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New East Jordan Police Chief
Terrance McDonnell

East Jordan welcomes new Police Chief

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan's new police chief begins his duties this month. Terry McDonnell was sworn in at the September 1 City Commission meeting.

McDonnell graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1989 with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, began his career in Coldwater

Michigan then took a position in Bloomfield Hills where he has served for the last 25 years. "I originally came to Bloomfield because they were hiring. I've loved it, it's been a great experience but I always had it in the back of my mind that I would go up north," he said.

Being Chief and living up north has been a goal of McDonnell since very early in his career. "Be-

ginning very shortly after going to Bloomfield I knew I wanted to be chief. I wanted to one day run my own agency," he said.

He has two children Cameron, 18 who is a freshman at Northern Michigan University and Jenna, 17. His wife of 21 years, Jill, is a police officer in Auburn Hills and will remain working there until she qualifies for all of her retirement benefits

and Jenna, who is a senior, graduates from high school. "I don't want Jill to leave, she could but she's close enough that if she stays she will get the whole of her benefits. Jenna wanted to finish with her class, I can't blame her," he said. After years of working 24 hour shifts with their perspective departments the Mc-

See **Police Chief**-6A

Young Hero

17 year old Charlevoix County resident pulls drowning man from Lake Michigan



Tim Reynolds

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - On August 16 the Reynolds family had had a hard time finding a beach in Charlevoix that wasn't too crowded for their taste. They finally found a spot on Lake Michigan off of North Pointe that they had to hike back into, they called it the dunes. By noon the day wasn't really going according to their plans but they soon discovered that they were right where they were supposed to be when they returned from a hike to discover that their 17 year old son had just pulled a drowning man out of the choppy waters.

Brian and Angela Reynolds moved to Charlevoix 2 years ago with their three children, Timothy, 17, Stone, 15 and Josh, 13. The weather was perfect that weekend and every beach they normally frequented was uncomfortably crowded so they decided to explore the Lake Michigan shoreline near their home. Things weren't really going as planned. Once they finally arrived at a suitable swimming area, they realized they left some things in the car so Angela, Brian and Stone hiked back leaving Tim and Josh on the beach with three other sunbathers that had also discovered the dunes.

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EXCITING BOYNE CITY LABOR DAY WEEKEND AHEAD

By Jim Akans

Labor Day weekend in Boyne City has become the prime northern Michigan destination for those of every age and interest. From the Friday night kick-off Stroll the Streets event, a Kiwanis Club car show on Saturday with classic to modern vehicles on display, to the annual Labor Day Drag Races on Sunday featuring nearly every type of vehicle speeding down the "drag strip" on the airport runway, Boyne City is the place to be this Labor Day weekend.

The Kiwanis of Boyne City organizes the annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show, and it will be held this year on Saturday, September 5. The show will be held at Veterans Park along the beautiful Lake Charlevoix shores, and registration will be from 8 to 11am. There will be a special "Friday Night Preview" during Stroll the Streets.

On Saturday, A+ Digital DJ's will be playing music all day long in Veterans Park, and Thick N' Juicy will have breakfast and lunch items available for attendees to purchase. Those attending the show can expect to see virtually every type of vehicle, including cars and motorcycles ranging from new models all the way back to turn of century vehicles. Among the anticipated vehicles will also be hot rods, street rods, Corvettes, Mustangs and more.

Awards will be presented starting at 3 pm on Saturday.

See **Boyne City Labor Day**-3A



The Annual Drag Race at the Boyne City Airport landing strip revs up on Sunday, September 6, with exciting side-by-side races featuring a wide array of vehicles including sports cars, muscle cars, modified cars, family cars, diesel pickups, motorcycles and more. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



The Boyne City Car Show, organized by the Kiwanis of Boyne, will begin Friday evening in conjunction with the downtown Stroll the Streets event, and continue on Saturday with a show in Veterans Memorial Park. Courtesy Photo

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SEP 3	49°	75°	32° (1976)	95° (1953)
SEP 4	49°	75°	34° (1987)	93° (1999)
SEP 5	49°	75°	35° (2003)	93° (1999)
SEP 6	49°	74°	32° (1962)	89° (1999)
SEP 7	48°	74°	36° (1955)	89° (1960)
SEP 8	48°	74°	35° (1957)	89° (1959)
SEP 9	48°	74°	31° (1975)	90° (1976)
SEP 10	47°	73°	30° (1967)	90° (2002)

OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Baker, 69 (NOV. 8, 1945 - AUG. 27, 2015)

Barbara Jean Baker of Hayes Township died on August 27, 2015 at the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Barbara was born on November 8, 1945 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Harvey and Minnie (Nowland) Davis.

On April 4, 1964, Barbara married Michael Baker in Charlevoix and together they built their first home in Bay Shore; years later they went on to build their second home in Charlevoix.

Barbara loved playing softball and was instrumental in helping to start the Bay Shore Softball Team. She enjoyed playing cards, riding horses, bowling, bike riding and listening to Elvis.

Barbara was a calm and understanding person, she was full of love, and was always there for anyone; whether it be to lend a helping hand or a caring ear. She was a hard worker. She loved her family with all her heart and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her 2

daughters, Shonny (Scott) Swadling of East Jordan and Rebecca Helveston of Charlevoix; 3 granddaughters, Stephanie (Dan) Sutton, Whitney (William) Bradley, and Sally (Caleb) Wilson; 4 great grandchildren, Ethan Sutton, Victoria Bradley, Paisley Sutton, and Gabrielle Bradley with a fifth great grandchild, Payton Wilson, on the way; 4 sisters, Adelita Vannorman, of Bay Shore, Sharon (Ben) Zeeryp of Battle Creek, Lorraine (Nick) Kline of Indian River, and Fay (Bill) Packer of Georgia; mother-in-law, Georgia L. Baker-Taft; and by many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Michael Baker on May 6, 2014, great grandson Michael William Bradley, by her sister, Ruth Bailey and by her son-in-law Jason F. Helveston.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 7th at 11:00am at the Stone Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 10:00am until the time of service.

Safe guarding the oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac

By Michelle Medjesky

PETOSKEY - The mere thought that there's actually a pipeline carrying thousands of gallons of oil beneath the Straits of Mackinac every day is enough to make a lot of people bristle.

But the possibility that same pipeline could burst someday, spilling untold gallons of oil into the pristine waterway linking Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, is enough to make people feel just plain scared and heartsick.

Understanding that possibility and what's being done to prevent it from ever happening and what would happen if it should-were topics during a day-long workshop sponsored by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council that was held recently at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

It was an information-packed event that ultimately many agreed left them feeling at least "a little more comfortable" with having a pipeline in their backyard.

About 100 people attended the workshop, which featured speakers from various agencies including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan State Attorney General's office and Enbridge Energy, the company that operates the controversial Line 5 beneath the straits.

Representatives from area law enforcement, first responders, tribal officials and concerned citizens also showed up to learn what they could about the pipeline, from its inception and construction to its current capabilities, potential dangers and cleanup plans.

Peter Manning, chief of the state Attorney General's Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, said although Line 5 has been in existence since 1953, only in recent years have people really taken note of it.

Manning said awareness was likely sparked after a large spill occurred in 2010, when Line 6b, also operated by Enbridge, leaked nearly 1,000,000 gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River near Marshall, Michigan, leaving a mess that Enbridge is still working to clean.

Manning said since then he's been contacted by people concerned about Line 5 who are frustrated by what's being done to prevent a similar spill accident from happening in the straits.

Many point to how Enbridge has been fined millions in the past for various violations and want that pipeline completely shut down. "There were violations, I agree," Manning stated, but added that at this point, there still is simply not enough solid evidence to convince a judge to order the pipeline be closed.

"I get a lot of emails," Manning said, noting the public needs to know his office continues to keep close tabs on all pipelines running through the state of Michigan to ensure Line 5 and any other hazardous conveyors are run safely and by the book.

For the past 61 years, Line 5 has run between two major points in the Enbridge system, from Superior, Wisconsin to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada and is capable of carrying 540,000 barrels of light crude oil and various natural gas liquids daily. It is buried up to 270 feet beneath the straits.

Much of what it carries winds up in Canada, but some is used to fuel the majority of propane customers in the U.P.

The Marathon oil refinery in Detroit, the only one of its kind in the state, also uses some of Line 5 product, Manning said. "The magnitude of risk here is huge," he said. "The straits are absolutely our top priority."

But what if the unthinkable does happen and Line 5 someday leaks oil into the Straits of Mackinac?

Ralph Dollhopf, on-scene coordinator with the EPA, has been working with Enbridge to oversee cleanup of the Kalamazoo River spill and that has been a tremendous learning experience



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should a "worst case scenario" ever occur in the straits.

He explained that a process of "weatherization" occurs when oil leaks into a body of water and sets it on its way to either spreading, oxidizing or evaporating, biodegrading, dispersing or sinking to the bottom, which is largely dependent on the type of oil, turbulence, wind and temperature. The key, said Dollhopf, is getting to the spill as soon as possible after it happens.

That was a primary issue in the Kalamazoo River spill, as it took Enbridge some 17 hours to identify and respond to the six foot rupture in the Line 6b. Enbridge was later fined millions for the human error that was to blame for how long it took to identify and respond to the rupture, which became the largest and costliest inland oil spill in U.S. History. He said while most of the oil in that spill has been recovered, some of it weatherized and sank to the bottom and is still being cleaned.

Dollhopf stressed the importance of getting a cleanup effort organized quickly, responding assertively, getting the oil before it weatherizes and bringing in science to determine end points in the process. "Early on, you can get a lot of oil," Dollhopf said, "But you need to be prepared to get it early before weathering takes it to the bottom or mixes it."

Enbridge also learned from the Kalamazoo River spill and has a stringent timeline for response, said Dave Verveda, Enbridge Director of Infrastructure Integrity and Pipeline Integrity.

"Our goal is 13 minutes," Verveda said, explaining that they expect it to take ten minutes to detect a leak and three minutes to shut the valve down.

He said Enbridge engages numerous levels of inspection and regular testing of its pipelines, among them hydro testing, dive teams, underwater vehicles, magnetic resonance and ultrasound imaging along with a series of alarm and automatic shut down devices. "We don't rely on any one thing to keep us safe," he said.

Some questioned how Line 5 can reasonably be expected not to leak since it is older and has been operating some ten years longer than Line 6b, which was installed in the 1960s.

Verveda explained when Line 6b was installed, it was thought that using new technology and materials and a different type of coating and installation techniques would improve upon the tried and true pipeline protocol, which some 50 years later tragically proved not to be the case.

Verveda assured the Line 5 pipeline is "definitely a better pipe" for a number of reasons, including that it is safer because it has a different coating than Line 6b's, its walls are two and a half times thicker, it carries less pressure and the grade of pipe is different.

"Those (Line 5) pipelines are in very good condition. They have very thick walls," Verveda said, "They are in very, very good shape."

Eric Anderson, a Ph.D. oceanographer and scientist who works with NOAA in Ann Arbor, explained how he has studied the flow of the straits of Mackinac to determine where an oil spill might end up, should one occur.

Anderson said there's a fundamental oscillation of the waters in the

straits called "seiche", meaning they empty back and forth between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron in sort of a "bathtub swishing" motion. He said it takes about three days for the water to flow back and forth from lake to lake, depending mostly on the season and the weather.

He said the straits are considered a "rapid transport zone", meaning "no matter what you drop in the water, it's going to move."

"It's very complex", Anderson said of the straits water flow.

He said his agency has dropped buoys into the straits to study where an oil spill might flow should one occur and more than once the buoys' trajectory took aim at Bois Blanc Island, which was why Julie Maynard found herself attending the recent workshop.

Maynard and her family are year-round residents of Bois Blanc Island and have been for years. While she agreed with others that the information and assurances offered during the workshop did indeed ease some of her fears, she said she won't ever be 100 percent worry-free until the pipeline is gone.

"If something happens, we're the ones who are going to be covered in oil," Maynard said.

But Steve Keck, Contingency Preparedness Specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard in Sault Ste. Marie, said his department is dedicated to assuring that will never happen.

Keck explained the onus is not on the U.S. Coast Guard to do the actual cleanup, but to oversee that it is done responsibly, efficiently and according to set guidelines.

"We're there to make sure everyone is on the right bus and in the right seat, heading in the right direction," he said.

In September, the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct a drill in the straits to simulate a tactical response to an oil spill in which many stakeholders will participate, including a team from Enbridge, the EPA, local law enforcement, first responders and myriad other agencies. They will focus on proactive and reactive response should such an event ever occur. "What we do is plan for the big one," Keck said.

Verveda assured that Enbridge, too, is dedicated to safe operation of Line 5 and protecting the Straits of Mackinac as well as to sharing data from what it has learned from the Line 6b mishap and other events with other industry operators as well as local, state and federal officials.

He said his company will continue to work in the spirit of "total transparency" when it comes to data sharing.

Despite the controversy surrounding Enbridge and its Line 5 pipeline beneath the straits, Verveda said it should be noted that he and his fellow staff members share something in common with those who are opposed to its operation: a love of the Great Lakes.

Many Enbridge employees and their families spend weekends or recreational time enjoying the beauty and many activities the lakes have to offer, said Verveda, and his company remains devoted to keeping the waters clean and safe for enjoyment generations into the future. "We're all in this together," he said.

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Hospital Foundation hosts Donor Appreciation event

The cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital, overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan with glass windows floor to ceiling, was abuzz with more than 150 donors – special guests at the hospital Foundation's Donor Appreciation party on Tuesday evening. Held in their honor, this annual event is the Foundation's way of showing their appreciation to the generous donors who make very important hospital projects become a reality.

The new Sarah M. Foster, MD Chemotherapy-Infusion Center, completely renovated registration and admissions areas, and the expansion of facilities and services at Boyne Area Medical Center were the main projects undertaken and completed during the past year, totaling in excess of \$700,000. The Foundation is proud to say they were funded entirely by donor gifts.

"The hospital is so grateful for the generous donors who have a reputation for going above and beyond in their giving, enabling us to enhance the healthcare we provide to our patients," said Chelsea Townsend, the Foundation's Executive Director. "We are constantly amazed by the generous spirit of our communities."

Highlights of the evening included brief remarks by both Lyn Jenks, CEO of the hospital, and Munson Healthcare Board Chairman and COO of Burnette Foods, Inc., John Pelizzari. They each recounted some of the year's highlights and spoke of the important partnership that Charlevoix Area Hospital and Munson Healthcare enjoy.

Ms. Jenks introduced the hospital's three general surgeons, Marc Lame, MD, Craig Wendt, MD and newest addition, Greg McBride, DO. She spoke of the need for a new surgical suite to allow for the ever-growing outpatient surgery demand and the proposed plans for the upcoming project.

Mary Faculak, Chair of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation presented long-time Foundation Board member, Chuck Unbehaun, with a new award, the Charles Unbehaun Champion Award, honoring his 17 years of faithful service to the Foundation. The award recognized Mr. Unbehaun's passion for the hospital and his many contributions as a leader, visionary and champion of the Foundation's mission.

Mr. Unbehaun humbly thanked the audience and the



Pictured l-r: Chelsea Townsend, Foundation Executive Director, Ruth Hoppe, MD, CAH Board Chair Chuck Unbehaun, Chris Unbehaun. COURTESY PHOTO

Board and encouraged younger members to become more active in the Foundation. He retires from the Foundation Board with fond memories of the many people he has come in contact with over the years. He and his wife, Chris, a long-time hospital volunteer, are certain to be frequent and much-loved supporters of hospital events in the future.

When Lyn Jenks asked the audience if they had any questions, donor and retired downstate surgeon, Dr. James Gibbons, stood to speak. He recounted his very recent experience at Charlevoix

Area Hospital – "on the other side of the table" – as a patient needing an emergency appendectomy. He spoke of the extraordinary care he received from the staff, mentioning three of his caregivers by name. He thanked Dr. Marc Lame, his surgeon, Chris Good, surgery department manager, and Ken Forrester, director of anesthesia, for the wonderful care he had gotten from not only them, but from all of the staff members who cared for him. He said his eyes had been opened with this experience of being the patient instead of the surgeon

and he had a newfound respect and appreciation for the outstanding staff. His very touching words struck a chord with everyone in the room and reminded donors and staff alike that the "hometown care" the hospital has a reputation for is exceptional and appreciated.

The evening was a celebration of caring and generosity, giving the Foundation an opportunity to thank the many individuals, families, staff members, service organizations and businesses big and small that help the hospital develop new programs, expand current facilities and renovate others. The local support that the hospital receives from these generous donors has enabled consistent improvement for almost 100 years – and promises to pave the way for generations to come.

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



Pictured l-r: Mark Lame, MD, James Gibbons, MD, Ken Forrester and Chris Good. COURTESY PHOTO

BOYNE CITY LABOR DAY

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Registration at the show is \$25 per vehicle, and the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau is the major sponsor of this year's event.

On Sunday, the Boyne City Police Department will present the Annual Labor Day Drag Race at the Boyne City Airport. Since 2003, this always-exciting daylong event is a fundraiser with proceeds split evenly between the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne City Police Department. Along the 1/8th mile track utilizing the airport runway, side-by-side racers complete with pro-style light tree starts. There will be a wide array of competitor vehicles including sports cars, muscle cars, modified cars, family cars, diesel pickups, motorcycles...even asphalt-ready snowmobiles.

This event is being organized by the Boyne Valley Lions Club, providing lunch and refreshments from their concession trailer on site. Registration will begin at 8:30am, the races will begin at noon and typically run until early evening. Registration is limited to 125 race participants and the fee is \$30 per vehicle. General admission for spectators is \$10 per person and children under 12 get in for free.

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Transportation Explorations and Challenges event at Raven Hill

Raven Hill Discovery Center visitors rose to the challenges at Raven Hill's first TEC (Transportation Explorations and Challenges) Day on Saturday, August 22. The day included making and testing sailboats and launching paper and foam rockets, as well as being able to ex-

plore both common and unusual modes of transportation.

Doug Waldo's wooden bicycle that he rode from Canada to Mexico in the fall of 2014 and his recumbent bike that he rode across the country in 2005 were on display along with Brie VanDam's handmade

wooden kayak. Outdoors, visitors sailed their boats and launched their rockets.

Raven Hill even had their own version of a Classic Car Show. Staff lined up their vehicles and opened the hoods for everyone to see and compare as part of the Cen-

ter's "Everyday Car" Show. Everyday cars included SUVs, sedans, pickup trucks and hybrids!

Everyone enjoyed the day and staff is already planning for the second annual TEC Day with its Everyday Car Show and "make & take" transportation challenges.



Marilyn Rader, Raven Hill Discovery Center volunteer, helps Henry and Theodore place and their Dad, Aaron, make foam sailboats to sail in the wading pool outside, just one of the activities offered to visitors as part of the Center's TEC Day on Saturday, August 22. COURTESY PHOTO

The Community Foundations and The Frey Foundation support GLCO



Representatives from area Community Foundations and The Frey Foundation recently gathered at The Perry Hotel to discuss their recent grants to the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. The Foundations each provided capacity building grants to the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, which provided funds to make the Executive Director a full-time position. Shown here (from left to right): David "DJ" Jones, Executive Director, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation; Anne McDevitt, Executive Director, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra; Dibby Smith, Board of Trustees President, Steven Wilson, President, The Frey Foundation, and Chip Hansen, Executive Director, Charlevoix County Community Foundation. COURTESY PHOTO

Tips to prepare cottages for fall and winter

For many seasonal cottage owners, Labor Day marks the closing of these vacation homes for the winter. Consumers Energy is offering energy-saving and safety tips to help ensure cottages stay safe during colder weather.

"Michigan provides many outstanding venues for cottages, from locations along our many lakes and waterways, to those nestled in wooded areas. Following some simple tips can help ensure a cottage remains safe and your energy bills stay low while you're away," said Garrick Rochow, Consumers Energy's vice president and chief customer officer.

Consumers Energy also offers rebates to help homeowners reduce costs as they make energy-saving upgrades. Information about energy-efficiency rebates is available at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/myhome or by calling 866-234-0445.

Rochow offered the following tips:

- Check your home's insulation. More than 50 percent of energy used for winter heating leaves homes through uninsulated walls, floors, ceilings and attics. Insulation traps small pockets of air between warm and cold areas inside your home and helps keep warm air in during winter.

- Put simple weather-stripping around external doors.

An 1/8-inch crack around the perimeter of a door is equivalent to a softball-sized hole in the middle of the door.

- Shut off the water supply and drain pipes and hot water tanks to help keep pipes from freezing. Antifreeze designed for RVs or another environmentally friendly kind can be placed into empty toilet bowls to help protect lines.

- Bring in all outside decor and other items such as lawn chairs, tables, and barbecue grills. Store them in a secure location to avoid the possibility of damage to property during harsh winds. Disconnect propane tanks from grills and store in an appropriate safe location.

- If there is a fireplace or woodstove, give it a thorough cleaning and close the damper flue. Remove any debris from the chimney opening and consider installing a cover to help prevent animals from nesting inside.

- Unplug all electrical appliances and electronic devices.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.6 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

For more information about Consumers Energy, go to www.ConsumersEnergy.com.

FOX CHARLEVOIX *Only the Best.* Remarkable Employee of the Month



Andy shown on left being congratulated by General Manager, David Prahl.

Congratulations Andy Marihugh!

Andy is a Ford Service Technician. A customer had called in with a check engine light issue. The customer was here on vacation at a local campground and was unable to bring the vehicle in for service. Without hesitation, Andy volunteered to drive to the customer's site and diagnose the issue. The off-site visit took a total of four hours to complete. The customer was very grateful for Andy's assistance and reiterated that he was highly impressed with our service department as a whole. Nice work taking initiative and creating a lasting impression for our customers, Andy!

Runner-Up Nominees

CHRIS DOEBLER, FORD PARTS

While driving through Mancelona, Chris noticed a truck stranded on the side of the road and was kind enough to offer his assistance. He was able to help the family diagnose the vehicle and came to the decision that it needed to be towed. He then proceeded to call a tow truck on behalf of the family and even waited for it to arrive. After the vehicle was hooked up to be towed, the family realized there was not enough room for everyone to ride along. So Chris came to the rescue once again, offering a ride to Kalkaska. The family offered up gas money, which Chris refused. The family was so grateful that they personally sent us a letter in recognition of Chris. This is truly exemplary of what it means to create remarkable experiences for our local community. Nice job, Chris!

DENNY PETERSON, GM SALES ASSOCIATE

Denny had the opportunity to assist a best-selling author and distinguished Cornell University faculty member with the purchase of a Dodge Grand Caravan. Denny was written a follow up thank-you letter granting him many great compliments. He stated that Denny was the nicest, most understanding, courteous and non-aggressive salesman he had encountered in 50 years of buying automobiles. The customer was delighted by the speed and efficiency of the process, calling Denny "a first-class gem." Excellent work creating a truly remarkable customer experience, Denny!

MEGHAN VALANTAS, OFFICE ASSISTANT

Meghan has shown that she is a very versatile employee, always willing to help out wherever she can. In addition to her regular office duties, Meghan has used her past experience as a service writer to help out the Ford service department on a number of occasions. Meghan doesn't hesitate to help out processing claims, and assisting customers. Always cheerful and kind, Meghan exemplifies the attitude and flexibility that makes our team great!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WRONGFUL CONVICTION LEGISLATION

To the Editor:

It's being considered again: restitution for wrongfully convicted persons of which there is a growing number exonerated but in this state as in roughly half the others no statute exists to compensate those who have wrongfully spent years in prison. There are some flaws in the bill as written but it's a major step.

Flaws were outlined in an editorial by the Port Huron Times Herald of August 20, 2015. Confessions suborned and coerced for example can exempt a state from responsibility. The threefold criterion for financial restitution is criminal conviction, state prison time and actual innocence.

The most poignant comment came as to who is responsible for payment to wrongfully convicted prisoners. Taxpayers in one way and another are the usual payers whether covered by insurance or taken from county and state taxes. The real issue comes to who and why are persons wrongfully convicted, whodunit as in cops, prosecutors, mistaken identification, falsified evidence, jailhouse snitches, devious interrogation and false promises for sake of confessions. There is allowance for this last hurdle in some states. It is puzzling to some that a person would plead to something s/he didn't do but this has happened enough to prove a very real syndrome. Most interrogation has only one goal in mind: confession. Cops routinely produce confessions already composed with only signing on the dotted line to be accomplished. Promises

of leniency or even freedom have garnered many such signatories.

If police and prosecutors were held liable for money awards bestowed upon exonerated persons it would dramatically alter the methods of investigation, arrest, interrogation, conviction and ultimately sway jury trials and sentencing guidelines. Being held accountable for wrongful conviction of any means would change everything. Just one garnisheeing of a cop's or prosecutor's paycheck would send shockwaves throughout the entire system. Those guys would be paying for the rest of their lives for payouts of anywhere from \$5000 a year to \$28 million one-time payment but the federal government seems to have settled on \$50,000 a year for ex-federal prisoners exonerated. The variation is diverse as to restitution but if it cost cops and courts directly we'd see changes immediately. Consider careless identification too, jailhouse snitches, all would have to pay for life because they ruined other lives.

We tend to think of justice as just but it is not always so. Languishing in prison unjustly is probably the worst thing that can happen to a human being short of being brutally murdered. If cops and prosecutors knew that they can be charged and fined for malfeasance they'd have to change their ways of obtaining convictions. Yes, charged too if falsified or withheld evidence is involved. To date these investigators have been granted impunity from indictment. Even when rarely indicted, juries tend to absolve them through the "collateral

damage" clause.

We've seen examples wherein police will literally lie under oath about their actions even when confronted with video footage of their misdeeds. This is endemic to police work. Similarly prosecutors will and have concocted tales based on skimpy evidence and hunches backed with public outcry to atone for evils perpetrated against citizens. Oft times it matters not who is convicted as long as someone takes a fall and media can report "Case Closed". These issues actually happen every day because the "culture" of legal work has evolved this way. "Technicalities" are largely to blame for this tweaking of the justice system. When known criminals got off the hook by legal ploys the law got more devious. As Sun Tzu, master war planner of ancient China said, "Become your enemy" to catch him. He also said, "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer". This is how cops and courts have operated for many decades.

The Freedom Index currently lists the US as #20, Canada #6. Recent killer cop episodes have undoubtedly plummeted this ranking. Try imagining being convicted for something you didn't do, spending years or decades in prison, then being exonerated without benefit of compensation for all those years. It's unimaginable but it happens. The very least this state and others can do is to allow these unfortunate restitution for life, and ideally charge it to the cops and courts that falsely convicted them.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan*

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32nd Charlevoix County CROP Walk to be held September 26

Come rain or shine! Area residents are gearing up to join in the Charlevoix County CROP Walk, Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 am. The six-mile walk will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe in East Jordan, Whiting Park in Boyne City and Charlevoix Middle School in Charlevoix. Each location will conclude the walk at the Congregational Church in Ironton where lunch will be provided for all walkers. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk.

Organized locally, the Charlevoix County CROP Walk has set a goal of recruiting 130 walkers to raise \$26,000, which will work to combat hunger here in our community as well as around the world. Twenty-five percent of all monies raised here in Charlevoix County will come back locally to The Good Samaritan of Ellsworth, Care and Share of East Jordan, the Charlevoix Food Pantry, Seventh Day Adventist, Boyne Food Pantry in Boyne City and Boyne Falls Food Pantry, Boyne Falls.

Last year, over 100 walkers and volunteers raised more than \$24,000.00, of which \$6,000.00 was divide between our local food pantries. The remaining funds helped to combat hunger and poor sanitation around the world, including the United States.

For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

Three incumbents reelected to Great Lakes Energy board

Incumbents Paul Byl of Shelby, Mark Carson of Boyne City and Paul Schemanski of Petoskey were reelected by Great Lakes Energy members in their district to three-year terms on the electric cooperative's board of directors.

Byl and Carson defeated challengers in their district (see election results summary) to earn another term on the board. Schemanski ran unopposed. Byl is a farmer from District 7 (Muskegon, Oceana counties) Carson is the Petoskey Gordon Food Service store manager, an adjunct business instructor at Spring Arbor University and resides in District 2 (Charlevoix, Cheboygan counties). Schemanski is from District 1 (Emmet County) and is a healthcare technology team leader at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

Great Lakes Energy members in districts 1, 2 and 7 received their mail-in ballot in the July/August issue of Michigan Country Lines. Voters had to return their ballots to a private CPA firm by Aug. 20 and winners were announced Aug. 26 at the cooperative's annual busi-



Reelected to the Great Lakes Energy Cooperative Board of Directors are (L to R) Paul Schemanski, Mark Carson and Paul Byl. COURTESY PHOTO

ness meeting in Boyne City. Election Results Summary District 1: Paul Schemanski, Petoskey –

winner - 274 District 2: Mark Carson, Boyne City – winner - 538

Ken Tough, Charlevoix - 58 District 7: Paul Byl, Shelby – winner - 449 Anne Pawli, Montague - 203

Human Services Summit helps spread word on services

Health and human services professionals from throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties are encouraged to attend the 21st Annual Human Services Information Summit from 8am to noon, Friday, Sept. 18, at Petoskey United Methodist Church. Presented by the Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet counties, the summit allows professionals working with community residents to showcase their services and learn about other agencies' services.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity for health and human service professionals to network with other like agencies to learn how to better serve their clients," said Lorraine Manary of Char-Em United Way, one of the organizing agencies.

Keynote speaker for the event will be the Hon. Frederick Mul-

hauser, the Probate-Juvenile Judge for both Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Prior to being elected judge, Mulhauser had a private law practice in Petoskey for 10 years and also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Registration is not required to attend the free event. The summit begins at 8 a.m. with registration and a resource fair. The keynote presentation by Judge Mulhauser is expected to begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by individual sessions taking place every half hour from 9:30-noon by various agencies to showcase their services. The summit adjourns at noon.

For more information, contact Manary at lorraine@charemunitedway.org, or Char-Em ISD staff member Kelly Johnson at johnsonk@charemysd.org.

Tech-savvy veterans sought to present at cybersecurity conference

Are you a tech-savvy veteran who recently graduated or is about to graduate? Are you seeking employment in IT, computer science, law enforcement or a related field? If so, the North American International Cyber Summit 2015 may be the place for you to display your skills and land a job in your chosen career field. Michigan is considered a national leader in cybersecurity, and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is seeking tech-savvy veterans to be a presenter at the summit, hosted by Gov. Rick Snyder on Oct. 26.

Veterans selected to take part will have the opportunity to demonstrate how their skills and experience – and those of veterans like them – can benefit Michigan's cybersecurity/IT industry during the Veteran Talent in IT and Cybersecurity session.

Applicants are due by September 14 should be honorably discharged

veterans who have graduated within the last two years or current student veterans graduating during the 2015-2016 academic year and seeking employment in the following fields:

- IT/Cybersecurity
- Information Technology/Computer Science
- Law Enforcement
- Defense
- Network development/Design

Interested veterans should fill out an application and submit it by COB Monday, Sept. 14.

The North American International Cyber Summit 2015 will be held at Cobo Center in Detroit, bringing together experts from across the globe to address a variety of cybersecurity issues impacting the worlds of business, education, information technology, economic development, law enforcement and personal use.

For more information, email MVAAStrategy@michigan.gov.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

- 0808 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Jefferson
- 0910 Found blackberry from the Industrial Park turned into PD. Was returned to owner.
- 0942 Noise complaint from River St. Had occurred the day before.
- 1044 child custody issue in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1133 Citation issued for careless driving at Park and Vogel St.
- 1151 Found wallet turned into PD. Returned to owner.
- 2046 Report of juveniles breaking a TV and throwing it in the bushes at Second and Division St. Unable to locate.
- 2142 Fireworks complaint reported at Boyne Av and High St
- 2258 Citation issued for Speed at Lake and Vogel
- 2300 Report of suspicious subject in the 400 block of S Lake St.
- 2347 Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of S Lake St.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2015

- 0605 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 0752 Report of lost wallet
- 0910 Suspicious activity reported in the 400 block of Boyne Av
- 0951 Report of damage to vehicle.
- 1251 Larceny reported in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1305 Report of lost wallet on W Water St
- 1342 Report of subject trying to hitchhike at State and Jefferson.
- 1353 Assist EMS in the 400 block of S Park St.
- 1410 Funeral escort to Maple Lawn
- 1431 Vehicle unlock at Avalanche
- 1455 Vehicle unlock in the parking lot off the alley behind the 100 block of E Water St.
- 1836 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
- 2043 Report of juveniles playing in the road on Roosevelt
- 2325 Assist Sheriff Dept with warrant arrest in the 200

block of S Lake St

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2015

- 0618 Hit and run accident damaging stop sign at N. Lake St and Michigan Ave.
- 0838 Harassment complaint from the 900 block of Wilson St
- 0920 Report of found purse in the 100 block of E Water St
- 0926 Report of lost purse. Owner will pick it up from the 100 block of E Water St
- 1028 Report of lost wallet.
- 1030 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of First St
- 1200 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1240 Report of highly intoxicated subject in the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Transported to hospital by EMS
- 1347 Property damage accident in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1647 Report of gasoline leak down division St to S Park St.
- 1809 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
- 1835 Report of juveniles playing Frisbee in the roadway at Park and Main St.
- 1937 Assist to DNR on Fall Park Rd.
- 2030 Arrested subject on warrant in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 2103 Retail Fraud in the 100 block of E Water St. Suspect located and stolen items recovered.
- 2123 Alarm in the 100 block of N East St.
- 2135 Another call of an alarm in the area of Pearl and Boyne Ave. It was the alarm on N East St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

- 1142 Disturbance in the 400 block of S Lake St.
- 1145 Found Keys at Avalanche.
- 1230 Request for welfare check on dog at Michigan and Line.
- 1418 Assist Sheriff Dept with Domestic Violence complaint on BC-EJ Rd
- 1644 Driving complaint on Division St.
- 2141 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 2152 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of W. Morgan St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

- 0800 Report of lost wallet
- 0853 Report of missing key

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- ring containing fob and three keys
- 0940 Vehicle unlock on Contractor Dr
- 0943 Landlord-tenant issue in the 400 block of N East St.
- 1013 2 golden retrievers running at large n Avalanche.
- 1845 Harassment complaint in the 600 block of N. East St.
- 1957 Assisted Sheriff Dept with a warrant on M-75 N.
- 2043 Tree down on some telephone wires on Groveland.
- 2324 Dog struck by car in front on Boyne Ave.
- 2347 Assist MSP with welfare check on Park St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

- 0943 Report of a suspicious bone located at Avalanche. It was a deer leg.
- 1113 Report of a dog left in a hot car at Park and Main. The owner was near the car, the windows were down and it was fine.
- 1118 Report of a dog in distress in a hot car in the 400 block of N Lake St.
- 1151 Gasoline drive off form the 200 block of S Lake St. Located the suspect who returned to pay.
- 1242 Assist to Antrim County in locating a Juvenile runaway
- 1434 Noise complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1825 Citation issued or speed a Lake and Division
- 2146 Alarm in the 400 block of S Park St.
- 0505 Alarm in the 300 block of S. Park St. Motion alarm set off by a bat.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

- 0756 Private Property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St.
- 0954 Continued harassment complaint in the 900 block of Wilson.
- 1014 Repot of a lost green and white paddle boat that drifted away.
- 1330 Found a credit card. Located and returned it to owner.
- 1358 Assist Sheriff Dept with a drive off from Boyne Falls

Department were the first to arrive on-scene and discovered that the suspect's vehicle had already left the scene.

The bicyclist, Dennis Curtis age 48 from Charlevoix, was riding his bike on Marion Center Road when he was struck from behind by a vehicle. Curtis was transported to the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by Charlevoix EMS for what is believed to be non-life threatening injuries.

Through vehicle parts which were located at the scene and a 911 caller who was able to give key information regarding the accident, Deputies were able to track down a person of interest. However, the person's name is not being released due to an ongoing investigation into the accident.

It is not clear where the bicyclist was in regards to the roadway. However, it is believed that the dark, rainy road conditions may have been a factor in this acci-

dent. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor.

This accident remains under investigation.

UPDATE

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that while investigating the hit and run accident that occurred on August 25, 2015, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies have identified a 16 year old Charlevoix resident as the driver of the vehicle who caused the accident. The name of the driver is not being released due to their age.

The victim, Dennis Curtis, remains in the hospital and is undergoing treatment for serious injuries he received in the accident.

The incident has been turned over to the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for evaluation.

No further information is available at this time.

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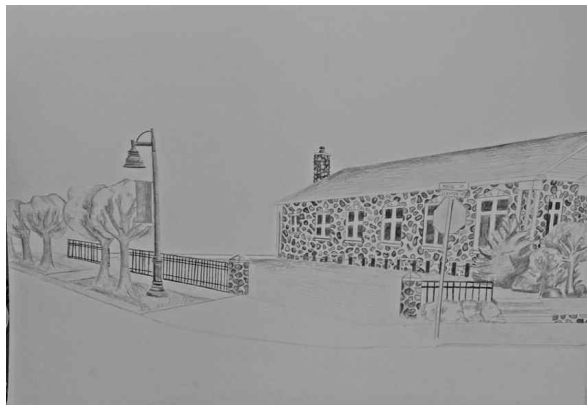
Ellsworth Crowdfunding surpasses phase one goal

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Residents, past-residents and those who just love the quaint Ellsworth community have surpassed expectations in raising the needed \$26,000 to complete Phase One of the Community Square that will be created on the northeast corner in downtown Ellsworth.

The Village has been working for three years to acquire the prominent corner that sits adjacent to the beautiful Township Hall, with dreams of cleaning it up and creating a community square. Finally this spring, a deal was struck with the previous owner and an online Crowdfunding Campaign was launched at the end of July.

As of August 31, \$28,595 in donations were collected from 90 contributors on the site and \$26,000 of those funds were matched by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.



A rendering of what the lot will look like and the thermometer that gauged the crowdfunding progress colored to the top, Village President Campbell says it's not all the way colored in because the goal was exceeded by \$3,000 should be oozing out the top.

The village was encouraged by the number of donors who supported the project," said Village President Hugh Campbell.

An initial \$15,000 was donated by the township and village prior to the Crowdfunding kick-off on July 26. Phase One of the project will cost \$67,000 and in-

cludes cleaning up the barren lot, fencing it in and seeding it. Although the village is still closing on the property, work should start this week. "We are ecstatic and grateful for the community's support. It is simply one more example of the phenomenal kind of community we are," said Village Trustee Lynn

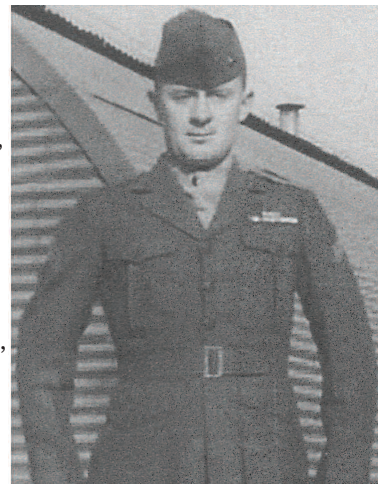
Spearing.

Eventually a second phase will be added which will include a gazebo and public restrooms. If anyone still want to contribute donations will still be accepted and put towards Phase II.



VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for August 2015 is Robert Wayne Whitbeck. Born April 24th, 1933 in Munising, Mich., Whitbeck moved with his family in the late 1940s to Ocala, Florida while his father looked for employment and later they moved to Elkhart, Indiana where he attended Central Elkhart High School for two and a half years completing high school while in the Marine Corps. On Jan. 12th, 1953 Whitbeck enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in Indianapolis, Ind. and following basic training in July 1953 he attended Drill Instructor School graduating in Aug. 1953. Whitbeck was re-assigned to a unit in Korea serving as a Fire Control Man in an Anti Aircraft Unit during the U.S. Occupation of Korea for one year, one month and thirteen days. On July 1st, 1955 Whitbeck was promoted to Private First Class and on Jan. 11th, 1957, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Whitbeck received an Honorable Discharge having attained the rank of Private First Class and was awarded the following decorations and awards: The National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Service Medal, The United Nations Service Medal and The Good Conduct Medal. Whitbeck was transferred to The 9th Marine Corps Reserve & Recruitment District completing his military obligation on Jan. 11th, 1961. Returning to Elkhart Whitbeck married Delores Irene (Free) Farrell on July 19th, 1958 in South Bend, Indiana going to work at Allens Bakery in Elkhart making breads and wedding cakes while living on Eagle Lake in Edwardsberg, Mich., a short drive away. Whitbeck then moved his young family to the Flint-Flushing area in Michi-



Robert Wayne Whitbeck

gan to be near family and bought a farm in the East Jordan, Mich. area, and an ancient log cabin on Lake Charlevoix, working at the East Jordan Iron Works. He later returned to Elkhart working in the mobile home and recreational vehicle industry and then he then became a long haul truck driver and traveled all the lower 48 States. Whitbeck was employed at Holiday Rambler until his retirement in 1990 because of ill health. Whitbeck joined The American Legion Post 227 in East Jordan while living there and later transferred to The American Legion Post 365 in Edwardsberg. Whitbeck enjoyed bowling and loved to sing, especially blending his "Irish Tenor" voice with those of his siblings and other relatives at family gatherings. On May 12th, 1991 Robert Wayne Whitbeck answered the final call and is being honored by his daughters Lorraine, Delrea and their extended 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.

Volunteers make Char-Em United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign a success

Dozens of volunteers from many local businesses and organizations helped collect school supplies during Char-Em United Way's 8th Annual Stuff the Bus that will benefit students in Charlevoix and Emmet County schools.

Each year during the back-to-school season, Char-Em United Way collects donated school supplies to distribute to children in need in the Char-Em Intermediate School District. On Saturday, Aug. 15 school buses were parked at the Wal-Mart plaza in Petoskey and the K-Mart plaza in Charlevoix and were filled with items donated by the community that will help students succeed in school.

"With assistance from volunteers we collected almost 7,000 items this year.



John Hurd, Char-Em United Way Board member and Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way Executive Director deliver school supplies to Dr. John Scholton at Petoskey Public Schools. COURTESY PHOTO

All supplies collected will go to children in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties allowing them to start the new school year with confidence. The number of students that qualify for free or reduced lunch

continues to remain high and 38% of households in our area are still struggling financially. The community's support of Stuff the Bus can provide a huge relief to these households with children," stated

Racheal Barkley, Char-Em United Way Program Manager.

Char-Em United Way would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors that made Stuff the Bus possible including Petoskey Wal-Mart, Charlevoix K-Mart, WTCM and WCCW radio, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Charlevoix Public Schools, and Johnson's Buses as well as many local businesses and individuals.

Supplies have been distributed to schools in the Char-Em Intermediate School District. Students in need of school supplies should ask their teachers about Stuff the Bus supplies. We invite you to join us next August for Stuff the Bus 2016.

For more information visit www.charemunitd-way.org or call 487-1006.

POLICE CHIEF

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Donnell's don't expect the temporary separation will be a problem.

McDonnell knows that coming from the outside he's facing a learning curve. "I'm very much looking forward to getting to know everybody in the town. I have a lot to learn about the area and the staff," he said.

He says that he has never heard one bad thing

about the East Jordan Police Department and expects his plans for the department to go smoothly as a result. "I'm going to take the things the department does well and improve on that and if I find something that needs improvement, try and improve on that so our level of service goes up," he said. "I'm very excited, I've never been a full time chief before and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

East Jordan welcomes new police chief and fall festival

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan commissioners welcomed new chief of police for the city of East Jordan, Terrance McDonnell, as he was sworn into office at Tuesday evening's city commission meeting. Commissioners also made approvals for the upcoming Fall Fest and had discussions surrounding traffic control at the elementary school and the Jordan Valley EMS Authority millage.

Commissioners unanimously approved the liquor license for East Jordan Fall Fest. The event will be held on September 26 at the Tourist Park and will include a hay bale art show, food trucks, beverage vendors, a co-ed slow pitch softball tournament, and live music from The Pistil Whips. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the cost of admission for Fall Fest will be \$5, with kids 10 and under free.

City administrator Tom Cannon said city staff, school officials, and police officials recently met to determine a better way to handle the heavy traffic congestion that occurs at the elementary school dur-



New Police Chief Terry McDonnell is sworn in.

ing school hours. Together, they decided that angled parking in front of the building on Garfield Street would help solve the problem. With angled lines now painted, as well as parallel parking spaces on the other side of the road, Cannon said 40 to 50 vehicles can now park on Garfield, nearly three times as many vehicles as before.

Earlier this month, the executive committee for the Jordan Valley EMS Authority (JVEMSA) began dialogue concerning the JVEMSA millage, as the

original millage passed is good for only two years. The committee recently recommended that the authority request a renewal of up to .5 mills for operations, which is the same millage that passed in 2015 for the formation of the JVEMSA. However, the committee is also recommending that the authority additionally request up to .25 mills for the purpose of ambulance and echo unit replacement. Of the four current ambulances, three have around 200,000 miles, with one unit being pur-

chased in 1996.

"The .25 mill is going to be a hard sell to the city residents," said Cannon.

Commissioner Doebel suggested that the authority might wait a year after requesting the .5 mills renewal before additionally requesting the .25 mills. Cannon also commented on the possibility of the JVEMSA setting up an endowment fund where individuals or service organizations might be able to donate, instead of requesting the additional millage.

The city commission also regretfully accepted Joyce Chanda's resignation from the housing commission Tuesday and noted that the senior center will be vacating the city owned building on Main Street October 12. Cannon and parks director Trina VanderArk have many ideas as to how the building might be used as a rental space but are also considering a public meeting for input.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Farm-to-Table Series

Boyer Mountain Resort has teamed up with Bluestem Farm of East Jordan and Short's Brewing Co. of Bellaire for a Farm-to-Table series beginning on September 11 in Everett's restaurant.

Each Friday, the chefs at Boyer Mountain prepare three-course dinners using produce and meats from Bluestem Farm, a diversified, four-season farm offering certified organic vegetables and pasture-raised eggs and meats, as well as regional suppliers. Each course is then served with a four-ounce pairing from Short's Brewing Co.

The kick-off dinner on Friday, Sept. 11, features a farm fresh salad with arugula and Asian salad greens, pickled radishes, cucumber, carrot, and garlic croutons topped with roasted beet vinaigrette and paired with Short's Space Rock, a light bodied American Pale Ale with prominent floral and orange peel-like hop aromas. The entrée is pan seared Michigan lake trout from John Cross Fisheries served with Traverse City cherry champagne cream sauce, goat cheese whipped potatoes, zucchini and summer squash, and paired with Short's Nicie Spicie, a spiced wheat ale packed with fresh citrus zest and spiced with coriander and a three peppercorn blend. Dessert is a Raspberry Rhubarb Crumble paired with Short's Octorock Cider, a semi-sweet, light bodied cider with delicate pear-like aromas.

Representatives from Bluestem Farm and Short's are on-hand at each event to share information about their products, while diners watch as their entrée is made to order.

Additional Farm-to-Table dinners take place on Sept. 18, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2 in Everett's. Cost to dine is \$29 per person and also includes the opportunity to return to the resort and relax with your date with a Day Spa Pass to Solace Spa, a \$35 value, included with dinner.

Diners can enjoy the Farm-to-Table experience from 5-9 p.m., and Everett's regular menu is also available. For more information and menus, visit boynemountain.com or call Everett's at 231.549.7959.

The series ends on Oct. 9 with an expanded event at Boyer Mountain's Beach House Restaurant on Deer Lake with dinner service at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. offering five-courses and live entertainment.

Cost is \$39 with a portion of proceeds benefiting Bluestem Farm's Help Others Eat Well Fund helping to provide low-income families in northern Michigan access to nutritious foods. Reservations for the Farm-to-Table Oct. 9 dinner are required by calling 231.549.6854.

YOUNG HERO

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"The kids talked us into going to the dunes, which turned into a complete disaster. None of us were having a good time at all. But now I know now it was for a reason," said Angela.

When they returned Tim was sitting calmly in a beach chair. "I didn't even realize what had happened until I noticed to my left a

guy on all fours puking up water," she said. The others on the beach had gathered around making sure he was alright. "I asked Tim what happened. He put his hands on my shoulders and asked me not to make a big deal about it," she said.

Even after Tim told his mother about the man being pulled out into deep water by the strong waves and his cries for help and that both he and Josh had jumped in to help. Josh had returned to shore ex-

hausted but Tim managed to swim out and pull him to shore... the reality of the situation hadn't hit her or Brian.

Brian had immediately gone over to the kneeling man and asked the other beach goers what happened. He kept saying "That kid in the black shorts saved my life, thank God". Brian looked around not realizing he was referring to Tim right away, he pointed to Tim and said "That boy right there"? When he said

yes, Brian exclaimed, "That's my son."

Unfortunately the Reynolds didn't get the name of the man their son pulled from the water. "Tim is very humble and doesn't want to make a big deal about it, but I want him to be recognized for the hero that he is because there's no bigger way to express love than to put someone else's life before your own," said Angela.

Raising awareness of suicide – September is Suicide Awareness month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

September is Suicide Awareness month and September 7 through 13 is designated as Suicide Awareness Week. More than 41,000 persons died from suicide in 2013. This equates to 112 suicides per day. According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the Midwest, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death overall, the second leading cause of death among persons 15-34 and the third leading cause of death for persons between the ages of 10 and 14.

Between 1999 and 2008, the suicide death rate increased from 13.2 to 17.6 per

100,000 persons, with the greatest increase in suicides among white males. In 2009, deaths as a result of suicide outnumbered deaths from motor vehicle accidents for the first time. Every 12.8 minutes someone in the United States dies from suicide.

Major depressive disorder, also referred to as clinical depression, is a strong risk factor for suicide. Those with major depression are 20 times more likely to commit suicide than the general population. Those with major depression demonstrate a depressed mood and/or loss of interest in or pleasure in daily activities for at least a 2-week period. This

depressed mood is accompanied by a majority of these symptoms on a daily, or near daily basis: insomnia or hypersomnia, feelings of worthlessness, diminished ability to think or concentrate, fatigue or loss of energy and/or significant decrease or increase in appetite. Other symptoms may include recurrent thoughts of death, a suicide attempt or a specific plan for committing suicide. It is estimated that by 2020, Major Depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability for women and children. More than 90 percent of those who die by suicide had one or more mental disorders.

In addition to depression,

bipolar disorder, alcohol or substance abuse, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, a previous suicide attempt, family history of attempted or completed suicide, or serious medical condition are frequently cited as risk for suicide, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Factors that increase the likelihood of a suicide attempt include: a highly stressful life event; prolonged stress due to unemployment, relationship conflict, harassment or bullying; exposure to another person's suicide, or graphic accounts of suicide, and the access to lethal methods of suicide.

Persons who attempt suicide often show warning

signs, such as: talking about wanting to kill themselves or talking about a specific action plan; feeling hopeless, trapped, or desperate; becoming socially isolated and withdrawn; acting irritable or agitated; looking for a way of killing themselves; having intense anxiety and/or panic attacks, and losing interest in things or losing the ability to experience pleasure. Insomnia or excessive sleep is also a frequent warning sign.

Often, the stigma of having a mental illness prevents persons from seeking treatment. Individuals may attempt to self medicate, through alcohol or substance abuse. More than 9

million adults have both mental health and addiction disorders.

North County Community Mental Health serves the communities of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Kalkaska and Otsego. If you need help, contact them at: 1-800-834-3343. They also have a 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-442-7315. If you or someone you know is feeling suicidal, contact the Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention at: 1-800-277-TALK (8255). This 24-hour hotline will contact you to someone in your local area.

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A day of tribute to the American worker

By Jim Akans

Since the time I entered the workforce many, many years ago, I always thought it ironic that the day set aside each year to recognize hardworking Americans should be called Labor Day. At first glance, it seemed to me the intent was to focus on working extra hard as this first Monday in September rolled in. It was as if an order was being issued on the calendar to make sure whatever distractions the late summer may bring, this was a day to set aside to labor...lazy beach bums.

Of course, it is not. According to the Department of Labor (could this be people just waiting to be asked to do something), Labor Day is "a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers." Origins reach back to the late 1800's, beginning with Labor Day recognitions through ordinances passed

by municipalities followed by a state law in Oregon passed in 1887. Laws soon ensued in Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. By 1894, 23 states had passed laws recognizing Labor Day so Congress passed an act designating the first Monday in September a legal Labor Day holiday. Congress has a way of being right out in front of national trends.

There is however, a bit of a back-story. The labor movement rarely, if ever, achieved anything without a fight. Turns out the origin of the Labor Day idea is something that is contested to this day. It seems two gentlemen; Matthew Maguire and Peter McGuire (no spelling error here...same sounding last names and same idea), each came up with the notion that there should be a national holiday for workers, and they both did it at the same time...well over 100 years ago.

Citing the Department of Labor again, it is noted that



Peter McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners as well as the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, envisioned a day honoring all "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

Meanwhile, Matt Maguire, a machinist who later became a secretary for Local 344 of the International Association of Ma-

chinists, suggested a Labor Day holiday be created while he was serving a secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. The Central Labor Union actually drafted a Labor Day proposal and set up a committee to plan events.

The Department of Labor has even set up a spot on their website to vote your choice of who is the "father of Labor Day." Hands down, Matt Maguire

is leading Peter McGuire by a margin of 60 percent to 40 percent. With all the current election hoopla we certainly understand polls can be less than accurate...but this fight has been going on much longer than a political campaign season.

A few more bits of trivia: - The first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York...though it was a Tuesday.

- The original thought for celebrating Labor Day was to have community parades and festivals recognizing workers and their families. No mention of hot dogs, soda and beers by the lake.

- Labor Day, Labour Day or International Workers' Day is celebrated at some point during the year in over 80 countries.

- Labor Day is widely viewed as the end of the summer season here in the U.S. and has become a huge retail sales event, much like President's Day.

- Since the start of the 2006-2007 school year the Michigan Labor Day Waiver law prohibits

schools from holding classes before the Labor Day holiday.

- Labor Day marks the transition from pre-season football to regular games in both the NFL and College sports.

This Monday, September 7, please take a few moments to step back from the grill, pull the shopping cart over, or stop toiling in the garden and think about the American worker. Those who get up in the morning, spend the day expending the labors of body and mind most often for the profit of others, and return home in the evening to rest and prepare for the next day's round. Chances are very high that you are one of those workers too.

Embrace this national holiday that at its core is a tribute to hardworking Americans. A day when, as noted on the Department of Labor web site, we honor "the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker."

Take the "Mighty Mac" bridge walk on Labor Day

By Jim Akans

Don't miss the opportunity to make a most pleasurable passage across the Mackinac Bridge this coming Labor Day morning. The Annual Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Walk, led by Governor Rick Snyder, begins at 7 am and more than 40,000 walkers are expected to participate in the approximately five mile stroll from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City.

This is the 58th year for the Labor Day Bridge Walk, following a tradition that began in 1958. Thousands will gather on the lawn of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, many showing up well before sunrise, waiting for the 7 am start time to arrive. The stroll is some 26,372 feet (about five miles) across the bridge to Mackinaw City, which takes about two hours at a leisurely pace, and take heart in knowing that the second half of the trek is all downhill.

Keep in mind that in the interest of safety the Michigan State Police will once again conduct searches of purses, bags and backpacks for all walkers. So if you don't need those items, save some time by leaving them in your vehicle before the walk. Remember; there are no restrooms on the bridge - so you may want to reconsider having that morning cup of coffee.

As always, buses will be available to bring walkers from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace for \$5 per person.

The Mackinac Bridge is Michigan's foremost landmark, having been selected by the Michigan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) as "Michigan's #1 Civil Engineering Project of the 20th Century" in 2000. It is also a national landmark, being named a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the ASCE in August of 2010. It is a testament of faith, ingenuity, bravery and perseverance; representing decades of dreams, determination and diligence as the concept of uniting Michigan's two peninsulas evolved from a notion in the late 1800's to the first vehicle crossing on November 1st, 1957.

The bridge was construction based on a design conceived by internationally renowned bridge engineer, Dr. David B. Steinman, and funding in the amount of \$96,400,033.33 construction began on May 7th, 1954. Steinman's vision was not only of a bridge that incorporated engineering



On Labor Day, thousands will enjoy the thrill of a lifetime by strolling the Mighty Mac. During peak summertime season, the bridge transports more vehicles across the Straits of Mackinac in a single month than the ferry system did in an entire year when it was in operation. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

and construction for the ages (the design is purported to last for at least 1,000 years), but also become a beautiful creation that would be a marvel to all who would see it for generations to come. At a center span of 8,614 feet, it was once the longest suspension bridge in the world, and continues to hold the title of the third longest in the world today...over a half a century since it was built.

A few additional "fascinating facts" about the Mighty Mac; - Those gleaming white, 6,500-ton towers stand 552 feet above the water, and were actually built 500 miles away in the town of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, where they were assembled and disassembled before being transported to the Straits area.

- The unique grid system in the roadway across the center span is an innovation devised by engineer D. B. Steinman; designed to relieve wind pressure from beneath the bridge thus stabilizing the structure even under the extreme gales of the north.

- Approximately 350 engineers focused on the design, 3,500 workers were on the bridge site, and another 7,500 at quarries, machine shops, mills and other support services during the three and a half year project.

- Their efforts included the installation of nearly 5 million rivets and over 1 million bolts in the structure, 42,000 miles of cabling in the suspension system, and 931,000 tons of concrete in piers reaching as far as 295 feet below the water surface.

It is the allure, however, of the stunningly beautiful 360 degree grand vistas of the Straits area; with Lake Michigan to the west, Lake Huron, Mackinac and Bois Blanc islands to the east, Mackinaw City and the lower peninsula to the south, and historic St. Ignace and the upper

peninsula to the north, that will fill the heart and soul with memories certain to last a lifetime.

If you take advantage of this exciting opportunity, the Mackinac Bridge Authority and Michigan Department of Transportation are encouraging walkers to share their photos and videos of this experience. As an incentive, one person will be selected to receive a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take a tour to the top of the Mackinac Bridge. Memories can be posted on

MDOT's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MichiganDOT, or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #MightyMacWalk15. For contest details, go to the MDOT website: www.michigan.gov/mdot.

So take a walk across the "Mighty Mac" this weekend, and get ready for a Labor Day journey of a lifetime. All details on the walk are available on the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) website at www.mackinacbridge.org

The Big Hort Bridge Walk



"The Big Hort" is Horton Bay's answer to the Mackinac Bridge Walk where participants don't walk the length, but walk the 14 and a half foot width of the bridge that spans Horton's Creek along Boyne City/Charlevoix Road. PHOTO BY MICHELE MEDJESKY.

New way to drive a golf ball?



Great Lakes Energy lineworkers practice their digging skills in a timed exercise that involves knocking off the golf balls without knocking down the bottles, too. Part of their work includes installing underground power lines which requires knowing how to safely operate the necessary equipment. Other training exercises for lineworkers were held, too, as part of field training day held recently at their Boyne City headquarters.

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BOYNE CITY BOYNE KIWANIS CAR SHOW

September 5, Downtown and Veterans Park. Parking begins at 8am and registration will run to 11am. Judging begins at 10am and awards start at 3pm. "Friday Night Preview" during Stroll the Streets on Sept. 4th. This is free to the participants Friday night. The next day is "Saturday Show" with A+ Digital DJ's playing music all day in Veterans Park on the lakefront. Thick 'N' Juicy will be serving breakfast and lunch at the Car Show. We have 28 Trophy Classes, plus 3 "Best of Show" trophies that we will be awarding to registered participants. Everyone will take home a prize, dash plaque and many more gifts

BOYNE CITY 3RD ANNUAL BOYNE CITY TRIATHLON

September 6, 8am, Peninsula Beach Park. Events include a Sprint Distance Duathlon, Sprint Distance Triathlon and Olympic Distance Triathlon. Register and race as an individual or be part of building a two or three-person relay team. Beginners should not worry since there is a separate category for professional athletes. Stay tuned to this newsletter for more information next week. Proceeds support Team Lucky Seven and its mission to fight brain disease. Register at www.boynecity.com.

BOYNE CITY LABOR DAY WEEKEND DRAG RACE

September 6, Noon-5pm. Boyne City Airport. Side-by-side, eighth-mile drag races. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne Valley Lions Club. The event is organized by the Lions and a committee of drag race enthusiasts. Entry fees are \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day for cars, trucks and motorcycles, while pit passes are \$15. Spectators pay a \$10 admission fee; children under 12 years are admitted free. Gates open to racers at 8:30 a.m. for registration and tech inspections. For information and registration forms call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222 or visit www.bcpddragrace.org.

HORTON BAY HORTON CREEK BAND

September 6, 1-3pm, Horton Bay General Store. Donations accepted for 2016 Horton Bay 4th of July Parade, which is being revived after an 8-year hiatus.

HORTON BAY PIG ROAST

September 7, 4-7pm, United Methodist Church, followed by a candlelight bridge walk at 7:30pm.

CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

September 11, 7:30-8:30am, Shanahan Barn at the Charlevoix Country Club. \$5 for Chamber members and \$7 for non-members.

EAST JORDAN BALLROOM DANCE

September 11, 6:45-9:15pm, East Jordan Civic Center. Live music by the Jordan Valley All Stars. Includes a professional dance lesson by the 2 Left Feet Dance Company at 6pm. Suggested donation - \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Bring your own soft drinks and snacks. For more information please call (231) 533-8368.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

September 11 & 12, 9am-1pm, Boyne City Road Commission Garage.

CHARLEVOIX BACK PORCH COFFEE HOUSE CONCERT

September 12, Charlevoix Senior Center. 8th season of the Back Porch Events Coffee House series opens with the 3-part harmonies of "The Deepest Height." The Deepest Height is a collaboration of regional musicians Caroline Barlow, Brad Hersey and Jeff Lange. All three play acoustic guitar and sing harmony in the traditions of Peter, Paul & Mary, Crosby, Stills & Nash and Simon & Garfunkel (plus one). A community event for all ages, the Back Porch Coffeehouse is held at the Charlevoix Senior Center building. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donations at the door (\$5-\$10 suggested) are for the scheduled performers Soups, coffee, cookies available at no extra charge. Dance floor will be open; Circle Jam begins at 8:30.

CHARLEVOIX ADULT GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

September 13, 4-5pm. Free program open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX MANAGING DIGITAL PICTURES

September 15, 10:30am-Noon, Charlevoix Public Library. Learn how to manage your digital pictures on your devices. Free admission

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER AFTER HOURS AND CAR RAFFLE

September 16, 6-9pm, Shanahan's Barn at Charlevoix Country Club. Raffle tickets are \$100 each or three for \$200. While only one lucky winner will drive home in a shiny new car, second place will receive \$500 and third place will receive \$250. Each ticket admits two to the evening's raffle party which includes food, cash bar, door prize give-aways provided by area merchants, and front row seats to the action. Purchase the winning ticket today by contacting the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or email info@charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 17, 5:30-7:30pm, Red Mesa Grill. Boyne Chamber's Business After Hours event cosponsored by the Boyne City office of First Merit Bank. Business After Hours is the Chamber's regular business networking event, held at different members' locations each month. There is no charge for admission or refreshments, except for special events like the Annual Meeting.

ELLSWORTH PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL

September 18 & 19. The Paddle Antrim Festival includes a two-day kayak paddle through Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes. The first day begins in Ellsworth continuing through Central Lake to Bellaire, meandering through numerous small lakes. The second day will continue from Bellaire, ending in Elk Rapids, passing through Torch Lake, Michigan's longest inland lake. This 40+ mile paddle event highlights the wonderful natural resources-based activities available in Northern Michigan. Registration Fee- 2-Days: \$72, 1-Day: \$45. Tandem Kayak Registration Fee- 2-Days: \$120, 1-Day: \$75. Info at www.paddleantrim.com.

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September 19, 5:30-7:30pm, Bluestem Farm, 4218 M-32. Meet the farmers and get an up-close look at the animals, vegetable gardens, woods, and fields that make Bluestem Farm an interconnected patchwork of good, clean food. After the farm tour, we'll share a potluck meal. Details and registration at www.bluestemfarm.net/events/.

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS TRANSITION PLANNING

September 21, 5pm, Boyne District Library. Boyne City Main Street Program has invited a panel of experts to offer advice on the key ins and outs of transitioning your business. The panel of experts will discuss all aspects of a business transition, including the financial and tax planning strategies, how your business is valued and the legal aspects of the transaction - all critical to helping you successfully navigate through this important decision. For more information or to register call Boyne City Main Street at 231-582-9009 or email Mainstreet@boynecity.com.

EAST JORDAN BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 24, 5-7pm, Pickers Exchange and Karen Walker Studio. Presented by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 32ND ANNUAL CROP WALK

September 26, 9am. The six-mile walk will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe in East Jordan, Whiting Park in Boyne City and Charlevoix Middle School in Charlevoix. Each location will conclude the walk at the Congregational Church in Ironton where lunch will be provided for all walkers. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

EAST JORDAN BREEZEWAY FALL COLOR CRUISE

September 26, 10am-5pm. Cruise the 26 miles of The Breezeway at your own pace stopping along the way at local attractions, enjoy a meal or just to take in the breath taking scenery. Pick up your goodie bag and trip tips sheet in Atwood at Royal Farms and let your adventure begin ending at Boyne Mt. for a trip up the chairlift to take in the fall colors. Info at www.ride-thebreezeway.com

CHARLEVOIX HARVEST FESTIVAL AT CASTLE FARMS

September 27, 11am-4pm. Join us at Castle Farms to celebrate nature's bounty and autumn's glory at our annual Harvest Festival! \$10 admission includes full access to the Castle, plus entertaining family friendly activities for all ages. Horse-drawn wagon rides, arts and crafts, games and prizes, face painting, plus magic show and fire spinning performances by Magik Mike! Visit the 'Mini Farmer's Market', with vendors exhibiting and selling homemade items. Free cider and donuts. Addi-

tional food available for purchase. Special: 2:00 pm Guided Historical Tour available for an additional \$2 per person.

CHARLEVOIX SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

September 29, 6:30-7:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Are you planning to take early retirement? Or do you want to continue working until, or beyond, full retirement age? Whatever your plans, this meeting will help you make informed decisions about your future based on your Social Security benefit options. Speaker: Ben Muladore of Edward Jones. Free admission.

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 Supervisory 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 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 kroondyk@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIORS RIDE FREE

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix

County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

CHARLEVOIX STORY TIME

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

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 3, downtown Boyne City. Farmers Market, live music, free horse-drawn hay rides, kids games and pumpkin painting, craft show, scarecrow contest, hay rides, 5k walk/run, Gravel Grinder bike race.

BOYNE CITY STATE OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

October 15, Noon-2pm. Boyne Mountain. Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber.

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WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp

Area September Happenings

9/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Wednesdays, 8am - 12pm

9/5, 12, 19, 26, Saturdays

BOYNE CITY FARMERS' MARKET

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

9/3, 10, 17, 24, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS' MARKET

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

9/3, 10, 17, 24, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

East Jordan Farmers' Market Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge Street.
www.ejchamber.org

9/4, Fridays, 6pm - 9pm

STROLL THE STREETS (LAST DAY FOR THE SEASON)

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

9/5, Saturday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

BOYNE KIWANIS CAR SHOW

"Friday Night Preview" during Stroll the Streets. The next day is "Saturday Show" with music playing all day in Veterans Park. Breakfast and lunch available.
www.boynechamber.com

9/7, Monday, 7:00am - last walker finishes

ANNUAL LABOR DAY BRIDGE WALK

Walkers led across the bridge by the governor. Walkers begin on the St. Ignace side of the bridge and walk south to Mackinaw City. Upon completion, walkers will be awarded a numbered "Certificate of Completion."
www.mackinawcity.com

9/11, Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

Volunteer teams will complete various tasks for non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies, as well as home maintenance for senior individuals.
www.charlevoix.org

9/13, Sunday, 4:00 - 5:00pm

MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Support program held at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Call 231-547-7659 to register or for more info. www.hospicenwm.org

9/16, Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00pm

2015 CHARLEVOIX AREA CHAMBER CAR RAFFLE

Tickets will be drawn at this special After Hours event to win a 2015 fully loaded, Ford Escape from Fox Motors in Charlevoix, or \$15,000 cash. Need not be present to win.
www.charlevoix.org

9/18, Friday, - 9/19, Saturday

PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL (ELLSWORTH TO ELK RAPIDS)

A two-day kayak paddle through Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes. The 40+ mile paddle event highlights the natural resources-based activities available in Northern Michigan.
www.ejchamber.org

9/26, 10/3, 10/10, Saturdays

BREEZEWAY FALL CRUISE

3 Saturdays of beautiful fall colors on C-48 The Breezeway! Pick up your "Goodie Bag" in Atwood and cruise to Boyne Mountain at your own pace - stopping whenever and wherever you want. See the fall colors, buy your pumpkins and apples, shop, and much more!
www.ejchamber.org

9/27, Sunday, 11:00am - 2:00pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL @ CASTLE FARMS

Celebrate the Fall season with cider and doughnuts, sack races, arts and crafts, and all sorts of fall-themed activities at this family-friendly event. Cost is \$10 per person.
www.charlevoix.org

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 3

10am "Basic" Spanish
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, September 4

11am Dollar-in-a-Jukebox Raffle

Monday, September 7

CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Tuesday, September 7

Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize

Wednesday, September 9

Thursday, September 10

10am "Basic" Spanish
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 3

11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Wii Bowling Practice
Dessert by American House

Friday, September 4

9:30 Craft Class
1pm Rummy

Monday, September 7

CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Tuesday, September 7

11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Mahjong
1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, September 9

FOOT CLINIC
12:45 pm Bingo

Thursday, September 10

11am Chair Yoga Class
11:30 Roger Hartson Music
1pm Wii Bowling Practice

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 3

KARAOKE DAY!
1pm Paint Class

Friday, September 4

BIRTHDAY DAY!
11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Raffle

Monday, September 7

CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Tuesday, September 7

10:30am Line Dancing
12:30pm Bingo

Wednesday, September 9

10:30am Wii Bowling
GAME DAY!

Thursday, September 10

Foot Clinic
10am Advisory Bd Mtg
KARAOKE DAY!
1pm Paint Class

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, September 3

COD ALMONDINE

Friday, September 4

SWISS STEAK

Monday, September 7

CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Tuesday, September 7

BEEF CALZONE w/GRAVY

Wednesday, September 9

RAVIOLI & MEAT SAUCE

Thursday, September 10

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