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# Site plan approved for new Bridge Street development

#### By Tina Sundelius

A resolution changing the Charlevoix City Council's Rules of Procedure was approved, a decision to have the city Director of Golf and Grounds oversee the disc golf course was made, two painting contracts were approved and site plan approval for a new Bridge Street development was given at the May 16 City Council meeting.

A resolution making changes to the Rules of Procedure which governs the manner in which the Council conducts business was

passed. Minor changes like eliminating a set time that the first meeting of the calendar year should begin and language referring to the election of the city clerk was removed but the most important change was in the restructuring of how meetings will be conducted. "If you approve this tonight it will change the agenda for the June 7 council meeting in accordance with the rules," explained City Manager Mark Heyd-

The disc golf course at McSauba Recreation Area was created by

volunteers several years ago and has been maintained by the group ever since. Recently there have been expected issues with erosion on the course which the group has been attending to as funding has become available. "It's not their property, it's ours, that's why I think Tom should be overseeing it," said Councilperson Shane Cole. In the early days after the course was built there were issues with coexistence between golfers and hikers which resulted in changes to the course. "We do get a ton of play. I'm rarely out there

when someone isn't playing disc golf," said course creator Rick Evans. After hearing from Evans, discussion quickly concluded with a decision to have the city Golf and Grounds Director, Tom Heid, oversee the course with input from the disc golf club/volunteers and other interested parties like the City Manager and Camp Mc-Sauba's director.

Bids for pavement marking and fire hydrant painting were approved by recommendation of DPW Superintendent Patrick Elliott. A bid for pavement markings throughout the city including centerlines, parking stalls, arrows, etc. was approved for a price not to exceed \$12,826.25 and a bid to sandblast, prime and paint 140 fire hydrants throughout town was approved at \$105 per hydrant not to exceed \$14,700 to Giant Maintenance and Restoration. The per hydrant bid is the same price the company gave the city in 2013. "I was very impressed with their workmanship the last time, they've got their system down to a

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City-wide broadband

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# nside East Jordan Rotary Club plans **10th Annual Variety Show**

The East Jordan Rotary Club is at it again...putting their creative heads together to plan the 10th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7:00 p.m. each night, and doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Rotarian Chip Hansen will be the show's Master of Ceremonies again this year. "This will be a really cool show, and we're billing it, for the 10th Anniversary, as our greatest hits show," he noted, adding, "we used our Facebook page to get audience input on several acts from previous shows that we will bring back this year, so the show will feature some blasts from the past and a lot of new material, too."

The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, as well as a live pit band. "The chorus and the band headline the show." Hansen said. "Our musicians come in from all over the country, and together they form a powerhouse swing band!"

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort, too. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the show's Production team, which selects the chorus medleys, writes the skits and crossover acts, manages the rehearsals and, in general, plans the entire show. "We've got a great team of ultra-creative people that develop the show," Aenis said, noting, "the planning meet-

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ings are lively and the show always reflects the fun and enthusiasm of the group." Penzien agreed, saying, "the show really brings out the best in our club members, we enjoy working together and creating a great show for the community to enjoy."

The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bud Bechtold, Bob Bryan and the rest of the Rotary Swing Band. Tickets are priced at just \$10 each, and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and from any member of the Rotary Club. Tick-

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ets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities. According to Chip Hansen, the show always sells out. "Last year, the show was sold out before the end of May," he said, "so it's important to get your tickets

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of all the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

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By Krystal Johnson EAST JORDAN-East Jordan city commissioners met Tuesday

evening to quickly approve requests for both the 31st Annual Jordan Valley Triathlon and the 2016 East Jordan New to this year's line-up and request for approval by the Freedom Festival, which runs from June 21 - 26,

is the use of Sportsman's Park on Saturday, June 25 for laser tag. The Jordan Valley Triathlon, hosted by the Jordan Valley EMS Authority, will also take place June 25. All requests were unanimously approved by the commission.

During the city administrator's report Tuesday, administrator Tom Cannon brought forward a concern to the commission regarding the city's internet. The city's internet service is currently provided by Verizon, but with unexpected plan changes, Canon said they were needing to make a switch.

Commissioners have had a goal to pursue city-wide broadband internet; they simply haven't planned or budgeted for it just yet. However, commissioners want to consider the future and make East Jordan an entrepreneur ready community, and city-wide internet, they said, could be key.

"If done right," said Commissioner Andrew Boyer, "if we set this up for the future, I think this is one of the best in-

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# Robert W. Grunch, 72

**HIGH: 68** 

LOW: 43

Robert Grunch from Dana, IN and Charlevoix, MI entered into eternal life May 14, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. Obituary and memorial service to take place at Charlevoix later this sum-

# Whitney Kay (Johns) Wangeman, 26

(AUG, 12, 1989 - MAY 15, 2016) Whitney Kay (Johns) Wangeman

of Boyne Falls died May 15, 2016 surrounded by her loving husband and parents.

Whitney was born on August 12, 1989 in Petoskey, the

daughter of Robert and Brenda (Alpers) Johns and graduated from Petoskey High School with the Class of 2007. She then attended the nursing program at North Central Michigan College, graduating with her Registered Nursing Degree in 2012. Whitney went to work at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital at the age of 14, first working in Dietary, then as a Unit Coordinator then as a Patient

in the OR. On June 14, 2014, Whitney married Ian Wangeman in Boyne City, and the two made their home in Boyne Falls.

Care Tech, lastly working as an RN

Whitney enjoyed fishing and being outdoors in general, but her greatest love was her family and her children. She was a very family orientated woman and a very hard worker. She was well respected and very well-liked by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Ian; 2 children, Madilyn and Carl; her parents Robert and Brenda Johns; grandmother, Georgia Alpers of Petoskey; mother and father-in-law, Bart and Sue Wangeman; 2 brother-in-laws, Jay (Stacey Spaniak) Wangeman and Alex (Lexi Wilhelm) Wangeman; grandparents-in-law, James Habasco and Frank and Sandy Wangeman; and by several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Whitney was preceded in death by her Grandparents, Carl Alpers, Robert and Barbara Johns, her Aunt Kathryn Fettig and Ian's Grandmother Karen Habasco.

The family will receive friends at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey on Friday, May 20th from 6-8pm. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Saturday, May 21st at

10:00am. Burial will be in Holy Childhood Cemetery in Harbor Springs.

**HIGH: 73** 

LOW: 47

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the Wangeman Family at 4700 Padgett Road, Boyne Falls to help establish and educational fund the children or to the Hiland Cottage .

The family also sends special Thank You to Whitney's cousin Maggie Jakeway, Ian's aunt and uncle Mark and Julie Lewy for welcoming them into their home during Whitney's treatment at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, the staff at the Hiland House Cottage, Level 3, Surgical Services, the Foundation, Human Resources and all McLaren Northern Michigan employees who supported them through her 1 1/2 year battle. Also a sincere "Thank You" to all who supported Whitney and Ian with their love, spiritual support, financial support, all the food people made and all the words of encouragement through cards or via the internet

### Paul Bricker, 56

(JAN. 21, 1960 - MAY 9, 2016) Paul Bricker of Petoskey died at

home on May 9, 2016. Paul was born on January 21, 1960 in Charlevoix to Charles and Alice (Thorp) up in Petoskey

Bricker. He grew and was a graduate of Petoskey High School, Class of 1978.

The pride of Paul's life were his three sons Paul, Matthew and Michael. His son's will remember a dad with a kind nature and a warm smile; a dad who instilled within them a strong work ethic, and a dad who tried to teach through his actions the need to treat others with kindness and respect. He enjoyed very simple pastimes like gardening, mushroom picking, hunting and winter camping as well as spending time every year at Flywheeler's. He was deeply loved and he will be forever missed.

Surviving Paul are his parents Alice and Charles Bricker; three sons Paul J. (Kelsey), Matthew, Michael (Ellie) Bricker and grandson Cameron Bricker Also surviving Paul are his two brothers and one sister David (Jane) Bricker, James Bricker and Karen (Kevin) Cheadle, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held. Monday, May 16, 2016 at Trinity Missionary Church in Petoskey. Rev. Steve Beigle officiated the service and burial in Greenwood

Cemetery.

# Samuel B. Yennor, 76

(OCT. 22, 1939 - MAY 8, 2016)

Samuel B. Yennor of Charlevoix passed away at home on Sunday, May 8, 2016. His family has chosen to remember him privately. Complete obituary information will fol-

# Anthony G. Lavanway, 21

(MARCH 2, 1995 - MAY 10, 2016) Anthony G. Lavanway of Jordan

Township, Antrim County, passed away on May 10, 2016 at home following a lifelong battle with Cystic Fibrosis.

Anthony was born on March 2, 1995 in Petoskey.

Anthony loved the outdoors, especially mudding, dirt biking, snowmobiling, fishing, and shooting skeet.

He is survived by his parents, Anthony (Linda) Lavanway of Jordan Township, Tina Moggo of Monroe, MI, Richard (Nessa) Ferris of Petoskey, grandparents, Barbara Webster of Mancelona, Bud (Debbie) Ferris of Boyne City, twin brother Richard Lavanway of Jordan Township, two other brothers, Tate Ferris of Petoskey, Zach Devors of East Jordan, four sisters, Ashley Clark-Ferris of Charlevoix, Samantha Webster of Mancelona, Caitlin Ferris of Gaylord, Kailin Bennett of Petoskey, special aunt and uncle, Kathy (Bill) Nancarrow of Mancelona, special brother Dennis Short of Quantico, VA as well as many other family members. He was preceded in death by papa Larry Webster, great-grandparents Margery and Gerald Lavanway and Mona and Harold Ferris.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Matt Tharp officiating. Interment in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to his family. Please sign his online guestbook at

www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

# Jodi Kirsten Russell (Cummings), 47

(JUNE 1, 1968 - MAY 14, 2016) Jodi K. (Cummings) Russell of Petoskey passed away peacefully in her home Saturday morning May

Jodi was born June 1, 1968 in Charlevoix to Herb & Ginny (Hamlin) Cummings. Jodi graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1986. She loved her family, especially her four sons, and also had a great love of animals, specifically cats. Jodi had a number of passions, from baking and cooking, to landscaping and building and applied these passions to her various occupations throughout her life. She had a big heart and was always willing to help others in need.

Jodi is survived by her four sons, Andrew, Nathan, and Gavin Russell all of Florida, and Adam Russell of Petoskey; grandson, Brayden Russell of Charlevoix; her parents, Herb and Ginny Cummings of Charlevoix; her grandmother, Sara Cummings of Charlevoix; two sisters, Heather (Scott) Ford of Boyne City, and Lori (Tim) Turkowski of Little Falls, Minn.; three nieces, Ella Ford, and Ashley and Abby Turkowski; nephew, Michael Knight; three aunts; three uncles; and many cousins.

Visitation will be held at the First Baptist Church, located at 06781 M66 N in Charlevoix, on Saturday May 21st at 10am followed by a memorial service at 11am. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nehemiah Project-Mary Margaret House of Petoskey, PO Box 1745, Petoskey, MI 49770; or the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

# **Maizey Violet** Peters, Infant

(APRIL 26, 2016 - MAY 14, 2016) Maizey Violet Peters, precious

infant daughter of Howard and Elizabeth Peters, was called home to live with her Lord on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Maizey was born April 26. 2016, in

Charlevoix. She has two sisters, Gabrielle and Aliyah, and is also survived by her grandparents, Howard and Valerie Peters of Mancelona, and Lori Lecureux of Edmore; and an aunt, Mikhayla Peters of Mancelona.

Funeral will be 3 PM, Wednesday, May 18, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix where friends and family may begin visiting at 2 PM. Pastor Philip Green will officiate. Burial will be in

Barnard Cemetery.

Please visit www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

### **Ronald Dean** Crandall, 67

(JUNE 11, 1948 - MAY 11, 2016)

Ronald Dean Crandall of Charlevoix died Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at home. He was born June 11, 1948, in Saginaw, to Earl and Esme (Blohm) Crandall, and grew up in Charlevoix. Ron served in the US Navy for eight years during the Vietnam War, specializing as a jet airplane mechanic.

Following his military service, he worked as a mechanic at Detroit Diesel. He lived in Plymouth and spent his winters in Florida. He lived in Haslett for ten years to care for his mother.

Ron was an avid Spartan and Tigers fan, and loved riding motor-

He is survived by his daughter, Kellye Jo (Kevin) Shaw, and son, Ronald D. (Chrissy) Crandall, Jr.; grandchildren, Mitchell Hendrics, and Kylie Crandall; brother, Scott (Jeri) Crandall of Cleveland, Tex.; sister, Deborah (Gary) Crandall Stutzman of Charlevoix; nephews, Earl Crandall, John Lopez, Brad Lopez; niece, Heather Nelson. He is also survived by his former wife, Bonnie Higbee, and life-long friend, Tete Drost.

A private service is planned for a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720

### Jane Russell Donaldson, 73

(SEPT. 8, 1942 - MAY 16, 2016) Jane Russell Donaldson of East

Jordan died on Monday, May 16, 2016, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospitai in Petoskey.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 11:00

A.M. at the East Jordan United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment will follow in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

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# BC Police Department holds Bike to School Day



The Boyne City Police Department and the Boyne City Schools held their 3rd annual Bike to School with the Police Day. This year there were over 115 riders including students, parents and school staff members. COURTESY PHOTO

The Boyne City Police Department and the Boyne City Schools held their 3rd annual Bike to School with the Police Day. This year there were over 115 riders including students, parents and school staff members. Riders meet at Avalanche Park in Boyne City and ride to the school campus along with officers from the Boyne City Police Department. Boyne City Police Department has a strong bike patrol program at and this is a way for officers to connect

with students in a friendly and positive setting.

The Bike to School day follows two days of bike safety programs that were put on by Boyne City Police Officer Dan Mercer. The program is something that the department has worked out with the elementary school and all 4th graders attend. At the end of the safety program, every 4th grader receives a free bike helmet and the

students are given instructions on

how to fit and wear it. This year

the helmets were provide by a grant from the State of Michigan program Safe Routes to School.

Susan McCloskey the school nurse who also runs the BCPS School Wellness Program, is very involved in the program as well. Susan helps organize the bike safety program and coordinates the ride to school. This program encourages cities and schools to work together to provide a safe path for students walking or biking to school.



Lion President Denny Gocha presenting the plaque and flowers to Mother of the Year Debbie Carey. COURTESY PHOTO

# EJ LIONS CLUB 2016 MOTHER OF THE YEAR

The East Jordan Lions Club is pleased to announce Debbie Carey as its 2016 Mother of the Year. Debbie has two grown children and three grandchildren and has been a mother to many friends, nieces, nephews, cousins and employees. She has volunteered in the EJ community for the Chamber, the Lioness Club, the Arts Council, the Garden Club, her church

and many more community activities.

She is a very giving individual. Debbie would to anything for anyone and goes above and beyond to make people feel welcome, loved, and appreciated. She has given her children "everything they ever needed and more" and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. loving them unconditionally and creating wonderful memories with them.



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Built by members of the Leadership Charlevoix County program in partnership with Char-Em United Way, the Born Learning Trails are aimed at pre-K age

# Born Learning Trail makes way "Up North"

Three new community trails geared toward families with young children will open Saturday, May 21 throughout Charlevoix County. Built by members of the Leadership Charlevoix County program in partnership with Char-Em United Way, the trails are aimed at pre-K age children. They are the only Born Learning Trails north of Midland.

The Born Learning Trail concept focuses on teaching, nature exploration and fun aimed at early childhood education. On the 21, the Charlevoix trail will open at 10:30 am at Shanahan Field, with similar opening ceremonies to follow at 12:30 pm in Boyne City's Rotary Park and 2:30 pm at East Jordan Elementary School in East Jordan.

Walking along the short trails, children will see signs with instructions that encourage playfulness with letters and sounds and exercises to build pre-literacy skills. Activities like hopscotch, color and shape identification and attention to natural elements make the trails a perfect way to get outside and bond with your young child.

The opening day celebrations will feature snacks for children, media interviews and recognition of area sponsors.

# SITE PLAN

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science," said Elliott. "We did get very, very good pricing on this."

Plans to build a drive through restaurant and a retail/office space at 1418 Bridge Street were approved. The project known as the Bridge Street Commons is located at the lot of former Juilleret's Restaurant and will eventually contain two multi-purpose buildings. One building housing a drive through restaurant in the front with retail space in the rear and later an additional building offering office/retail space will be built further back on the property. The plan was approved with 4 reasonable conditions.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 7, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

# **East Jordan Sailor keeps Navy Wing flying**

A 2008 East Jordan High School graduate and East Jordan native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the largest base in the Southeast Region and third largest in the nation. Lt. j.g. Sarah Kupovits is a pilot serving with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

As a pilot, Kupovits is responsible for managing and supervising sailors and flying aircraft tactically for anti-submarine warfare missions, reconnaissance operations and maritime patrols.

"I enjoy working with the people in the Navy, even with diverse backgrounds there is a bond for the missions at hand," said Kupovits. "I also love how everyday is different, from the actual place that you are going, to the mission and the people

that you are flying with."

According to Navy officials, Wing 11's history and reputation remain unparalleled since being commissioned on August 15, 1942. Throughout the decades, Wing 11 has continued to fly combat missions in direct support of the troops on the ground and delivered traditional maritime capabilities, real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

Beginning in the 1960s, the P-3C Orion, a land-based, long-range anti-submarine warfare patrol aircraft, replaced the P-2V Neptune fleet. After 50 years of faithful service and the 50th anniversary of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, the P-3C Orion is being phased out of the fleet, according to Navy officials.

The P-8A is a modified Boeing airframe

signed for long-range anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, Navy officials explained. "The U.S. Navy sometimes asks the im-

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possible of our people. It is sailors that make the impossible possible," said Capt. Anthony Corapi, Commodore, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11. Lt. j.g. Kupovits is one example of a selfless servant of our nation. These heroes ask for very little recognition and perform their daily job with pride and professionalism defending freedom and our way of life around the world. Each member of the Navy's combat team is crucial to our success. I am very proud to have Lt.j.g. Kupovits on our

Kupovits is part of a crew that began a transition to the P-8A Poseidon in 2014. Earlier this year, squadron VP-45 entered the Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle in preparation for their first deployment as a P-8A squadron.

"I love the fact that we are one of the first commands to fly the P-8As and at the forefront of maritime patrol and reconnaissance," said Kupovits.

According to Navy officials, the Navy continues to meet milestone after milestone on this world-class mission and is providing an aircraft with superior capabilities to the men and women in uniform that will have a lasting legacy promoting a global maritime strategy.

"Serving in the Navy I've learned that sacrifices are well worth it when others depend on you for support," said Kupovits. "I've also learned to value respect for all and I get a sense of pride knowing that I am doing my job for a greater cause."

Submitted by Mrs. Kayla Good, Navy Office of Community Outreach, Media Outreach Department



2008 East Jordan graduate Lt. j.g. Sarah Kupovits is a pilot serving with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 and East Jordan native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the largest base in the Southeast Region and third largest in the nation. COURTESY PHOTO

# **Commercial Opportunities**







507 WATER • EAST JORDAN

Commercial building in the heart of East Jordan that could be used in many ways. Currently has one tenant and many options for the remainder of the building. Lots of private off street parking and highly visible to traffic. Private courtyard to the side of the building. Views of the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix from the front. Fully handicap accesible. MLS 447749. **\$179,000.** *Ask for Chris Oliver* 







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# Michigan State Police to turn 100 in 2017

By Joanie Moore

It's a warm and sunny afternoon. You are out for a drive on the highway and see a familiar flashing red light ahead. Another motorist has been pulled over. You're still a distance away, but recognize the light and know without question, it is mounted on top of a Michigan State Police (MSP) patrol vehicle.

Since the 1950's, MSP cars have been equipped with a single rotating red light on the roof. Michigan is the only state in the country to use this unique design. The MSP says many people ask about the light and make the assumption it is used today "solely as tradition." In fact, the single light is used because of the many benefits the design provides.

"The nationally recognized Police Vehicle Evaluation, conducted by the MSP Precision Driving Unit, has found that vehicles with a full overhead light bar accelerate slower than vehicles with a single overhead light," the Michigan State Police says. "Additionally, it provides greater fuel savings when compared to the larger surface area of a light

This interesting fact and many other bits of historic data about the MSP are surfacing statewide, as the Michigan State Police celebrated its 99th birthday April 19. Governor Rick Snyder declared April 17-23, 2016 as Michigan State Police History Week.



MSP Trooper Jeff Mercer and Mancelona Police Officer Rod Vesey share details and resources regarding an incident. "Being up north where we are spread out more, we rely on our local law enforcement partners when solving crimes," Tpr. Mercer said. "I've had to call on local agencies, and they have called on the Michigan State Police for assistance. It's a coordinated partnership effort that works well." Photos: Joanie Moore / JOANIEMOORE.COM

"For nearly 100 years, the Michigan State Police has served our state with excellent and integrity, providing the highest quality law enforcement and public safety services," stated Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "As we celebrate our 99th birthday, we're turning our focus to our centennial by launching the One Year to 100 campaign that will allow us to reflect on our rich history and traditions, as well as how the depart-

ment has evolved into today's multifaceted, professional law enforcement agency providing statewide policing services."

The MSP's roots date back to World War 1 when the department began as a temporary, wartime emergency force. In its earliest years, the MSP used horses for patrol and began using motorcycles for traffic patrol in 1919. Mounted patrols were replaced with motorized highway patrols in the

1920's. Today, the Michigan State Police has evolved into a full-service law enforcement agency employing an estimated 2,800 law enforcement and civilian members.

Special First Lieutenant David Kaiser began his MSP career as a trooper in 1997. He was assigned to what was then the Kalkaska post and served residents in Kalkaska and Antrim counties. Now assigned in the tri-cities area as a Public Information Officer, Lt. Kaiser said technology accounts for and connection with the many of the advancements that have occurred within the Michigan State Police.

In comparison, Lt. Kaiser said it's mostly a geographical change between working in rural northern Michigan and larger cities like Flint. Saginaw and Bay City.

"There are shootings and other crimes all over, but we have a higher volume of them here due to a higher population," he said. "What is good is that we are trained in the same way, at the same academy in Lansing."

"Patrol cars have become mobile offices equipped with computers and internet service," Lt. Kaiser added. "Our troopers can complete and submit reports from their laptops. Overall, the mobile units have enabled us to be more efficient."

Mobile patrol units were developed in 2011 when the MSP emphasized a new Regional Policing Plan, which included consolidating posts from 62 to 29, making the department more mobile and flexible for responding to

"There was a need to be more visible and develop a personal connection within our communities and with businesses," said MSP Sergeant Jason Nemecek of the Gaylord post. "People want to feel safe and know that they can trust the officers. Mobile units enable troopers to spend more time on the road, and be more available to the public."

The increased visibility

public isn't limited to onduty time.

"Locally, many of our troopers volunteer as coaches and at special events in the communities where they live," Sgt. Nemecek said. "We encourage them to be involved, whether it's during the holidays and 'Shop with a Cop,' as a Big Brother/Big Sister, or helping out at the hot dog giveaway in Otsego County. The troopers care about the people who live here and are proud to be a part of their communities."

In preparation of its 100th birthday, Michigan State Police launched a One Year to 100 campaign that began in April.

"The excitement is building internally within the department, and externally," said Shanon Banner, Public Affairs Director for the MSP. "The campaign logo is on our website and social media to remind people what we are doing to promote our 100th birthday."

The centennial celebration will start in January 2017 and continue for the full year. The MSP is joining up with events around the state and will have a greater presence at the Eyes on Design auto show in Grosse Pointe, the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City, and the Labor Day Bridge walk, to name a few.

Banner said also starting in January, each post will have a "throw back" Charger, a black patrol car with gold lettering and the older style MSP shield, mocked to replicate their original 1937 Ford patrol vehicle.

"The cars will be fully equipped and marked, having a retro feel that gives a nod to our history," Banner explained. "One of our retirees is restoring a 1957 Ford Custom 300, a vehicle that was in our fleet at one time. He will donate it to the department and it will become a part of the historical fleet seen in area pa-

Banner said all MSP assets are now in one location at the State Secondary Complex in Diamondale, just outside of Lansing. The public safety campus houses the MSP training academy, Lansing Forensics Science Laboratory, First District Headquarters, Lansing Post, the new State Emergency Operation Center, and the administrative headquar-

"Space has been set aside and designated for a museum," Banner noted. "During our 100th year, the space will be open to schools, and all children and adults. They can tour our facilities, learn about the history, and it will be a place we can celebrate our accomplishments and achievements over the last 100 years. The goal is to have it become a permanent location and part of the MSP."

As for the year-long celebration, expect to see 100th anniversary branding and other surprises that "aren't quite ready to be revealed yet," Banner added.

"We want everyone to share in the excitement with us," she said. For more information

about the Michigan State Police, its history and the plans for the 100th birthday celebration, visit www.michigan.gov/mspconnect, or look them up on social media with the hash tag #OneYearTo100.

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# **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY** Commission on **A**ging

"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."

# More Medicare Counselors Available

The Region 10 Office of the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, MMAP, has recently added an other 12 counselors in their 10 county service area.

Jim Verville, MMAP Regional Coordinator, announced that his Traverse City office recently provided a three day intensive training for new team members. "We continue to add more counselors to the program each year", said Verville. "We now have 52 individuals who are available to provide consultation to residents in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties."

MMAP is part of the national State Health Insurance Program sponsored by Medicare. Free services are provided to folks in all areas of Medicare health insurance including help in se-lecting drug and health plans and supplemental policies. MMAP counselors can also

screen Medicare beneficiaries for elsaid, "The cost-benefit of the proigibility in Medicaid, Extra Help, and other low income assistance programs and even assist with the application for these benefits. Another service involves help with the identification of possible Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse.

"We are very excited about the new members of our team," said Verville. "There are over 170,000 Medicare beneficiaries located throughout our 10 county region, and we are only able to reach about 4% of them". "We need to conduct more outreach to create a better awareness of our services and also ensure that we have additional counselors available to help more peo-

During the 53 day Medicare Annual Enrollment Period last year, MMAP counselors in Region 10 saved their clients \$1.4 million by helping them find a better Part D prescription drug plan. Verville

gram is absolutely fantastic".

About half of the MMAP counselors are volunteers and the remaining half are individuals who are currently working for an organization that permits them to provide these services as a part of their duties. Many of these individuals work for the County Commissions and Coun-cils on Aging, home health care organizations, tribal governments, medical facilities, and even managers of senior apartments. "Our team is growing, but our challenge is to help even more beneficiaries", said Verville.

Assistance is available by calling the toll free MMAP phone number at 800-803-7174, and leaving a message. A local counselor will return the

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michi-

#### **BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES** Monday, May 23

Wednesday, May 18 Foot Clinic (AM by Appt) 5:30-7pm Dollar in a Jukebox 50/50 Raffle

Thursday, May 19 11am Arthritis Foundation **Exercise Program** Wii Bowling

Friday, May 20 11am OJ. Atkins Raffle Rummikub

10:30am Line Dancing Pretty-Bag Bingo **Gift Certificate Prize** 

Tuesday, May 24 9-11am Veterans' Social Gathering & Lunch After-**Veterans Eat Free!** 11am Music

5:30-7pm Gayle Gerri Boss 50/50 Raffle

Wednesday, May 25

# **CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

dnesday, May 18 2:45 pm Bingo

Thursday, May 19 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahiong

Friday, May 20 **FOOT CLINIC** 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy

Monday, May 23 1pm Bridge 7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 24 11am Chair Yoga Class **1pm Paint Class** Wii Bowling at Petoskey Wednesday, May 25 2:45 pm Bingo

# **EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, May 18 2-5PM CVC VETERANS AF-FAIRS 2:30pm Crafts 4pm Live Music

Wednesday, May 18

**NIGHT DINNER!** 

Thursday, May 19 10:30am Chair Exercise 11am KARAOKE! **1pm Paint Class** 

Friday, May 20 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something!

Monday, May 23 **Exercise Room** 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Chair Exercise

Tuesday, May 24 10am E.J. Story Time 12:30pm Bingo -**Meal Ticket Prize** 

2:30pm Crafts **4pm Live Music** 5pm MEATLOAF

Wednesday, May 25

# **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU**

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Friday, May 20

Monday, May 23 SPANISH RICE

Tuesday, May 24 **TURKEY POT PIE** 

Wednesday, May 25 **NIGHT DINNER!** 5-6pm MEATLOAF

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# **Boyne City Celebrates Stroll Through History Weekend**

In tandem with the first Stroll The Streets on June 10, Boyne City will celebrate its second annual Stroll through History Weekend. The Boyne City Main Street event will introduce the second phase of the historical, selfguided walking tour, which includes homes, churches and parks.

Weekend highlights include a horse-drawn tour of historic homes and churches on Friday night, narrated by Patrick Mc-Cleary from 7pm to 9pm. At 7pm. "President Roosevelt" will deliver his famous speech on the secondfloor balcony of the Odd Fellows Hall, 214 Water Street and the Dodworth Duo will be performing by the Chamber from 6-9pm. Accompanied by guitar, banjo, harmonica and fife, the Duo performs classic American songs of the 19th century including Clementine, Erie Canal, and Red River.

Saturday's line-up includes the farmers market from 8 a.m. noon, old fashioned kids' games, a petting zoo and pony rides, a hot dog roast, a potluck picnic, a baseball game with local firefighters and policemen, and antique firetrucks and cars on display, in Veterans Park from 11am to 2pm. At 4pm at the library, Patrick Mc-Cleary will share a slideshow and speak about the buildings and parks on phase 2 of the historical walking tour.

The weekend will culminate with a performance by The River Raisin Ragtime Revue at Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club at 7:30pm. This professional theater orchestra is dedicated to the preservation of significant American



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music -the nation's original popular musical style – ragtime. The band has performed at The Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Institute of Art and Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater. They also participate in an annual ragtime festival that draws thousands to historic Greenfield Village in Dearborn. ." Visit www.ragtimeband.org for more information. The Ann Arbor News described the River Raisin Ragtime Revue as "...a nostalgic look at America, perfectly played and guaranteed

to put the tap back in your toes." "Bringing this high caliber performance to our area has been a goal for a long time. We are so thrilled to have this extraordinary group join us this year," said Kecia Freed, chair of Stroll Through History.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance for \$15. They are available for purchase at the Boyne Chamber, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club, Country Now and Then or Local Flavor Bookstore, or visit

www.boynehistory.com or contact 582.9009 or mainstreet@boynecity.com.

The first phase of the walking tour began in June 2015 and includes over 50 stops in Boyne City's downtown. The second phase kicks off June 10 and features historic homes, churches and parks. The third phase is

slated for June 2017 and will include the industrial waterfront.

Stroll through History is sponsored by Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club, Pat O'Brien & Associates and Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. For more information on Stroll Through History and the Historical Walking Tour, contact the Main Street at (231)582-9009 or visit www.boynehistory.com.

The full line-up:

#### FRIDAY

6 - 9 p.m. Stroll The Streets music throughout town and Dodsworth Duo Performing by the Chamber building

6 - 9 p.m. Horse Drawn Carriage Historical Tours of Historical Residences, Parks and Churches narration by Patrick McCleary begins at 7 p.m.

7 p. m. President Roosevelt's Famous Speech on the balcony of 214 Water Street

#### SATURDAY

8 a.m. - Noon Farmers Market -Veterans Park

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Antique Fire Trucks and Cars including Boyne City's LaFrance Fire Truck on

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Petting Zoo with ponies, baby chicks and goats Veterans Park

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Old Fashioned Baseball Game, Kids' Games, Potluck and Hot Dog Roast Veterans Park

4 - 5 p.m. Slideshow/Lecture on Residential, Parks and Churches Historical Tour – Boyne District Library

7:30 - 9 p.m. – River Raisin Ragtime Revue – appetizers and a cash bar. Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club. Tent opens at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance for \$15. Tickets are available for purchase at the Boyne Chamber, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club, Country Now and Then or Local Flavor Book-

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# Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra "Crescendo" fundraiser to be held June 7th at Castle Farms



Please join us for our annual auction and fundraiser Crescendo, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on June 7th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. An international-themed dinner catered by Grey Gables has been planned to reflect the theme of the orchestra's 2016-2017 season, Around the World. Founder of the orchestra, Dr. Robert Pattengale, and Alice Pattengale will serve as Honorary Chairs of the vening. Guests will have an opportunity to win a diamond donated by Reusch Jewelers as well as bid on unique items and experiences in the live and silent auc-

tions. Tickets are \$100 and are available for purchase at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office located at 438 East Lake Street in Petoskey or available by calling 231 487-0010. "There are some really

exciting experiences being offered to at this event," claims Anne McDevitt, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. "There will be getaway trips to Grand Rapids, land as well as a 5-day stay in a gorgeous La Jolla condo. Several gourmet dinners prepared in your homes are also offered. Other fabu-

lous items include a painting by Martha Landis, a handsome B. May bag, numerous golf packages, and a special opportunity to be the guest conductor of the orchestra." The Great Lakes

Chamber Orchestra provides the community of northern Michigan with entertaining, educational, and inspirational musical events. Chamber music has a long history of musicians gathering to play and sing for one other and a group of friends. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's mission is to provide live orchestral performances that entertain, educate,

and inspire communities across northern Michigan.

Support for the orchestra is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Bay Harbor Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Frey Foundation, Ann K. Irish Charitable Fund, and hundreds of individ ual patrons of the arts. For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, call 231-487-0010 or go to www.glcorchestra.org.

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Boyne Falls **Public Schools** 

# Student of the Week

# **Brooke Stevens**



Grade: 11 Parent's Name(s): Heidi Jackson

**Favorite Book:** The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Hobbies and Interests: Art, writing and gardening

Future Plans: Brooke plans to earn an Associates Degree at North Central Michigan College before transferring to a four year university. She would ultimately like to pursue a career

**Staff Comments** 

"I love teaching students like Brooke Stevens. She comes to my class every day smiling and eager to explore learning. Brooke is one of the most prolific writers in my creative writing class, and her poetry is stunning. She makes her words come alive on the page by constantly experimenting with figurative and rhetorical craft. Brooke personifies positive energy in my classroom with her soft voice, her powerful language, and her enthusiasm to encourage others." – Jeff Garver

# NCMC offers Nursing, Applied Science and Business Admin Degrees

Looking to earn a bachelor's degree in Nursing, Applied Science or Business Administration? It's now easier than ever-and it is all available right in Petoskev. A new agreement will allow students to earn their associate degree taking classes at North Central Michigan College and then use those credits toward the three University of Michigan-Flint bachelor's degree programs. Through a combination of courses being offered at North Central and online, students can complete all their coursework and earn their prestigious University of Michigan degree locally.

The articulation agreements streamline the process for North Central students to transfer to UM-Flint to complete their baccalaureate degrees, makes higher education more accessible in northern Michigan, and helps fill a critical staffing need for area hos-

The BSN is becoming a standard in nursing as hosThrough a combination of courses being offered at North Central and online, students can complete all their coursework and earn their prestigious University of Michigan degree locally.

pitals strive for increasingly higher levels of quality. UM-Flint's program is accredited by the prestigious Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

"Building strong articulations between our programs at North Central Michigan College and the University of Michigan-Flint enables us to provide even more information about the value and viability of both our own programs and the transfer programs we support," said Peter Olson, vice president of academic affairs and student success at North Central. "We are very excited with this new era in cooperation, and we thank our UM-Flint partners for facilitating our students' progress toward further credentialing."

The articulation agreements are now in effect and available to students. The agreements are the first between North Central and UM-Flint.

"We are delighted to be able to provide easy and efficient transfer opportunities for students of North Central Michigan College to the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Professions and Studies, and the School of Management," said Douglas Knerr, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs for UM-Flint. "The University of Michigan-Flint welcomes North Central students to UM-Flint and pledges our utmost to ensure their success."

The applied science agreement enables students with a North Central Associate in Applied Science degree in certain technical fields to complete their Bachelor of Applied

Science (BAS) in programs appropriate to their interests and needs. Students will choose two of several available UM-Flint disciplines or concentration minors to complete their degree.

The business administration agreement simplifies the process for students with a North Central Associate degree to complete their Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program at UM-Flint. UM-Flint's program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

Students still must apply and meet prerequisites and requirements for admission to UM-Flint. Interested students should contact an advisor at North Central Michigan College (231-348-6700) or the UM-Flint Admissions office (810-762-3300) to learn more about which classes to take and how to transfer credits.

# JRAC Scholarships awarded

On Sunday, May 15, the Jordan River Arts Council held its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Each year scholarships and awards are given to high school juniors and seniors from Antrim and Charlevoix counties based on a portfolio of three to five pieces of their artwork. Twenty-seven students from seven schools submitted works. They are:

- Boyne City—Brianna Burnell, Stephanie Chipman and Sky Van Wolkenhurg

- Boyne Falls—Megan Bryne and **Brook Stevens** 

- Central Lake-Brook Allen - Charlevoix—Irah Dhaseleer, Kayla Hamill and Rachael Thomp-

 Concord Academy Boyne— Bethany Priest

- East Jordan—Rheanna Avery, Katelynn Brooks, James Brown, Brooke Garner, Haley Goodrich, Laura Harris, Brielle Healey, Kaitlyn Hines, Raven Joseph, Lacole Suess, Haley Wilson and Constance Wynkoon

- Mancelona—Hannah Hardy, Sierra Haynes, Kailey Kanaziz, Megan Schlaffand Alyssa Wycoff.

Jurors were Susan Glass and Dawn Swaim. Both are on the Fine Arts Faculty at North Central Michigan College and are also accomplished area artists.

They stated: "Congratulations to everyone participating...Originality is vital. We needed to see your voice and style of work. We are impressed with the professional presentation and the use of the elements and principles of art in your work."

This years winner are:



Megan Byrne, Boyne Falls—Beeby; Kayla Hamill, Charlevoix—Osborne; Irah Dhaseleer, Charlevoix—Hon. Ment.; Rachel Thompson, Charlevoix—Alberts; Hannah Hardy, Mancelona—Hon. Mention; Bethany Priest, Concord Academy Boyne—Hon. Mention. Not pictured, Haley Goodrich, East Jordan—JRAC Award. COURTESY PHOTO

- Kayla Hamill — Betty Osborne Scholarship of \$1500

- Rachel Thompson —John R. Al-

berts Scholarship of \$1000 - Megan Bryne — Betty Beeby

Scholarship of \$1000 - Haley Goodrich— Award of

Honorable mentions of \$100 were awarded to Irah Dhaseleer, Hannah Hardy and Bethany Priest.

Jordan River Arts Council board members and curators of event Cynthia Tschudy and Katie McLeod were pleased with both the number of students entering the show as well as the high quality of work they submitted. They both agreed that the JRAC Scholarship program has grown over the years, and that every year it is amazing to see the beautiful and creative work area students submit.

The Jordan River Art Center is located 301 Main St. . East Jordan. The center is open Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4pm. Other time can be arranged to t receive further information contact 231 536 3385 or wwjordanriverarts.com.

# BROADBAND

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vestments the city can

make with little overhead." With unanimous support from the commissioners, an \$18K cost was approved to be taken from the general budget to pay for setup costs to install the fiber optics for city-wide broadband internet.

"Our monthly cost is not going to drastically change," said Cannon. "Getting hooked up is the (\$18K) challenge.'

Cannon mentioned there is a possibility to finance the project over a few year term through the county. Commissioners approved Cannon to pursue financing if there is no interest; however, if interest would be accrued, commissioners approved the \$18K to be spent from the general budget.

With this broadband service, the city will be able to provide a secure network to city operated departments, parks, and the har-

In closing remarks, Commissioner Tom Breakey shared that the Young Eagles will be offering free plane rides this Saturday, May 21 beginning at 9 a.m. for children between the ages of 8 to 17 at the East Jordan airport, located on M-32.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

### **Business After** Hours in E.J.

May 19, 5-7pm, The Jordan Inn. Come enjoy complimentary appetizers from the Jordan Inn's new mobile kitchen and a cash bar. Mix, mingle and network with local businesses. Cosponsored by The Jordan Inn and The Insurance Shop. Chamber members; free, not yet members; \$10.

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# 7th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of garage sales across the Breezeway on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 from 9am to 4pm. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, attractions and restaurants. Also, downtown East

Jordan businesses will be holding Sidewalk Sales. For a list of garage sales visit our website www.ridethebreezeway.com or

www.ejchamber.org. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351. Discover the C-48 Breezeway, 26 miles of rural scenic beauty.

# **BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Monday, May 2, 2016

Assist EMS in the Industrial Alarm in the 200 block of S. 0340

Lake St. 0640 Found property turned in from the 300 block of E Division St. Returned to owner.

0848 Report of suspicious activity from N East St 1220 Report of lost purse.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 0630

Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park 1134 Driving complaint reported in

the 400 block of N Lake St

1913 Private property damage accident on Ray St.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 Found cell phone dropped off at PD. Was returned to

owner. Disturbance reported in the 1428 1300 block of Boyne Av Report of disturbance at Park 1516 and Vogel. Subjects out of

vehicle appear to be ready to Missing person reported from 1638 the 400 block of Harris St.

Was found safe. Welfare check in the 300 2009 block of E Division St.

2036 Report of loud music from vehicle in the 400 block of Jef-

Thursday, May 5, 2016 Assist EMS in the Industrial

Park 0711 Assist EMS with medical alarm in the 1300 block of

Boyne Av Unlock in the 300 block of S 0821 Report of fraud in the 300 0830 block of N Lake St

Driving complaint on W Lin-0956 1505 DWLS in the 300 block of N Lake St. 1847 Assist citizen at North and Jefferson

Vehicle unlock in the 400 1932 block of State St. 2308 Car deer accident at State and Jefferson.

Friday, May 6, 2016 1304

Barking dog at Harris and 1343 Welfare check on subject in the area of State and Lake.

1410 Assist DNR with pursuit Report of underage drinking 1840 near the river 2104 Report of indecent exposure

in the 400 block of N Lake St

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 0021 Citation issued for speed at

Pleasant and Ann Report of a dog yelping as if it 0620 was in pain in the 300 block

of Silver St 0900 PR/Traffic control for the 5k. Barking dog complaint in the area of Harris and Hemlock. Trespass complaint in the 400 1110 block of N Lake St

Vehicle unlock in the 300 1338 block of E Division St. Fire Alarm activation in the 1430 300 block of E Division St

coming in to town.

Report of an intoxicated sub-

2238

2244

Driving complaint on 75 S,

ject stumbling along N. East St. Unable to locate. Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of Harris St. Loud party in the 800 block of 2336 Thompson St.

**SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016** 

intoxicated subject in wrong home in the 400 block of Hannah St. Matched the description of the intoxicated subject from East St.

Assist Sheriff Dept with MIP 0112 subjects in the area of Springvale Rd and 131

Citation issued for Driving without lights.

1351 Found wallet at the dog park. Returned to owner. 1935

Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

# Handbags provide hope for survivors



Pictured with the more than 125 purses are (from left) Stacey Walsh-Hoobler, WRCNM Therapist and Counseling Services Director; Courtney Graham, WRCNM Administrative Assistant; Christine Stachon, WRCNM Finance Manager; and Jackie and Jeff Bobcean of Handbags of Hope. COURTESY PHOTO

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) received more than 125 fullystocked purses from Handbags of Hope, a Southeast Michigan nonprofit organization. The donation coincided with Mother's Day and will benefit survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault at the WRCNM's Safe Home and in the counseling program.

The purses are helpful to survivors, especially those who have been in highly controlled relationships and may not have a purse, as well as for those who arrive at the Safe Home without personal possessions. Many volunteers helped Handbags of Hope fill the donated purses with items such as a

wallet, brush, hand lotion and lip balm. Some bags may even contain pajamas, slippers, gloves or a scarf.

"The handbags, totes and purses help battered women feel empowered, independent and provide the daily necessities some of us take for granted," said WRCNM Executive Director Gail Kloss. "Some of the purses may even contain a note of encouragement to let survivors know they are not alone. The purses essentially become a 'handbag of hope' to survivors."

Last year the WRCNM provided counseling, support and advocacy to 516 survivors of domestic abuse and 211 survivors of sexual assault. The

organization also provided 2,502 total nights of refuge to survivors and their children at the Safe Home, the domestic abuse shelter serving those in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego coun-

Handbags of Hope founder, Jackie Bobcean said of the donation, "If the handbags we donate make a woman stand a little taller and walk a little prouder, we've done our job."

To learn more about WRCNM programs and services, contact the main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org.

# Hospice of Northwest Michigan begins new partnership

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is one of the newest registered partners in the commemorative effort to acknowledge Vietnam Veterans during the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration. Over the next three years they will be hosting events open to Vietnam veterans, Veteran's of all lines of the military and their families including Merchant Marines and Department of Defense, State Department and other government civilians in an effort to afford all veterans the appreciation and recognition they deserve for their service and sacrifice.

These new events are in addition to the already occurring We Honor Veteran's Pinning Ceremonies being done to recognize, thank and honor each and every veteran in their care on behalf of a grateful nation. Amy Wieland, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan will collaborate and coordinate these activities with other area organizations, Veteran's and Veteran's Affairs Offices. As a We Honor Veterans hospice provider, Hospice of Northwest Michigan is providing specialized care to Veterans who are facing a lifelimiting illness. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs created We Honor Veterans to empower hospice and other healthcare providers across America to meet the unique needs of seriously ill Veterans and their fami-

The Vietnam 50th Anniversary programs are organized around a series

of national, regional, and local events that are designed to recognize Vietnam veterans, their families and their contribution to the war effort and community. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is planning two community events for 2016 in addition to the individual Hospice pinning ceremonies. These all inclusive Veteran's Appreciation events will be in coordination with the Charlevoix Elks Poker Run for Veterans and the local Veteran's Day events, parades and activities in our area and include a recognition pinning ceremony.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan would be interested in hearing from veterans in the area who are not listed with the local Veteran's Affairs offices. Your name would be added to the list of vets receiving recognition, information about the program, and will provide you an opportunity to participate in upcoming community

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a proud Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, to learn more about the Commemoration please visit

www.vietnamwar50th.com. To receive more information, or to register for the local Veteran's Appreciation Event, contact the local Vietnam Committee representative Amy Wieland at 231-547-7659 or by email at a.wieland@nwhealth.org. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is not part of, or endorsed by the Department of De-



James Redford, Director of the State of Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, left, presents a partner-ship certificate, Flag proclamation from the president to **Executive Director** Amy Wieland indicating the organizations partnership with and commitment to commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. COUR-TESY PHOTO

# Women Can/Women Do luncheon helps fund services

The 10th annual Women Can/Women Do-Charlevoix County fundraising luncheon will be held at Castle Farms from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15. The luncheon is instrumental in raising essential dollars for Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services such as a 24-hour crisis line, the Safe Home utilized by domestic abuse survivors and their children, sexual assault services, counseling, educational and employment services, childcare, preschool and playgroups.

"To mark the tenth anniversary of the Charlevoix event we plan to add a silent auction featuring themed items grouped into ten unique packages," said Gail Kloss, WRCNM executive director. The luncheon, catered by Grey Gables with dessert by Cre8tive Cupcakes, also features up to 30 elaborately designed tables and a table favor for each

Current table designers for the Charlevoix fundraiser include: A Touch of Spring &



Pictured at a Women Can/Women Do planning meeting are event volunteers (front from left) Nancy Wright, Linda Burnham, Nan Winter, Betty Stephen, (back from left) Wally Klein, Mary Kurtz, Kay Wasilewski, Amy Gray, Heather Carey, Kelley Newell, Jennifer Earls, Edith Pear, Emily Anderson, Sarah Hagen, Joyce Herbert, Sue Miller, Katie McLeod and Patti Aikin. COURTESY PHOTO

Other Things, Beaver Island Boat Company, Belvedere Golf Club Buddies, Bloom, Boyne Mountain Solace Spa, Castle Farms of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Christ Episcopal Church, Deer Creek Junk, Elements, Kilwin's of Charlevoix, MerryMakers, Monarch Garden & Floral Design, Panache Hair Studio, Petals Custom Floral Designs, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Simply Sweet by Jes-

sica, Straddle Books, The Lake House, Upsy-Daisy Floral, Van Dam Custom Boats, Connie Carr, L. Burnham and Associates, Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop, Mary Kurtz, Rafina Grove, Serradella and That French Place. Event sponsors are Fifth Third Bank and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"We appreciate the support of the Charlevoix County community in helping make this important fundraiser successful year after year,"

said Kloss, "The dedication and support of everyone involved, from the designers and table captains to the committee and guests, helps make a real difference in the lives of those who seek and need Women's Resource Cen-

ter programs and services." For more information or to reserve a seat at the event, contact the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067.

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# Magic in the air

By Michelle Medjesky

EAST JORDAN - Perhaps there really was magic in the air since the bitter cold winds and occasional snow showers didn't seem to cast a single shadow upon the many faeries and flowers and mythical creatures who came out to Sacred Sparks Art Gallery last weekend for a May Day celebration and fundraiser for the Women's Resource Center.

Hundreds of supporters attended this year's event, which gallery owners Jerry and Linda Beers-Aydlott say will likely be the last they host at their Sacred Sparks property in East Jordan. The couple stated on their website that they have had signage and other issues that may preclude it from being held on the site next



"Lady Libby" of Petoskey does some fancy footwork during her hoola-hoop demonstration during the Sacred Sparks May Day celebration.

spring.

This year's May Day celebration, like others in the past, attracted dozens of revelers of all ages and from across northern Michigan, many dressed to salute their favorite spring-time effigy. There were flowers and bumblebees, faeries and sprites. (Dragons and other winged creatures were frowned upon however, as their energy might be in conflict.)

There was also a traditional May Pole dance, with participants dancing around a decorated pole, twisting long ribbons as they go around to signify the sealing of a promise for a bountiful harvest this year.

Local musicians and groups performed throughout the day-long event, including The Vermeers.

Dozens of vendors were also on hand offering crafts and homemade goods from jewelry and organic herbs or talents and services like teaching how to hula hoop or giving tarot card readings.

At the end of the day, participants agreed the Sacred Sparks May Day celebration is not just about coming together to celebrate spring, but also to raise awareness and support for the Women's Resource Center and Northern Michigan Safe Home.

Those who attended last weekend's event were asked to either make a cash donation to the WRC or to bring in items to stock the Safe Home, which offers shelter, counseling and other resources to survivors of domestic violence in this area.

The safe home is always in need of items like canned goods and non-perishable food items, diapers, shampoos, paper products and cleaning supplies.

Supporting The Northern Michigan Safe Home is especially important to Annalise Sandersen of East Jordan, who brought a bag of supplies to donate. Sandersen said her best friend was a victim of domestic violence several years ago but found help there. "It (the Safe Home) literally saved my friend's life. I seriously don't know

Pretty flower princess Korshye Long of Boyne City was smiling as bright as the sun once it broke through the clouds late afternoon during the May Day celebration at Sacred Sparks Art Gallery in East Jordan May 14.

where she would've gone or what would've happened to her if she didn't go there," Sandersen said, "They helped her and her kids get out and then they helped them get on their way to a new life. It really helped change her world."

For more information about the Northern Michigan Safe Home and a list of items needed, please

www.wrcnm.org/support/safehome-needs-list.



Six year-old Augustin Otto was buzzing around outside the Sacred Sparks Gallery while his mom was perusing the artwork and many magical displays inside the shop. Otto is the son of Aaron and Rebeca Otto of Oden.

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# **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **CHARLEVOIX WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

The Charlevoix Wind Ensemble, led by director Tim Topolewski, will perform a spring concert featuring music of Percy Grainger, Antonin Dvorak, Henry Fillmore and others. Also featured will be Tom Harder, director of the Charlevoix School Bands, on a saxophone solo. The Charlevoix Wind Ensemble is made of local, volunteer musicians from Charlevoix County and neighboring communities. Members meet biweekly in the Round Lake Educational Center in Charlevoix for rehearsal. The concert is at the Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street, Charlevoix on Sunday, May 22 at 6 pm. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **SPRING NAVIGATING THE ARTS PERFORMANCE**

May 19, 6-7:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. The program features dance and theatre that integrate core academic subjects with the performing arts, including traditional Native American Hoop Dance performed by Freyah Sizemore; dances and skits inspired by ancient Greek mythology; dances that explores the creation of the Earth and the Age of the Trilobites; and an original rap song written and danced by CMA students. The highlight of the evening is an original theatrical production based on a traditional Chinese tale called The Hunter. The performance will include Chinese Ribbon Dances and live music inspired by Chinese culture, as well as stage acting and puppeteering. Donations will be greatly appreciated, with a suggestion of \$5. All ages are welcomed. Come see Charlevoix Montessori Academy students in a performance that promises to uplift and inspire.

#### EAST JORDAN

#### **BIRDING THE ROGERS FAMILY HOMESTEAD PRESERVE**

May 19, 5:30-7:30pm. Join LTC and PRAS for an evening of birding near East Jordan. The Rogers Family Homestead Preserve, along the Jordan River, offers a strong mixture of habitat that is sought after by both migrating and breeding birds. PRAS President Darrell Lawson will be on hand to identify the birds that we see and hear and to answer any guestions that may come up. Meet at the parking area on the south end of the preserve off of Rogers Road. Plan for a gentle, slow paced hike for approximately two hours. For those who wish, we will plan on dinner at a restaurant in East Jordan afterwards. Loaner binoculars will be avallable. Please call LIC at 231.347.0991 or register at www.landtrust.org. Limited to 20 partici-

# EAST JORDAN

# **CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

May 19, 5-7pm, The Jordan Inn. Come enjoy complimentary appetizers from the Jordan Inn's new mobile kitchen and a cash bar. Mix, mingle and network with local businesses. Co-sponsored by The Jordan Inn and The Insurance Shop. Chamber members; free, not yet members; \$10.

# **BOYNE FALLS**

# 2016 NLEA SCHMOOZAPALOOZA

May 19, 2-4pm, Boyne Mountain. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance annual event. Kicks off with networking and dessert followed by awards and presentations. Keynote Speaker is Bill Demmer, President and CEO of Demmer Corporation. Join other business, community and government leaders involved in the economic vitality of our area. Don't miss the exciting guests, live entertainment, riproaring giveaways, special awards, tasty treats, and prestigious recognitions. \$20 per person. For tickets call NLEA at (231) 582-6482. northernlakes.net.

# EAST JORDAN

# SCHOOL NURSE COLOR FUN RUN

May 21, 10am, East Jordan Community Park. An opportunity for kids, adults and families to participate in the fitness movement in a safe, fun, family-friendly environment. This event is organized by volunteers and employees of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital to benefit the hospital's School Nurse Program. There is a \$15 fee per person and a family rate of \$45. For more information please contact Race Director, Patti Howes - phowes@mhc.net

# **ELLSWORTH**

#### **ANNUAL FIREWORKS GOLF SCRAMBLE**

May 21, 9:15 am, (rain out date is May 22), The Mallard Golf Club. Join us to raise funds for the Ellsworth Fireworks, which will be held on June 18th during Pig Roast. 9 holes, Teams of 4. Sign-in 9:15 a.m. - Tee-off 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. Luncheon immediately after at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. Hole in one contest - \$10,000.00 prize, Hole in one

contest - French Lick Golf Resort Package. Entrance fee: \$40 per person (\$50 after May 7). Limited to 60 players - preregistration highly recommended. Questions contact Eric at 231-676-2051 or check us out on Facebook

#### **DEMOCRATIC PARTY APPRECIATION PICNIC**

May 22, Noon-3pm, Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Building. The **Emmet County Democratic Committee** and the Charlevoix County Democratic Party are hosting a Union Appreciation Picnic for current and retired union members and their families. A complimentary lunch menu includes chicken, ribs, pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, wings, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, pop, lemonade, ice tea and desserts. Vegan selections will also be served. The union appreciation picnic is also sponsored by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 951, the Boyne City Education Association, the Boyne City Michigan Educational Support Professionals Association, the Petoskey Education Association and the Petoskey Educational Support Personnel Association.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### "DOG DAYS OF SPRING" AT FARMERS **MARKET**

May 26, 8am-1pm, East Park. Dog-loving volunteers are needed that morning, please call Chris 231-330-0968 if you have an hour or two to lend a hand. There will be doggie games, silly prizes and much more. Or bring your dog, if he does a trick, he gets a treat! Its a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, with director Scott MacKenzie as M.C. -Thank you as you remember to support our local farmers and bakers every Thursday in beautiful downtown Charlevoix. www.CharlevoixMainstreet.org

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

May 26, 10am-3:45pm. Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

### EAST JORDAN

#### **CANISTER DAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER**

May 27, 9am-5pm. The Freedom Festival is looking for 30 volunteers to help us with our annual Canister Day fundraiser. Volunteers will only be asked to give one hour to work a shift at a local East Jordan business. Shifts begin at 9am and end at 5am and we encourage volunteers to wear shirts advertising the business they work for to show our community that your business supports the Freedom Festival. If you would be willing to take a shift or send an employee to take a shift, please contact Shannon @ 536-7351 or Heather @ 536-9745 or email info@eastjordanfreedomfestival.org.

# EAST JORDAN

# **GARAGE ACROSS THE BREEZEWAY**

May 27 & 28. 9am-4pm, A 26-Mile Garage Sale! Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Residents, Businesses and Organizations along the C-48 Breezeway - from Atwood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls - participate in this Annual Event. For more information and to see a map of the garage sales visit www.ridethebreezeway.com

# EAST JORDAN

#### MEET THE FARMERS, **MEET THE FOOD**

May 28, 4-7:30pm, Bluestem Farm, 4218 M-32 (at Adams Road, 7 miles east of East Jordan). Farm tours from 4 to 5:30pm, screening of In Defense of Food, discussion panel and refreshments from 5:30 to 7:30pm. In this educational farm tour, the farmers of Bluestem Farm will teach you how to be a farm naturalist. All ages are welcome. This event, like farming, happens rain or shine, but there's a big barn for cover if the weather's not good. Please dress for the forecast and wear comfortable shoes you won't mind getting dirty. Parking is across M32, on the dirt road side of Adams Road (near the blue storage units). Donations are gladly accepted on behalf of Blue Plate Project, our farm's food outreach program.

# **BOYNE CITY**

#### D.A.R.E. MEMORIAL DAY 5K/1MILE FUN **RUN/WALK**

May 28. Begins at 8am in Sunset Park. Registration Forms available at E.J.P.D., B.C.P.D. Boyne City Chamber, E.J. Chamber.

# **BOYNE CITY**

# **BOYNE GOES HAWAIIAN FUNDRAISER**

May 28, 4-10pm, Boyne City Eagles Hall. The public is invited to raise funds to support the Boyne Area Free Clinic. One hundred percent of the profits will be donated to the free clinic, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that provides basic primary care, immunizations and urgent care. Their patients are People with no income, low income or those who have no insurance. The event includes food,

live and silent auctions, and 50/50 drawings. Entertainment will be provided by the Sweetwater Blue, the Kowalske Family Band and Monty Loper. For information or to donate an auction item, call Lyn Cummings at 232-582-1334.

#### BOYNE CITY

#### **POLITICAL DIVISIONS EXPLORED AT** LIFETREE CAFÉ

May 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S Park St. Practical ways to unite a divided country will be explored at Lifetree Café. The program, titled "Can This Union Be Saved: A Marriage Counselor's Advice for Our Divided Country," features a filmed interview with Denny Howard, a marriage counselor who shares how the strategies employed to help estranged couples may work with those who have divergent political views. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to share their political views while establishing common ground with people holding opposing views. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

#### EAST JORDAN

#### 19TH ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

June 3. Mallard Golf Club. Contact the Chamber Office for more details 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org.

#### CHARLEVIOX

#### FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

June 3, 7:30-8:30am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. Join us for great food, conversation and networking. A great way to start your weekend. \$5 Chamber members/\$7 non-members.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **RESTAURANT WEEK**

June 6-12. A fabulous kick-off to our summer season. Restaurants, bars, delis and sandwich shops are all offering specials: Two-for-one prix fixe meals for under \$35 at large restaurants and more great specials from the others. Visit www.boyneappetit.com for list of participating eateries and specials.

#### EAST JORDAN

# **10TH ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB VARIETY**

June 10 & 11, 7pm (doors open at 6pm), Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School. The pre-show begins at 6pm., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bud Bechtold, Bob Bryan and the rest of the Rotary Swing Band. Tickets are priced at just \$10 each, and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and from any member of the Rotary Club. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities

# EAST JORDAN

# OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Senior Center, new location is 951 Mill Street. Different performers presented through December. Admission is free-will donations, refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

# **BOYNE CITY**

# **FARMERS MARKET**

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am -Noon, Veterans Park.

# CHARLEVOIX

# **FARMERS MARKET**

Charlevoix Farmers Market, Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park, 408 Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Event updates at www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmers-Market

# EAST JORDAN

# **FARMERS MARKET**

Sportsman's Park, 9am-1pm every Thursday. Veggies, Flowers, Baked Goods, Meat, Farm Fresh Eggs, Handmade goods & gifts.

# **BOYNE CITY**

#### FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR **VETERANS**

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

# CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is 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.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### THE COURTROOM OF **COMPROMISE**

To the Editor, "OKAY, HERE'S HOW IT'S GONNA WORK, LENNY, you gotta go to trial, the liberals are demanding blood. You don't just walk away from murder. Alright, we know it wasn't premeditated but it just smells, that's all. Dealing with these punks you do what you gotta do but they got this thing called law we gotta work around. Look, you go through the trial, the jury is hung, we'll make sure of that; the prosecutor's on it, the judge is in, jurors are being selected already. A hung jury is the deal, as good as acquittal, prosecutor's not gonna retry you, he told me that personally, the whole thing'll phase out in a few months to a year and you're good to go. Meanwhile you're on administrative pay, your pension's intact, you can get back to work when this whole thing blows over. We'll just keep you in low profile and nobody'll be the wiser. This ain't no Serpico deal, we just gotta go through the motions is all."

Baltimore bemoans its fate as the city was beginning to overcome THE WIRE image of recent past. Freddy Gray's death will never be justified but only a casualty, a collateral damage martyr at best. Many persons die in police custody under sinister circumstances but are rarely vindicated of criminal activities, even reporters. This is not quite the anomaly it might appear. The USA has quite a history of unjust police state hegemony, largely directed toward the black race by the white race it is true but not limited to that. We see the same in rural white America lately.

"Go ahead, make my day" is the catch phrase, a mimic of the power trip police often fall into while assuming positions of patrol over neighborhoods known to be dubious. This hegemony often extends to better neighborhoods and small towns too since police are not trained in sociology or psychology but only in basic police tactics and firearm usage. They're trained to catch the bad guys, not to psychoanalyze them.

"Cap'n, I ain't gonna sit in no jail cell, right?" "Naw, we got ways around that, Lenny, no sweat. Ain't no bail for capital murder but the DA says they'll call it manslaughter 2 'cause nobody knows what really happened anyway. You're just on administrative leave till the system works it out. No jail, no bail, no fail. You shouldn't of squished the roach but sometimes that happens when they get mouthy and what-all.

Freddy was just a two-bit drug-runnin' punk, wasn't no uppity wiseass reporter; nobody really cares about him but family and if it happens that a civil suit is filed the insurance'll buy the family off and that'll be the end of that. The only black mark on the department'll will be the one erased when your jury is hung. It's as good as acquittal, trust me." Many people are not un-

aware of the imbroglio of cultural attrition from slavery through Jim Crow through civil Rights to the drug trade to ghetto poverty and the impossibility of fixing it. Look at Obama, stymied at every act: he's a pariah and a token to many in politics and general society, just a justification for past indiscretions that seems to be enough to merit a sense of righting of old wrongs. And Obama plays right along with it because he knows his place and works the system for all it's worth. There's no insight or integrity in the machinations of war. Obama has accomplished a few worthy things after promising a great deal more and that's the way of campaign politics, the best you can hope for. Let's face it, as middle class white people we can't go live in the black ghetto, they won't let us unless white gentrification takes hold. But blacks can and do migrate to middle class white enclaves if they're upwardly mobile. All well and good. That nonetheless doesn't alter the fact of crime and police patrol, court and prison. Most black folks are model citizens within the framework of cultural stratification but the young street element is the face of insurrection hence public apprehension and police surveillance. The outcome is obvious and inevitable. The disparity of blacks in prison to whites is due both to racial bigotry and reluctantly acculturated lack of industry due to five hundred years of repression. Education would help that if the advantage weren't stricken with debt for life. Thank the social order for that as much as the government.

It's an era of bad omen now and all feel it as economics plays fast and hard against all comers of all colors. We're all responsible regardless physiology, psychology, physiognomy, heredity or environment. That's what we're not equal to, there being multitudinous reasons. The low road always awaits and seems predominant. But we can overcome. The resolve also awaits. It would, however, take more than a million man march, more like 3 ½ billion. Good luck with that.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan





# Morels were hard to find in cold weather during **Boyne City National Morel Mushroom Festival**

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - Proving once again that those who live in northern Michigan refuse to let Mother Nature call the shots, thousands braved unseasonably cold temperatures, blustery winter-like winds and occasional snow showers to attend this year's National Morel Mushroom Festival.

The festival, which kicked off May 11 and wrapped on Sunday evening, May 15, was chock-full of family-friendly and fun events, like guided and competitive morel mushroom hunts, mushroom recipe tastings, food trucks, midway amusement rides, a craft fair, dozens of vendors, live music and a one night block party featuring local craft brews, wines and foods.

While weather during the fiveday-long festival was less than optimal, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Jim Baumann said conditions overall didn't seem to adversely affect the festival's attendance. "The weather was a bit of a factor, but not as much as you might think,' Baumann said, "The craft show was probably the most affected by the cold temps and high winds, as it was hard to keep some of the tents anchored."

Several vendors in Veteran's Park shuttered their tents or trucks early Saturday due to high winds coming off of Lake Charlevoix.

Baumann said festival organizers were glad the foreboding weather held its breath for Thursday's Craft Beer Block Party, which drew some 800 people, the same number as last year when it was warm and sunny.

"Although the sky looked threatening, it never did rain. So we were very happy that everyone stayed dry during that event," said Baumann of the block party, noting the crowd especially enjoyed live music from Detroit's Thornetta Davis Band and tastings offered by Two Monks Tap Room and Boyne City Tap Room, both set to open establishments on



A bare-footed Peyton Sobieski, 7, of Atlanta, had better things to think about besides the cold weather when she's strapped in the bungee-trapeze and launching herself up into the blustery sky during last weekend's National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City. Initially cautious, Sobieski was soon doing rapid-fire somersaults in

Lake Street by his summer.

As for the festival's main focusthe actual morel mushroom-Baumann said more than 200 people



Six-year-old Connor Baker of Atlanta was bundled up like he was going out to play in the snow when he took to the bungee-trapeze. Baker quickly learned how to keep up with his pal, Peyton, doing sky-high somersaults.

signed up for the Guided Mushroom Hunt on Friday and 150 registered for the competitive hunt on Saturday, with slightly less competing. "It was a tough, cool day

for mushroom hunters as only 21 of 140 competitors found morel mushrooms in 90 minutes on Saturday," Baumann said, "Overall, the women hunters did better than the men, taking three of the four top spots."

Winners of the 2019 National Morel Mushroom Festival's competitive mushroom hunt are as fol-

1st Overall - Scott Neering of Tawas City MI, 80 morels - \$100 1st Men - James Renouf of New Baltimore MI, 4 morels - \$50 2nd Men (tie) - David Neering

and Paul Little, 2 morels each 1st Women (and 2nd overall) Kristy Szczeny of East Jordan, 41

morels - \$50 2nd Women (and 3rd overall) -Monica Duran of West Bloomfield, 8 morels

3rd Women (and 4th overall) -Breanna Hitchen, Walbridge, Ohio, 6 morels

1st Senior - Sharon Szczesny of East Jordan, 2 - \$50 (winning for the second year in a row)

# East Jordan Freedom Festival Canister Day

The East Jordan Freedom Festival Board will be holding their Canister Day on Friday, May 27 at the following locations in East

East Jordan True Value – 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Charlevoix State Bank - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Save-A-Lot -12:00 PM -

East Jordan Post Office - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Family Fare Market - 12:00 PM

Volunteers will be at five (5) locations in town to collect your generous donations. All proceeds from the Canister Day will go towards the Fireworks Fund. The Freedom Festival's Board has a goal to raise \$25,000 for the fireworks display scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at dusk, following the free live entertainment by "The Saucecats" in

All donations may be sent to the East Jordan Freedom Festival, PO Box 435, East Jordan, MI 49727. We hope that we can count on you to help us meet our goal so that we can continue to bring a fabulous fireworks show to East Jordan. Your generosity will make a difference and is



The midway during the National Morel Mushroom Festival rarely slowed throughout the weekend, despite colder than average temperatures and occasional snow showers



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