Jeff Gaither, and Boyne City Fire Department Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury.

We read stories about brave heroes and true friends who help others in their communities, we started a list of real-life heroes in our community, and we learned how we can use our helping powers here in Boyne City by bringing in donations for the Boyne City Food Pantry. A big thank you to all of our heroes!

RIGHT: Ms. Lisa Howie from the Boyne City Transportation Department. Courtesy photo

FAR RIGHT: Boyne City Police Department Police Chief Jeff Gaither. COURTESY PHOTO



Boyne City Fire Department Fire Chief, Dennis Amesbury, with a group of "super readers" during Community Heroes Week. COURTESY PHOTO



VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for July 2015 is Ronald Duane Whitbeck. Born Dec. 2nd, 1929 in Flint, Mich., Whitbeck attended grammar and high school 1934 to 1945 in Flushing, Mich. and graduated in the class of 1947 from Elk Rapids, Mich. High School. In Jan. 1948 Whitbeck worked as a pin-setter for Red Crown Bowling in Elkhart, Ind. and in July of 1948 he went to work for the E & W Railroad, Elkhart, Ind., as a section hand, putting in ties, laying rail, spiking ties to rail and cutting brush around the tracks. On July 20th, 1948 at Indianapolis, Ind., Whitbeck enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps that began a career of 20 years, 8 months and 11 days ending on Mar. 31st, 1969 and included tours of duty in Korea and Viet Nam. On Sept. 22nd, 1966 in Memphis, Tenn. Whitbeck married Jeri Lou Mays. Whitbeck received an honorable discharge having attained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and was awarded the following Decorations and Citations: The Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Battle Star, The United Nations Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Presidential Unit Citation, The Viet Nam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Battle Star, The Viet Nam Campaign Medal with 60 Devise, The Pistol Sharpshooter



Badge and The Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal Fifth Award. Returning to civilian life Whitbeck made his home in Boyne City, Mich., and later in Bay Shore, Mich., going to work for The U.S. Postal service in Petoskey, Mich. for several years and moved to Gaylord, Mich. working at the Gaylord Post Office for seven and a half years. Whitbeck enjoyed sports, bowling, hunting and fishing and on Jan. 1st, 1983 Whitbeck fell, suffering a head injury, and on Jan. 14th, 1983 Ronald Duane Whitbeck answered the final call and is being honored by children and their families.

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

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New Boyne City food pantry finds home at Boyne Area Free Clinic

The Boyne Area Free Clinic is the home for the new Good Neighbors Food Pantry. The pantry is refurbishing an area on the west side of the clinic's building at 624 State Street in Boyne City, and will open its doors in the near future. Both organizations share the goal of helping people in need.

"We have available space in our building," said Free Clinic board president Deonna Crouterfield. "And the pantry needs a home, so it makes perfect sense. We support anything that helps the community."

Boyne Area Free Clinic is an independent nonprofit community organization committed to

providing basic medical care to those who do not otherwise have access to such services. Its mission is to provide health care, with respect and dignity, to underserved Charlevoix County residents, with the help of qualified medical volunteers and staff.

The Good Neighbors Food Pantry of Boyne City recently formed to help improve access to healthy foods for families in need. Before opening its doors, the pantry will be busy preparing its new space at the Free Clinic.

According to Susan Conklin, the work involves things like painting and installing or build-

ing shelving. Community involvement is sought for these improvements, as well as volunteers to help with the pantry operations.

For more information about Good Neighbors Food Pantry or to volunteer, email goodneighborsboayne@gmail.com, or visit the Volunteer Connections page at CharEm United Way (charemunitedway.com). Donations may be sent to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712.

The Free Clinic, which formed in 2007, is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local physician Richard Mansfield, DO, serves as medical director. The

Clinic is staffed by volunteers and provides services for acute non-emergent conditions and primary care services to those individuals that fall into the no-income or low income, no insurance or under insured category.

The Free Clinic has recently refurbished other areas of their building in order to offer dental and vision screenings. Jennifer Larson, DDS, will be performing basic dental screenings, as well as recommending further treatment as necessary through referrals. Other dental professionals are welcome to join the effort in providing screenings.

The Clinic is still seeking a

professional to provide vision screenings. In addition to vision and dental professionals, the clinic is seeking other medical professionals to provide services. They also have openings on the board of directors, and can always use volunteers in a variety of capacities. Donations are also welcome.

For more information, contact the Free Clinic at (231) 582-4605.

A benefit for the Free Clinic will be held the Eagles Lodge in the fall. Watch for more details later this summer.

Jobs for Veterans needed in Charlevoix County

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY: Due to a recent millage vote and increase in dedicated funds from the State of Michigan, the well being of veterans in Charlevoix County still faces one barrier to keeping those returning home from military service in the area; employment.

At a recent County Commissioners meeting Director John Hess of the County Veteran's Affairs Office educated commissioners about what his office is doing to reach out to veterans in the area who are struggling with health problems, financial issues, job concerns, and a host of other problems. He also expressed his concern that the population of veterans in Charlevoix County is declining due to a lack of sustainable income.

Hess began his report by detailing the efforts his office has made in recent months, since the veterans millage passed in November, to reach more veterans by spending time on both Beaver Island and in Boyne Falls. He explained at the meeting that he spends time in each place helping to educate more veterans on what resources are available in the county.

"Instead of them coming to Charlevoix, we have tried to

reach out to them...we want to find out their needs and if there is anything we can do to help them we go out there and help them," stated Hess in an interview after the meeting.

The millage has funded the outreach programs, but has also enabled the Veteran's Affairs Office to hire another part time person allowing the office to be open five days instead of three. Hess feels that the millage has been incredibly beneficial for the office and veterans in Charlevoix County.

"I am glad that because of the (millage) money we go we can start doing these extra things," says Hess.

In addition to the millage, there was a \$1.6 million increase in funding to veterans in the past year. That, coupled with the health benefits awarded, takes the total amount of financial assistance given in Charlevoix County to \$6 million. The Veteran's Affairs office also keeps a fund of donated money, non-taxpayer funds, set aside for emergency situations veterans may encounter.

However, despite a large increase in funding and programs that help Veterans there remains one issue; jobs. According to Hess, there are very few jobs that provide a

solid living wage to those who have served in the military. While he acknowledges there are jobs in the area, he says that most of them do not "full time good jobs" but are rather part time and don't pay enough to support a family. In his opinion, this has led to a decrease in veterans staying in Charlevoix County.

"Young veterans have nothing to do here, for the most part there are not a lot of jobs around that pay a living wage...in other places they do" said Hess who continued to say that "You go to school here, you live here, and then you have to move away because there are no jobs here."

Hess says that he plans to work with the Economic Development Agencies around the area in the hopes of finding businesses that will either come to the area, or open organically in the county. He hopes that by lending his voice to the cause of getting more living wage paying jobs he can help the men he talks to on a daily basis who are struggling to find work after serving in the military.

For those interested in learning more about what the Veteran's Affairs Office can do to help them, please visit either the county website at www.charlevoixcounty.org or call the office directly at 231-547-7220.

Bike donations enhance lives of forty area children

Warm summer sun, long days, and riding your bike; we all have those childhood memories. Now, thanks to Revolution Bike in Charlevoix, MDHHS, Char-Em United Way and Northern Knights Motorcycle Club, forty kids have the chance to make their own summer memories. On July 1st, representatives from MDHHS, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Char-Em United Way, and Northern Knights Motorcycle Club were on hand in the American Red Cross parking lot to distribute bikes and helmets.

"Char-Em United Way was thrilled to bring together this great collaboration, the donation of bikes and helmets fits perfectly with United Way's focus area of improving health and wellness. All of these partners are truly "living united." They are giving back to our community, volunteering their time, and advocating for happier life for others," said Lorraine Manary, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way.

Several years ago, Chet Morris, owner of Revolution Bike of Charlevoix spearheaded the Bikes for Kids project. Morris stated, "I wanted to reach out on a local level in a way that gets bikes to kids who otherwise could not afford them. It feels good and benefits all of us by re-using and re-cycling a great product."

This year Char-Em United Way worked with DHHS and Big



On Wednesday, July 1, Northern Knight MC president, Tony Slowinski makes sure Aiden's helmet fits properly. Also pictured from left: Dave Keller, Northern Knights MC, Pat Hill, volunteer, and Christie Ward-Strahan, Big Brothers/Big Sisters. COURTESY PHOTO

Brothers/Big Sisters in Emmet and Charlevoix counties to get the bikes to kids who needed them. "We love this project and love spreading the joy by getting the bikes to kids who otherwise wouldn't have on this summer", said Manary.

Thanks to the members of the Northern Knights Motorcycle Club the kids also received a new helmet when they picked up their bikes. "Our members were happy to donate the helmets for the kids getting a bike," said Tony Slowinski, president of the Northern Knights MC. "We do a toy run every fall, so this was just another way we could help the kids and give something back."

Should your business want to LIVE UNITED, please contact Char-Em United Way with your ideas. Call the office at 487-1006 or email to info@charemunitedway.org. If you have a donation, United Way can help you find a way to make a positive impact in our community.

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Swimmer's itch unpleasant, but at least it's not dangerous

As the summer heats up, tourists and residents alike are flocking to Northern Michigan's lakes, ponds, and rivers. Many will spend their days swimming, splashing, fishing, and boating without consequence—but some may face the wrath of swimmer's itch.

Cercarial dermatitis, commonly known as "swimmer's itch," is a skin rash caused by parasites found in local lakes and rivers. After people swim or wade in these waters, they may become covered in itchy red bumps or blisters. The condition is caused by a reaction to microscopic parasites that are released from infected snails into the water. If the parasite comes into contact with a swimmer, it burrows into the skin.

The good news? Although it sounds unpleasant, swimmer's itch doesn't typically require medical attention, according to Joshua Meyerson, M.D., Medical Director for the Health Department.

"Swimmer's itch is common in many parts of the world," Dr. Meyerson said. "A topical hydrocortisone cream, an antihistamine like Benadryl, or cool baths with baking soda or oatmeal can help soothe the itch. It's important to avoid scratching the itchy rash, to prevent a secondary infection."

Dr. Meyerson recommends that lake swimmers towel off quickly and thoroughly after leaving the water, to minimize any possible effects. Showering upon leaving the water is also helpful. Children may need extra help with toweling and showering to avoid swimmer's itch. Dr. Meyerson adds that swimmer's itch is not contagious, and the parasites do not live in swimming pools that are properly maintained and chlorinated.

Additionally, the presence of swimmer's itch does not make a swimming area unsafe.

While the Health Department monitors public beaches in Northwest Michigan for the presence of E.coli bacteria—a much more serious threat that can lead to beach closures—beaches are not closed based on reports of swimmer's itch. Results from the Health Department's beach monitoring can be found on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Web site at www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/.

Oleson Foundation invests \$50,000 in the future of local health care

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation announced a \$50,000 commitment from the Oleson Foundation toward its FORWARD Campaign – Building on Our History of Caring.

The campaign will provide funding for Charlevoix Area Hospital's current capital project, which will add a third operating room along with renovating the entire Surgical Suite and Laboratory in an effort to better meet the evolving health care needs of its patients, namely a rapidly growing demand for outpatient surgeries. Work has already been completed on a new Chemotherapy-Infusion Center and an expansion of the hospital's primary care facility in Boyne City, Boyne Area Medical Center.

"The Oleson Foundation is excited to make this commitment to Charlevoix Area Hospital and the communities it serves," said Don Oleson, President of the Oleson Foundation Board of Trustees. "We are proud of our history of collaboration with



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local non-profits to enhance the quality of life for those living in northern Michigan."

This project is part of a series of improvements to accommodate the growth of important patient programs, increase efficiency in the surgical suite, enhance the patient experience, and add flexibility for future

change and technology. Ultimately, it will position the hospital for a sustainable, effective future to continue to best serve area residents and visitors. The cost of the projects is approximately \$8.25 million.

"We are very appreciative of the Oleson Foundation's commitment to our efforts," said

Hospital CEO, Lyn Jenks. "Projects of this scale are only possible for us with generous investments by community members and organizations. The Oleson Foundation has shown its dedication to our community many times, and we are so pleased to partner with them once again."

The Oleson Foundation was started by Gerald and Frances Oleson in 1962 and was designed to continually perform good works in Northwestern Lower Michigan. The foundation searches for sustainable, collaborative projects and programs that improve the quality of life for area residents, in particular in the areas of education, environment, community development, and health and human services.

Executive Director Kathy Huschke said, "Having access to high quality healthcare is a core part of our mission, and Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's FORWARD Campaign furthers that goal."

Do Optimists Live Longer?

By Deb Hagen-Foley

You know the age old question - is the glass half-full or half-empty? A pessimist sees the glass as half empty while an optimist views the glass as half full. Optimists have a positive outlook for the future while pessimists tend to focus on negative aspects. Can having a tendency to focus on the positive improve your life?

A mounting body of research indicates that yes, optimists have better physical and mental outcomes in a variety of ways. Having a positive outlook, despite external circumstances can lead to better physical and mental health. In more than 100 studies, researchers have examined the relationship between optimism and health. In a wide range of physical health outcomes, those persons with a more optimistic outlook had improved pain tolerance, immunity, heart health, pregnancy or cancer outcomes, better survival from disease, and longer lives. Having an optimistic disposition can improve your physical health regardless of other factors, such as income level.

In a study of more than 100,000 women over age 50, women who were optimistic were 14 percent less likely to die from any cause than pessimists and 30 percent less likely to die from heart disease after eight years of follow up in the study. The optimistic women were also less likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes or smoke cigarettes.

Optimists are more likely to have healthy lifestyles, including regular physical activity, eating healthy

food, and getting enough sleep. It is unclear whether optimism leads people to engage in healthy behaviors or whether the behaviors themselves lead people to feel happier.

Having an optimistic outlook is also related to improved mental health outcomes. Results from a study of disaster victims in the Netherlands found that persons with a more pessimistic attitude were at a higher risk for severe depression, obsessive-compulsive symptoms, anxiety and sleeping problems than those with more optimistic outlooks.

Optimists also fare better in the job market. A study of MBA students found that more optimistic MBA grads found jobs more easily, with less intensive job searches than their more pessimistic peers. In addition, the more optimistic employees were more likely to have been promoted in the two years following graduation. The researchers hypothesize that those with a more optimistic disposition are better at coping with problems and more flexible about trying different approaches if necessary.

We all know people who tend toward optimism or pessimism. Are we born optimistic or do we learn to have a positive outlook? While our family of origin and early upbringing can teach us to be more or less optimistic, we can learn how to have a more positive view of the future. Modifying your attitude is one of the best - and least expensive - things you can do to improve your life.

DD-214s available free of charge

Veterans throughout Michigan are being warned of unscrupulous businesses charging fees to obtain copies of free military service and discharge records. Veterans and family members are reminded that discharge paperwork, including DD-214s and other forms, is available free of charge through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, county veterans service offices and accredited veterans service organizations.

"No veteran should pay for copies of his or her discharge papers," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said. "These records are earned through military service, and it is unethical to ask for payment to obtain a DD-214."

Veterans should be wary of certain websites, which charge \$90 to \$150 to obtain copies of DD-214s and other

free military records through their "expedited service."

"Please look out for yourselves and for vulnerable family members who are veterans, and spread the word that discharge documents and benefits assistance should be free of charge," Barnes said. "Often, MVAA is able to provide needed paperwork within a day and within hours for military funeral honors."

Veterans should contact MVAA at 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) or visit the "Find a Benefits Counselor" page on MichiganVeterans.com to receive free assistance. Veterans who encounter companies charging fees for DD-214s or other military paperwork are encouraged to report these efforts to MVAA.

Rescue Dog featured in new children's book

Bonita Finds a Forever Home by Suzanne M. Malpass (Rogers) is the fifth book in a series of true animal rescues with happy endings. "I'm not interested in make-the-kids-cry stories," says Rogers, who writes under her maiden name.

Each book features wonderful watercolor illustrations by Charlevoix's Trish Morgan, who studied watercolor painting in Europe, as well as in the US. For each story, the author interviews the pet's family before writing begins. In this case, that would have meant interviewing herself. The dog in question is the one Rogers saw on Petfinders.com and then was able to obtain from the humane society. The book ends with the suggestion that children look first to their local humane society or rescue organization, if they want a new friend of the animal variety.

The books are available at Stonehedge Gardens and the Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan; Ga Ga for Kids, Circle of Arts and The Castle in Charlevoix; Local Flavor and Freshwater Art Gallery in Boyne City, as well as at many other shops and bookstores. If you should want a book signed to a certain person or persons, contact the author at suzanne@straddlebooks.com. The books are also on the web at Mascot Books, Books a Million, Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

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ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 2015

Ellsworth Community Square fundraising campaign to begin

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Big news was announced at the Ellsworth Village Council meeting. Everything is in place for the Community Square fundraising campaign to begin. A motion to set a fee to reserve village pavilions was passed and a resolution to sell some property was approved at the July 13 meeting.

Phase one of the Community Square project is to be financed through Crowdfunding; the funding of a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people via the internet. The vil-

lage is partnering with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to raise the needed \$60,000 to complete the initial clean-up and seed portion of the project. Somewhere between July 20-23 the MEDC will launch a website with information describing the project including a rendering of what it will look like when complete and a detailed video. The site will keep a record of what has been collected with a goal of \$26,000. Whatever funds are collected will be matched by the MEDC. "I'm telling people to put their money where their mouth is, they have been complaining

about this corner for years, now we have a chance to clean it up," said Village President Hugh Campbell.

A resolution to sell village property located at 9627 Lake Street for \$12,000 was passed. The property is presently not being utilized for anything other than storage. Dave Muha intends to purchase it, he already owns a neighboring lot which he will be leasing to MI Farms Market. "It's a win/win," said Trustee Lynn Spearing.

A motion was passed to charge a \$50 fee for reservations at the Community Park and Woodenshoe pavilions. "It places

a value and people tend to take better care of things if they value it," said Spearing. The fee was enacted to help prevent double booking. Discussion was then held on vandalism at the pavilions and agreement was made to have Campbell research models and prices of video cameras. "I just want to prosecute before I retire," he teased.

Campbell gave report on the success of this year's Little League program. "It's really taken off and it's going to get bigger," he said. He is holding discussions with Ellsworth Schools building program instructor, Brian Certa, about re-

moving the old brown building at the softball fields and having another built.

Pig Roast Committee Chair Lynn Spearing reported that the event was a huge success. "The feedback was very positive," she said. "I think everybody worked very hard, did their job and did it well."

The Woodenshoe Campground will be open this year until after the Paddle Antrim September 18 and 19 event. There will be a buy one night get the second night free special run for that weekend. The next Village Council meeting will be held on August 10 at 7 p.m.

POP-UP SHOPS

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said.

In downtown Petoskey, a pop-up art gallery called "Limited Edition" opened in June at 435 E. Mitchell Street and will remain open until September.

Local artists and area residents Kristen Koehler and Katie Brines said they opened the shop as a "creative movement...to inspire new generations of artists, writers and makers to create sustainable lives for themselves up north."

Their shop features a wide variety of work from more than 25 contemporary emerging artistic types. Occasional workshops and speaker events are also held on site and are open to the public.

Limited Edition is open 11:30am-5:30pm, Tuesday through Thursday and Friday and Saturday from 11:30am until 8:30pm.

For more information about the Limited Edition pop-up shop, visit their website at: <http://www.limitededitionpetoskey.com/shop-online/>

SKATE PARK

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After the equipment discussion, the Board turned their attention to a request from the City of Charlevoix to donate funds toward the City Skate Park. The Skate Park is located on West Carpenter Avenue, and is open on Friday through Sunday. The board admitted that the Skate Park is a great resource, especially for at risk teens, but expressed their concern over donating to city projects.

"The city needs to fund their own project," stated Trustee Dave Christiansen.

His sentiments were echoed by most of the board, who worried that donating this year would indicate a desire to do so on any other the projects the City may want help with.

"I'm sure we would all like to contribute to this,

but my concern is next year what they'll ask," said another board member.

The Board considered other options for donating, including a donation directly to the Patsy Ramsey Scholarship Fund in lieu of donating to the city. This scholarship fund honors an original member of the group whose efforts in fundraising helped open the Skate Park. Ramsey sadly passed away in June of 2006, but the fund was established in the hopes of allowing everyone interested to utilize the park she loved.

The Board decided to do additional research into the matter to see if donating directly the Scholarship Fund is legal. If it is, the Township plans to donate \$500 to the scholarship. If it is not, the township did not specifically indicate which action they will take.

Minor injuries in two vehicle accident

At approximately 4:20 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2015, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two vehicle personal injury accident on Barnard Road, just South of Heise Road in Marion Township.

Charlevoix County resident, Mitchell Poirier-Hall age 21, was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Blazer when he failed to yield while backing out of a private driveway and struck Kurt Ewald, 46 year old from

ing Southbound on Barnard Road. Ewald was driving a 2014 Jeep Cherokee.

Vence Poirier, age 41 from Vanderbilt, was the passenger in the Blazer and was treated on scene by Charlevoix EMS for minor injuries.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by Charlevoix EMS and Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

The accident is still under investigation.

Dear Editor,

Fabulous Fireworks, Parades, Live Music, Contest, Food and Fun were all part of the East Jordan Freedom Festival that kicked off the start of another great summer season in the community of East Jordan. The festival ran from Tuesday, July 23 – Sunday, June 28. The festival brought families and friends from throughout the area into downtown with 6 days of fun for all to enjoy.

The East Jordan Freedom Festival would not have been possible without the support of many organizations, businesses, churches and individuals. The East Jordan Freedom Festival Committee would like to recognize and thank the following:

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As you can see...it takes MANY people to make a successful festival. Without their time and support events such as the East Jordan Freedom Festival would not be possible!

Most Sincerely
Shannon Fender
President
East Jordan Freedom Festival

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Dear Editor:

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) staff, Board of Directors and committee members thank the many volunteers and donors who supported the recent Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheon held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

We thank the talented table designers for their donation of time and creativity—please know your efforts help ensure the success of this event: A Touch of Spring & Other Things, Bartlett's Home Interiors, Beaver Island Boat Company, Belvedere Golf Club Buddies, Boyne Mountain Solace Spa, Castle Farms of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Charlevoix Country Club, Christ Episcopal Church, Crebitive Cupcakes, Deer Creek Junk, Ele-

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We appreciate and thank the dedicated table captains for their energy and hard work in filling seats at the luncheon—we couldn't undertake this event without you.

Thank you to Castle Farms owners, Linda and Richard Mueller and their staff for providing a lovely venue and top-notch service. The delicious lunch, catered by Grey

Gables and the delectable dessert provided by Diane McMahon were tasteful and tasty; our many thanks for your culinary and baking skills.

Fifth Third Bank and Blue Cross Blue Shield-Blue Care Network of Michigan are title sponsors for the Charlevoix luncheon, as well as those held in Cheboygan and Emmet counties – thank you for your significant support!

Finally, we thank the guests who attended the Charlevoix luncheon and their commitment to our agency and the communities we serve. Your support enables us to help thousands of local women, children and families every year!

Sincerely,

Gail Kloss
Executive Director

VENETIAN

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Charlevoix native Tom Zipp playing his rock and country music. The Odmark Pavilion will be filled with the sounds of the "Charlevoix City Band" who will be opened by "The Accidentals."

Wednesday July 22, sees more music in the park and the start of the carnival rides hosted by Arnold Amusements; these rides then last till Saturday night. Adults can enjoy the Tiki Tent, or head over to Odmark Pavilion for a night of rock with opening act "Audio Circus" from Charlevoix, and headlining act "Starship" who have Mickey Thomas in tow. Thursday, July 23 then offers a more relaxed pace with Kid's Day on

Lake Michigan Beach with plenty of games and fun for the whole family, and a county rock concert at Odmark Pavilion featuring "Anthony Orio and the Goodfellers," opened by Charlevoix's own "The Jon Archambault Band."

Of course, Friday means fireworks for Venetian lovers, and a host of events will happen almost everywhere in town. The day begins with an "Independence Bike Ride" in honor of the United States Military. The beautiful Venetian Queen will have her coronation in Odmark Pavilion and art by a local artist will be auctioned off to support the festival. A blend of swampy bijou country will then whisk away the pretty dresses and bring in the party as the "Chase Tyler Band" takes the stage after traveling all the way from the

Louisiana Gulf Coast. To be fair, those more interested in a refined evening of Jazz are welcome to head to Ferry Beach where the "Up North Big Band" will play. And most excitingly, that spectacular high in the sky display of fireworks will take place Friday night where viewers from just about anywhere downtown can see them.

Oh but Saturday, when the entire town links together for fun, laughs, music, parades, races, and more fireworks! This is the day festival goers live for! The day begins with runners taking their marks for the Drenth Memorial Foot Race and the Ryan Shay Mile. Then the street remains closed for the famous Charlevoix Street Parade. Music fills the air in Charlevoix as the Plymouth Fife and

Drum Corp as well as the Sault Ste. Marie Pipe Band takes their places throughout Charlevoix. And be sure to stick around downtown for the first ever Bridge St. Block Party! The evening comes in with more music, as "Three Men and a Tenor" bring their comedy and pop to Odmark Pavilion. The stunning and much anticipated Boat Parade will happen Saturday night and of course, the moment everyone has been waiting for, the closing Fireworks display!

Venetian Festival is always the highlight of summer in Charlevoix, and so many of the events are perfect for all ages to enjoy! For times and further information regarding any of the events please visit www.ventian-festival.com/

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The Moxie Strings return to Aten Place on Saturday

The Moxie Strings will bring a special and unique evening of electrifying fiddle and cello, plus foot stomping percussion, to the Aten Place stage on Saturday, July 18th at 7:30 pm. The Moxie Strings is fiddler Diana Ladio, cellist Alison Lynn and percussionist Fritz McGirr. Their feel-good melodies and foot-stomping rock-influenced rhythms put a fresh and enticing spin on Celtic and Americana music.

Though rooted in tradition, The Moxie Strings offer listeners the unique opportunity to experience two of the world's best-known instruments and oldest genres through a young progressive lens. Their music is a combination of ear-catching originals and dance-worthy traditional tunes, and they have quickly become one of Michigan's most promising and well-loved instrumental acts.

Diana, Alison and Fritz hold Bachelor of Music degrees in music performance and music education, which have given each the technical foundation to explore the limits of his/her instrument, and helped the group build a reputation for musical excellence. Both Diana and Alison use a variety of audio effects pedals. Alison performs on a newly invented, electric instrument and Fritz on a variety of world percussion instruments in celebration of their generation's redefinition of folk music. The Moxie Strings write the majority of their pieces, and also arrange traditional tunes.

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.

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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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Boats Thunder into Boyne



Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On Friday and Saturday Boyne City heard the thunderous engines of numerous boats as the 12th Annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run made its way through Lake Charlevoix.

Known for its roaring engines and sleek boats, the Boyne Thunder Poker run began festivities on Friday, June 10. The event is a benefit boat outing that was the creation of several Boyne City residents who wanted to create a fund-raising opportunity for the Boyne City Main Street Program in 2004. In those early days, the event partnered with Camp Quality, a non-profit organization who offer support programs to families whose children are diagnosed with cancer. Camp Quality is now the beneficiary of the event. The event also partnered with the Boyne City Yacht Club and most recently Challenge Mountain another non-profit organization in the area.

Now in its twelfth year, the event boasts over 100 boaters who arrived the day before the Poker Run

and took Camp Quality students out for a day of sunshine and speed on the waters of Lake Charlevoix. Boaters then spent the evening wandering around Boyne City enjoying local restaurants and shopping during Boyne City's weekly Friday night Stroll the Streets. Classic cars and Boyne Thunder boats were also on display to enjoy which offered residents a chance to meet the crews of participating boats.

On Saturday, the event kicked off in earnest, with an early morning trip to the Farmer's Market on Peninsula Beach, and then a 9:30 departure from the marina for the boaters participating in the Poker Run. Unlike a typical race, the Poker Run requires boaters to follow a charted course that leads them to five checkpoints where playing cards are retrieved. The playing cards are found along the water in Elk Rapids, Northport, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and Horton Bay. The run ends at Sommerset Point with a reception for boaters and their families. Those playing cards are then

used at the Saturday evening Thunder Feast to play a massive game of poker in which the crew with the best hand wins and prizes are awarded to the Top 3 poker hands played.

The winners of the Poker Run this year included: Mike Knoblock of American Custom Marine, Rober Svapora, and Bill Lemanski. These three were the top hands out of the 108 boating crews that participated in the event.

"It was fantastic, we received so much unsolicited great feedback from participants; many of them have done this year after year, but a lot of them were new this year. I think they are surprised that a little town in Northern Michigan can pull this off," said Boyne City Main St. Director Lori Meeder of the events success.

According to Meeder the event was wonderful this year and the weather cooperated perfectly. In addition, volunteers such as Bob Alger, the chair of the Boyne City Steering Committee kept the event running smoothly, and Harbormaster Barb Brooks and her marina crew did an excellent job of fitting as many boats as possible into the marina.



A large crowd watches a line up of boats from Boyne Thunder as they idle through the Pine River canal in Charlevoix, then roar off into Lake Michigan on a sunny Saturday morning. PHOTO BY ALAN LEESE



Ready for the open water, powerboats such as this one curved around the marina before heading to their first checkpoint.



A massive crowd gathered in anticipation Saturday to see the incredible boats as they departed Boyne City.



The crew on "Extreme Energy" of Indianapolis, Indiana waves as they return to Boyne City through the Pine River Canal in Charlevoix Saturday during the 12th annual Boyne Thunder poker run. More than one hundred boats participated this year in the fundraiser supporting Camp Quality. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



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BOYNE CITY FOOD TRUCK RALLY FUNDRAISER

July 16, 6-9pm, Veterans Park. 21 area vendors will be featuring local food, soda, beer, wine and live music by Disasteroid. \$10 per person (includes 2 drink tickets). Food prices are \$3 - \$5.

CHARLEVOIX STREET LEGENDS CLASSIC CAR SHOW

July 17 & 18. 5pm - Friday Up North Cruise around Lake Charlevoix. Depart promptly at 5pm from the Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot. 6-9:30pm Downtown Cruise In. Musical entertainment by the band Off Duty in East Park. Saturday, July 18th - Main Event Car Show 10am-3pm. For more information visit www.streetlegends.net.

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.

WALLOON LAKE KAYAK FOR A CAUSE

July 18 & 19, 9:30am-4pm, Camp Daggett. Camp Daggett invites kayakers - both beginner and advanced - to join the team at the 7th annual Kayak for a Cause. Camp Daggett is recruiting 30 or more kayaking enthusiasts to participate in the event. Beginners and advanced adult kayakers will paddle the 30 miles along the beautiful Walloon Lake shoreline and raise much needed dollars for scholarships for children to attend Camp Daggett Adventure Center programs. Kayakers can choose a one-day paddle for \$150 in pledges or a two-day paddle for \$300. Details are available at www.campdaggett.org.

CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

July 18-25. What began 85 years ago as a small candle-lit boat parade has grown into a week-long flurry of color and pageantry that highlights the summer season. 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

Full Circle Band headlines Music in the Park

Local band, "Full Circle" will be on the stage in East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell on Friday, July 17. The free concert will start at 7pm and the sounds of the



60's rock will be filling the air. Concert-goers are encouraged to visit East Jordan prior to the start time to enjoy dinner and visit the quaint shops of the community. The Memorial Park venue is next to the East Jordan Marina, Making it a wonderful outing for boaters to enjoy from their slips in the city marina. A perfect way to end a northern Michigan summer day.

The Music in the Park Concert Series continues through Friday, August 7. It is thanks to the generosity of individual's donors and business and organization sponsors that these free concerts

are offered throughout the summer in downtown East Jordan. They are co-sponsored by the East Jordan Downtown Development

Authority, Jordan River Arts

Council and the East Jordan Area

Chamber of Commerce.

To make a tax deductible donation to the series, send or drop off checks payable to the City of East Jordan with "Music in the Park" in the memo section. They may be mailed to P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727 or dropped off at City Hall, 201 Main Street, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. www.ejchamber.org or 231-536-7351.

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EAST JORDAN LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

July 11, 10:30am. Jordan Valley District Library's Summer Magic: READ program will be held each Wednesday in July at 10:30 a.m. in the library's community room. Wednesday, July 22nd will have magician P.J. Weber present an hour show. 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 TECH TUESDAY WITH NICK PULVER

July 23, 6-7pm, Boyne District Library. Soldering 101. The classes will be held in the Boyne District Libraries community room and are geared for anyone 12 and up. The class sizes are limited and you must register to attend. You can register online at boynelibrary.org or by calling the library at 582-7861.

BOYNE CITY JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT

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

ELLSWORTH CONDITIONING FOR CHRIST

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

CHARLEVOIX CTAC LECTURE SERIES

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

BOYNE CITY ZZ TOP TRIBUTE CONCERT

July 31, 8pm, Boyne High School Performing

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

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

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

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

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

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP FREE FIREWOOD

In the next two or three weeks, extensive work will be done on the trees in the cemetery.

All of the small limbs and brush will be removed, but the wood that can be used as firewood will be stock piled for use by our Norwood citizens. If you are interested in some of this wood, please contact the Township and we will advise you when it is available. It will be free, all you have to do is remove it. You can contact the Supervisor norwoodsupervisor@yahoo.com if you would like to participate in this program.

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 in-

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

BOYNE CITY BOYNE VOLUNTEER NETWORK

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

EAST JORDAN CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIORS RIDE FREE

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

Charlevoix County Transit.

www.crookedtree.org.

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.

CHARLEVOIX WOOFSTOCK FESTIVAL

August 1, noon-7:30pm, Mackinaw Trail Winery on US 131 south of Petoskey. The Charlevoix Area Humane Society will host their second annual WoofStock music and pet festival. There will be 12-15 bands performing during the day and early evening on three stages, an open mike stage, activities, followed up by a headline act later in the evening. There will also be animal agility demonstrations, sheep herding, pet contests and more, for a full pet-friendly day. Food, craft and pet related vendors will be in attendance to sell and show off their products and services. Mackinaw Trail Winery will provide beer and wine sales during the event. Admission is \$10 for a full day of music, entertainment and fun for the whole family and your dog.

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

CHARLEVOIX CTAC LECTURE SERIES

August 13, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Robert Swanson, Architecture/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.

EAST JORDAN "ONE ACCORD" GOSPEL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

August 15, 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 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.

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP HOW CHARLEVOIX STREETS GOT THEIR NAMES

August 19, 7:30pm, Norwood Schoolhouse. Ever wonder how streets get their names? It's pretty easy to understand if you are a president or big-league ball player. But did Charlevoix have any of those types of citizens with those distinctions? Come and find out! Dr. Jack MacKenzie will be enlightening us on how the streets we travel every day in Charlevoix got their names. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

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