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Restaurant Week kicks off in Boyne area on June 6th

The Boyne Appétit! Initiative is moving ahead in a big way with 18 participants offering specials during Restaurant Week, June 6-12.

"This is a fabulous way to kick off a great summer season of food, fun, family and friends," said organizer and chair of the committee, Cindy Boal Janssens. "It gives people a chance to try

new restaurants and delicious food products."

Eateries and food retailers in the Boyne City area are preparing amazing menu specials and offers. Most participating restaurants are offering two-for-one prix fixe meals for under \$35 while delis, sandwich shops and food retailers are offering their own deals.

Participants include: B.C. Pizza, Bella Vita, Big E's Smoke Shack, Boyne City Bakery, Boyne Country Provisions/Wine Emporium & Market, Boyne River Inn, Café Sante, Everett's at Boyne Mountain, Friggy's SoBo Pub, Fustini's Oils and Vinegars, Forty Acres Tavern at Boyne Mountain, Horton Bay General Store, Lake

Street Market, Mountainside Grille in Boyne Falls, Porter Creek Fish House, Red Mesa Grill, Thick N' Juicy Diner and the Whi-Ski Inn in Boyne Falls.

For details on each of the restaurant specials, visit the new website at www.boyneappetit.com.

"As a collection of small communities, we know that

visitors appreciate the world class dining options, food retailers, wine purveyors, and the fabulous Farmer's Market that we have," Janssens explained. "We also have three new establishments opening this summer and fall," she said, referring to 7 Monks Taproom, Lake

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Hundreds of volunteers plant petunias to keep Charlevoix beautiful

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - Afternoon thundershowers and lingering fog didn't dampen the smiles or the spirits of hundreds of volunteers who remained eager to dig in the dirt -or sometimes mud- last Thursday evening and plant more than 1,200 flats of flowers for the city's annual Operation Petunia.

Now in its 34th year, Operation Petunia is a community effort to plant petunias along both sides of a five mile stretch of U.S. 31/Bridge Street as the thor-



ABOVE: Dale Boss, fondly known as "Mr. Petunia" in front of his Charlevoix home and a spectacular lawn blanketed in pretty pink petunias.



Nikki Ciesielczyk, daughter, Josie, age 9, and Karlee Eaton, 10, were among hundreds of volunteers who participated in this year's "Operation Petunia" and helped plant more than 1,200 flats of petunias along both sides of a five-mile-long stretch of U.S. 31 as it runs through Charlevoix. Both girls will be heading into fifth grade this fall at Charlevoix Elementary School.

oughfare runs through the city of Charlevoix between Mercer Boulevard on the north side of the city and Harbor Industries to the south.

The color-coordinated petunias typically stay vibrant throughout the summer months and into the fall, readily underscoring the city's moniker of "Charlevoix the Beautiful".

But just two days after this year's petunia planting was complete, area residents were called to mourn the passing of the man whose idea it was to bring the now iconic flowers to Charlevoix in the first place: Dale Boss, lifelong city resident, much beloved business, civic and church leader and devoted family man

Obituary for John Boss on page 2A

passed away at age 84 on Saturday, May 28 at his home in Charlevoix.

The story goes that the idea of planting petunias came to Boss in 1982 when he attended a meeting of new organization called Keep Charlevoix Beautiful to discuss just that: ways to make the city more beautiful. Local historian Bob Miles recalled Boss wasn't too thrilled with how the discussion seemed mainly to focus on beautifying the city by placing a few barrels of

See **Operation Petunia** -Page 4A

Boyne City Spring Rubbish Pickup

If you live on Main Street or areas south of Main Street, your pickup days will be on Wednesday, June 1, 8 and 15. If you are north of Main Street, your days will be on Thursday, with pickup on June 2, 9 and 16. Another collection will be held for three weeks starting August 24 and 25. As a reminder, do not put any items out until after 5 pm the day before your scheduled pickup, and remember to have it out by 7 a.m. that morning, as the crew will only make one pass through your area each week. They will not pickup any items that are in garbage bags, as they will assume that the contents are household trash, which is not permitted. Visit the city website for details on items that are permitted and those that are excluded.

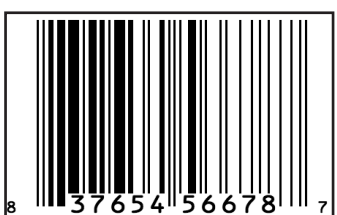
East Jordan 10th Annual Rotary Club Variety Show

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.

Ridge Run Dog Park Clean-up

June 5, 10am - Noon. Volunteers are needed for a Spring Clean-up event. Organizer Michele Mort-Carter says, "It's not just about the poop! Raking leaves, mulching, tree-trimming and general clean-up is our goal." She urges volunteers to bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, tree trimming saws/pruners, leaf blowers, tarps for leaves and a trailer or two to haul away the leaves and debris. Michele notes that dogs are welcome to come and help with the clean-up. Ridge Run Dog Park is located at 234 Ridge St., off Charlevoix Avenue, in Boyne City. Facebook page.

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OBITUARIES

Dale Boss, 84

(JUNE 8, 1931 - MAY 28, 2016)

(Charlevoix's "Mr. Petunia")
Dale E. Boss, of Charlevoix,

peacefully went to meet his Lord and Savior on May 28, 2016, surrounded by his family.

Dale was born June 8, 1931, in Charlevoix.

He was the eldest son of John E. Boss and Iola (Chew) Boss. Dale was a fourth generation lifelong resident of Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix H.S. in 1949.

In his yearbook he was voted, "boy most likely to succeed." Dale's life reflected the importance of family, faith, hard work, and community involvement.

Dale began working at the age of 12 as a door to door milkman for Maxbauer Dairy in Charlevoix. At the age of 14 he met his childhood sweetheart, Marilyn Ikens. Dale knew that she was "the one." He married Marilyn on June 23, 1951, after Marilyn graduated from high school. They convinced their parents that they were old enough to get married by building their first home together at North Point in Charlevoix. The couple won the Mechanix Illustrated "Golden Hammer Award" for the construction of their house. The home was built in its entirety by Dale and Marilyn and was pictured in the pages of the national magazine. Dale tore down an old barn and recycled the lumber to build the house. Dale and Marilyn began raising their family in this first home, until the seven children outgrew the space. The couple worked on the construction of their current home on the same block at North Point, and moved the family into "The Chalet" in 1964. Throughout his life, Dale loved construction. He enjoyed building things with his own hands and observing other building projects.

Dale worked as a full-time milkman and also owned and operated the Boss Insurance Agency. In later years, Dale bought the Maxbauer Dairy and opened a new business, The Village Milkhouse, which was known for its huge home-made ice cream sundaes.

Dale was always interested in civic affairs and the continuing improvement of Charlevoix. At the age of 21, he began several years of service as trustee on the Charlevoix Township Board. During the same year he became the youngest juror to serve on a murder trial in Charlevoix. In 1956, at the age of 24,

Dale convened the first meeting to establish the Mt. McSauba ski area. He also served on the original board of directors. All of his children and thousands of Charlevoix children through the years learned to ski at Mt. McSauba. The Boss family has managed the ski hill for the past 40 years. Dale ran the concession stand for 20 years. On a daily basis, he gave food to hungry children who didn't have money to make a purchase. In recent years, Dale would keep the fire going in the fireplace of the lodge. Dale served several years as deacon of the Community Reformed Church. He was chairman of the building committee when the current church was built in 1961.

Dale had a "gift for gab" and negotiated with 18 different property owners to purchase the 32 lots on which the church currently stands. In the early '60s, Dale developed the concept of a "Sunday School" bus. He talked to many families in Charlevoix to see if they were interested in sending their children to Sunday School. For many years, Dale drove the bus, picking up children throughout the city and countryside, and dropping them home after Sunday School. Dale served as Treasurer of the Charlevoix School Board from 1962-1970. He was instrumental in building the Charlevoix Elementary School, negotiating the sale of property from the owners where the school was built. He was also proud of his role in the purchase of the first and second luxury "Rayder" buses. Dale also drove a school bus for several years. He was also instrumental in the building of the former town library, which now is home to The Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

Dale was an active member of the Charlevoix Historical Society. In 1978, Dale negotiated the gift of the Harsha House from Anne Harsha to the community. He was personally involved in most of the restoration and expansion of the Harsha House, which became the new home of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Throughout his life, Dale was a tireless ambassador for Charlevoix. Wherever he found himself in his travels, he would find an opportunity to engage complete strangers in conversation, and extoll the virtues of the community which he so dearly loved. In 1980, Dale was chairman of Michigan Week, and was responsible for arranging the docking of the Steamship Medusa Challenger in the downtown Charlevoix Harbor. They raised \$20,000 for new band uniforms for the Charlevoix High School Band by offering tours through the boat. This was the largest ship to ever dock in downtown Charlevoix.

Dale spent his life thinking "outside the box". In 1982, Dale pio-

neered Operation Petunia. His idea of planting 5 miles of petunias entering and exiting Charlevoix met with mixed reactions. People either thought the concept was crazy, or was the greatest idea ever! The idea came to fruition as Dale enlisted the help of his friend, Bruce MacArthur, and they organized all the logistics of the operation. As a result, Charlevoix is well known for its beautiful flowers. For years Dale and Marilyn oversaw the color scheme, preparation, and planting of the flowers. Dale also volunteered his time to arise at 4:00 a.m. to water the flowers for the past 34 years. The watering truck featured lettering and colorful petunias along the sides and back, hand painted by Marilyn. Dale, together with his two sons, built and maintained two floats for the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. To promote Charlevoix, Dale drove the petunia truck, towing one of the floats behind, to parades around the state. The Venetian Queen and her court rode on the floats for many years. Dale brought home many trophies and awards for the beautiful entries.

In 1986, Dale and Marilyn shared the honor of being Grand Marshall of the Charlevoix Venetian Parade. The following year, the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce made Dale the first recipient of their annual Man of the Year award.

In 2014, Dale was presented with the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club Distinguished Service and Appreciation Award. This award was a total surprise and all of his children were able to be in attendance for the event. Dale also received an award from the Governor of the State of Michigan for dedicated service to the community.

Dale served many years on the Board of Directors of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful. He loved the Charlevoix petunias so much that he had cards made up with his name and the title, "Mr. Petunia." A favorite family story involves Dale talking his way out of a speeding ticket by pulling out his "Mr. Petunia" card and telling the downstate officer about Charlevoix's miles of flowers. By the time Dale finished his story the officer was laughing. He gave Dale a warning, and a promise to visit Dale's beloved home town.

Dale was an avid car enthusiast and loved classic cars. He remembered his children's birthdays by the car that he was driving at the time of their birth. It was no surprise to his children that his first word as a baby was "car." Dale loved to go to the Detroit Auto Show, and took his grandsons multiple years to check out the new cars. Dale and Marilyn were often seen driving around town in a 1919 Model T Ford, or their classic 1973 red Cadillac convertible.

Dale loved to travel and drove the family on many trips around the country. With 7 children, some of the trips were taken using two vehicles. When Dale sold the businesses, he purchased a motor home and took the family on a month tour of the west coast.

Dale and Marilyn loved children and Christmas. Each December they would turn their house and yard into "Santa's Workshop." Marilyn used her artistic talents to cut out and paint countless elves, storybook, Bible, and movie characters. Dale would mount them in the yard and put up the display lights. They set up and decorated more than 30 Christmas trees, along with displays of animated toys and stuffed animals. Hundreds of children stopped by each year to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clause on Christmas Eve. Dale also loved to invite families into the house to see the decorations inside the house. After Dale and Marilyn found it too difficult to manage, the Christmas display continued to be set up by their sons.

Dale loved his family, his Lord, and his community. He quietly and consistently supported people in need with gifts of food, his talents, or money. Dale often said that he loved putting smiles on people's faces.

One of Dale's biggest joys was sitting on the front porch with his children and grandchildren at the end of the day discussing local news, current events, and politics. His children and grandchildren will never forget his frequent offers of pop and ice cream treats as they sat on the front porch. Dale loved to tell stories about people and places in

Charlevoix - his long term memory of the community was amazing. As a teenager and young man, he observed and asked questions of his elders, such as Earl Young, the local banker, city workers, etc. As a result, Dale often received phone calls from residents requesting information on everything from the history of buildings to infrastructure of the city.

Dale was a wonderful father and grandfather. He built an in-ground swimming pool for his children because he wanted them to learn how to swim and have fun in the water, even though he never learned to swim himself. When his children were in grade school, Dale would help make birthday parties special. He would bring home a huge pile of sand, and bury pennies he obtained from the bank. The children's classmates could dig and keep all the pennies that they found, which made for a lot of fun. Dale loved to laugh, and was a very positive person. When his children inevitably locked their keys in the car while in a neighboring town, he would laugh and come rescue them. Sunday afternoons meant going on drives with the family and stopping along the way to buy his children pop and candy. When the grandchildren came along, he bought a miniature motorized fire truck, which they could drive around the yard. As they got older, Dale encouraged his grandchildren to drive anything with a motor all around the property.

Dale also maintained a healthy supply of "building materials", which he willingly gave so that his grandchildren could be creative. Four of the grandchildren became engineers as a result of the "inventions" they created at Dale and Marilyn's house.

Dale is survived by his two sons, Bo (Debbie) Boss of Charlevoix, Jim (Linda) Boss of Charlevoix; four daughters, Kathy Van Zant of Indian River, Sharon (Chuck) Elzinga of Albion, Diane (Dennis) Priess of Charlevoix, and Pam (Lane) Beatty of Naples, FL; 17 grandchildren; Beau and Sherry Boss, Connor and Ryder Boss, Carrie Purvis, Chris Castelein, Betsey Dunkel, Jordan and Adam Elzinga, Cody and Logan Priess, Chase and Tara Beatty, David and Ryan Falting, Jennifer Kihara, Heather Marvin; 20 great-grandchildren; brother, Dean (Beulah) Boss of Spring Arbor; sister, Marlene Terry of Lubbock, Texas; sister-in-law, Joyce Boss of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, Glen Ikens of Brighton; sister-in-law, Sally (Tom) Paquin, of St. Ignace and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, John and Iola Boss; beloved wife, Marilyn Boss; brother, Dwight Boss; daughter, Kay Howard; infant son, Thomas Boss; brother-in-law, Rev. James Terry; sister-in-law, Pauline Boss; sister-in-law, Kay Empey; brother-in-law, Norm Empey; and sister-in-law, Betty Ikens.

The Boss family is so grateful for the wonderful medical care and support that Dale received from Dr. Janet Talmo and her nurse Lisa from Physicians Clinic of Charlevoix. Dale was able to remain at home, which was his request, due to the loving in-home care provided by Anne Marie Kauzlarich of Amazing Care, and his family.

At Dale's request, there will be no public funeral service or viewing. Because the community of Charlevoix was such an important priority in Dale's life, his family would like to invite anyone wishing to honor his life to a community celebration. The time and location of the celebration will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful" (to continue the petunia legacy) at P.O. Box 1, Charlevoix, MI 49720; Community Reformed Church Breakfast Club (free breakfasts which Dale so enjoyed) 100 Oak St., Charlevoix, MI 49720; or the Charlevoix Historical Society, 103 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Sign Dale's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Franklin E. Fisher, 68

(JUNE 18, 1947 - MAY 27, 2016)

Franklin E. "Frank" Fisher of East Jordan died Friday, May 27, 2016, at McLaren Northern Michi-

gan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on June 18, 1947, in East Jordan, the son of Raymond and Melva (Evans) Fisher. On October 9, 1976, he married Corinne "Renee" Cummins.

Frank graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965, where he enjoyed playing football and basketball. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1967. During the Vietnam War, he served as a communication specialist in German and was honorably discharged in 1968. He worked for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as "EJ", attaining the position of Maintenance Supervisor. He retired in 2002 after 29 years of service.

During retirement, Frank enjoyed hunting, gardening and canning. He especially enjoyed sharing his knowledge and teaching others about these hobbies.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Corrine "Renee" Fisher of East Jordan; one brother, Ray Fisher of East Jordan; five sisters, Betty (George) Kelly of Chehalis, WA, Jeanette (Bill) Avery of Boyne City, Jean (Larry) Tornga of Roscommon, Martha McKenzie of East Jordan and Donna Fisher of Jacksonville, FL; also by a sister-in-law, Carole (Dan) Corradi of Payson, AZ and two brothers-in-law, Rob (Lori) Cummins of Orlando, FL and Curt (Kim) Cummins of Pinckney; as well as 17 nieces and nephews; 19 great nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Melva Fisher and two sisters, Barbara Roslaniec and Mary Fisher.

Family and friends will be gathering for a celebration luncheon on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 P.M. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7855 Rogers Rd, East Jordan, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Frank's name may be directed to a charity of your choice.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Margaret Kantola, 85

(FEB. 13, 1931 - MAY 24, 2016)

Margaret Kantola was born in Saskatchewan, Canada in 1931. She was the daughter of Samuel and Estella (Bate-man) McBride. She had one sister, Gwendolyn, and two brothers, Vern and Clayton. During the depression, the family moved to Belleville, Ontario and eventually settled in Toronto.

Margaret married Alfred Victor Kantola and they had six children: Mark, Victor, Lorrain, Steven, Carolyn, and Jonathan. Margaret was extremely proud of her Irish/Canadian heritage and remained a Canadian citizen until her death. She was an accomplished seamstress and once operated a ladies dress alteration shop in downtown Charlevoix. She was also an accomplished cook and operated a restaurant in Naples, Fla. with her sister Gwen.

Margaret was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Kantola; sons, Mark Kantola, Steven (Nancy Beghein) Kantola, and Jonathan (Anne) Kantola; daughter-in-law, Pam Kantola all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Maggie (Janelle Palmer) Kantola, Andrew Kantola, Samuel Kantola; great-granddaughters, Ariahna Kantola, Josephine Kantola; brother, Clayton McBride of Glendale, Calif.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Victor; infant daughter, Lorrain; former husband, Alfred; brother, Vern McBride; sister, Gwen Franco.

Margaret battled her illness with grace and dignity and found great comfort in her faith in Jesus Christ. She will be missed but remembered always.

Funeral will be 4 pm, Saturday, May 28, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, where visitation will begin at 3 pm. The Reverend Chip Sauer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 1 Hiland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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Boyne City Playground re-opens

After months of research and work the Boyne City Community Playground in its Veterans Park re-opened on Friday, May 27th, in time for the Memorial Day Weekend and the Saturday and Wednesday Farmers Markets.

Originally created through the efforts and labor of the Boyne Community in 2001 the Community Playground has been a magnet for kids and families of all ages since its opening. The playground is one of many of this type that were custom designed and organized for communities all across the country by the Leathers & Associates of New York. The playground was primarily built of treated lumber which used a wood preservative containing arsenic, a common and allowed practice at the time.

Although the structure was regularly maintained by Boyne City personnel using the practices and products recommended by the manufacturer, testing by consultants hired by the City in 2015 revealed high levels of arsenic in the wood chips and soils around the structure. Based on those test results, the playground was immediately closed to the public.

The Boyne community expressed its desire to save the playground if possible. Volunteers and City personnel researched their options with the manufacturer, other communities with similar playgrounds and health and environmental experts. The conclusion was that the playground could be saved. The first step, which took place last fall with volunteers, city personnel and contractors, working together removed all the contaminated wood chips.

Over the winter and spring a new due care plan was developed for the playground to ensure it would be made and kept safe. That plan has been reviewed by health and environmental experts. Last week, as soon as the weather allowed, a contractor applied new sealant to all the wood surfaces of the playground. Following that new fabric filter liner was installed and then new specialty wood chips installed over it. Then fences and other regular repairs and maintenance were performed at the playground to get it ready for reopening. And so it now is!

Dog Days of Spring



ABOVE: Frankie the basset hound poses for pictures with a group of fourth graders from Charlevoix Middle School on a field trip to the Charlevoix Farmers Market during 'Dog Days of Spring'. Shown here are (from left) Brendan Anderson, Brayden Greensky, Dylan Clapp, Cameron Moran and Jeremiah Cole. A record 260 school children rallied through the market last week with their teachers and chaperones, enjoying a free gift bag, special, small purchases from the farmers, wiener dog races and more. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

LEFT: Emcee, Scott MacKenzie, director of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, rallies the crowd for the wiener dog races during 'Dog Days of Spring' arranged by the Charlevoix Farmers Market last Thursday in East Park. The inaugural event welcomed dogs and dog-lovers from across the county to join in the games and festivities in conjunction with the ongoing farmers market in downtown Charlevoix. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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Charlevoix County Democratic Party dinner meeting

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold a General Membership Kick Off To The Campaign dinner meeting on Wednesday June 22 at the East Park Tavern at 307 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Check in and a cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00. RSVPs with an appetizer and entree choice are required for this event by Sunday June 19. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411. The dinner will be held on the Topside level of the East Park Tavern. An elevator to the Topside dining area is accessible

from the back door off the parking lot behind the restaurant. The special guest will be Brandon Dillon, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP).

Cost for the dinner is \$31.50 per person. This includes tax and gratuity and is paid directly to the East Park Tavern. The dinner menu includes a bread basket and offers an appetizer choice of New England Clam Chowder or a Garden Salad with Herb-Buttermilk Dressing. The entree selections are Broiled Whitefish w/ Lemon Caper Aioli, Wild Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley; Roast Beef Tenderloin Medallions

w/ Wild Mushroom Demi-glace, Herb Roasted Redskin Potatoes and Vegetable Medley; or Roasted Vegetable Struedel made of roasted vegetables wrapped in a flaky pastry crust with a creamy allouette cheese. Dessert is Strawberry Shortcake.

Special guest Brandon Dillon was elected Chair of the MDP in July 2015 after serving three terms as a State Representative from Grand Rapids and former Kent County Commissioner. He also served as the campaign chair for the Michigan House Democrats, recruiting candidates and overseeing competitive

races in districts across the state. He is a graduate of Aquinas College with a Master's Degree in Political Science from Northeastern University. Prior to serving as an elected official, he interned for US Senator Edward Kennedy and worked for State Senator Jim Barcia. Dillon has a demonstrated track record as an advocate for public education, labor, women, LGBT rights and Michigan's middle class. Dillon is committed to building a Michigan where families are offered every opportunity to thrive.

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Charlevoix Brewing/Boyne City Taproom and Stigg's Brewing Company. "We believe we can capitalize on this and become the dining destination north of Traverse City."

A printed food directory, expected this summer, will further establish the Boyne Appétit! brand with information on each restaurant, food and beverage retail business including hours, address, website, phone number and a paragraph describing their offerings and specials. Other activities sponsored by Boyne Appétit! are Wine Wednesdays -- the first Wednesday of each month from 5 - 7 p.m. local wine purveyors offer complimentary tastings and appetizers -- with the next one scheduled for June 1, and "A Taste Of Boyne" gala planned for the fall.

Boyne Appétit! is a collaboration of the Boyne Area Chamber and Boyne City Main Street, spearheaded by a committee comprised of local restaurateurs and volunteers to promote the wonderful food experiences in the Boyne Area, encompassing Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Advance, Horton Bay and Walloon Lake. To learn more and sign up for the Boyne Appétit! newsletter, visit www.boyneappetit.com. We also encourage you to visit and "Like" the Boyne Appétit! Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BCboyneappetit or website <http://www.boyneappetit.com>

Springtime at the Mackinac Bridge

Just like in your yard at home in northern Michigan, springtime at the Mackinac Bridge means the beginning of outdoor maintenance that doesn't involve a snow shovel. Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) maintenance crews start removing snowplows from the front of their trucks (leaving a few on in case of an errant early spring snowstorm), and begin sweeping up sand that's accumulated on the causeway and bridge over the winter.

"We don't use road salt on the bridge, but some gets tracked onto it anyway. Sand stuck in the nooks and crannies of the bridge holds moisture, too," said MBA Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney. "So once our crews have swept up all they can, they'll wash the bridge beams and rails over the next several weeks."

Bridge steeplejacks (the brave and hardy souls who climb out onto the bridge's cables and beams) are also out inspecting the bridge for any damage that may have occurred during the winter months. They're looking for areas of the

steel grating that need some reinforcement, or bridge deck joints -- there are more than 200 of them -- that have been damaged by snowplows.

"The bridge moves a lot in the wind, and many of the parts are designed to expand and contract with temperature changes," Sweeney said. "If some corrosion inhibits that movement, sometimes some of the pieces, such as the railing, can bend. These aren't safety concerns, but crews do their best to fix them as quickly as possible."

Spring is also when crews begin replacing some of the steel grating sections that make up the driving surface in the inside lanes of the bridge. Each is 38-feet-long, and between six and 20 are replaced each year as needed. Other projects, including spot painting and concrete patching, resume in the spring as that kind of work is temperature-sensitive.

This year is somewhat unique in that it's the first time in 14 years the bridge doesn't have any construction work scheduled by outside con-

tractors, such as major painting or roadway resurfacing. Don't worry, though: two back-to-back two-year bridge tower painting projects will be starting up in 2017.

Spring is also the start of the tourism season, when the bridge sees traffic volumes begin to pick up again as tourists head north to the Upper Peninsula to see the Soo Locks, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and Michigan State Parks. The lowest traffic levels are from December through March, and start rising in April, building through the summer to their annual peak in August.

Tourists are also headed to the bridge for springtime special events. Jeep the Mac just occurred on April 22; the Memorial Bridge Run sponsored by the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau is May 28, the Big Mac Spring Bike Tour sponsored by the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce is June 12, and the Antique Car/Truck Parade sponsored by the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau is June 17.

Why are the special events start-

ing back up in the spring? Mostly the weather. At times, it's foggy in the Straits of Mackinac in the spring, but the ice is gone and the winds that prompted high wind warnings and even some brief closures during the winter have abated.

It's also the view. The Soo Locks have opened for the new shipping season, and anyone on the bridge can see freighters plying the Great Lakes alongside Mackinac Island ferries, fishermen, and pleasure boaters. The trees of both peninsulas and Mackinac Island are budding and leafing out, replacing the white backdrop of winter with a green panorama.

For more information on the bridge, upcoming special events, and links to the bridge webcams, visit www.mackinacbridge.org.

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Fall Prevention Tips — Sensible Shoes

By Tracey Rupinski, RN CFCN

We all have our favorite comfy slippers that we love to have on, but have you ever wondered "are we kind to our feet"? We tend to abuse, ignore and torture our tootsies until they simply fail us and cause us great pain. The foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments and 19 muscles, which is 1/4 of all bones in the human body. Your feet mirror your general health. Conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, nerve and circulatory disorders can show up initially in the feet. Good foot care should be a priority for everyone.

Years of neglecting the feet and wearing poor footwear, can put you at risk for falls. As part of your overall fall prevention plan, take a good look at your shoes. High heels, floppy slippers, worn out shoes or shoes with

slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. Walking in socks or stockings can be hazardous as well. The foot needs to be supported, so bring on the sensible shoes.

When purchasing new shoes have your feet measured each time, your size will change many times over a lifetime. Buy the very best shoe you can afford. You truly get what you pay for when it comes to footwear. Avoid footwear with extra thick soles and soft structure. Choose lace up or shoes that have fasteners and keep them tied. The best time to buy footwear is in the afternoon as feet and legs tend to swell. If you have one foot that is a different size, always fit to the larger one.

Foot care is vital to your general health. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has two Cer-tified

Foot Care Nurses that provide in-home foot care to eligible homebound seniors. Also, each senior center offers foot clinics monthly in Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City. For more information please contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 231-237-0103 or your local senior center for more information.

Statistics to think about:

- ☞ The most profound effect of falling is loss of independence.
- ☞ Women have 4x as many foot problems as men; high heels the culprit.
- ☞ A pair of feet excretes as much as a half pint of moisture each day.
- ☞ As a person's income increases, the prevalence of foot problem decreases.

More Medicare Counselors Available

The Region 10 Office of the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, MMAP, has recently added another 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 selecting drug and health plans and supplemental policies. MMAP counselors can also

screen Medicare beneficiaries for eligibility 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 people".

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

said, "The cost-benefit of the program 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 Councils 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 call.

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OPERATION PETUNIA

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flowers around town. Miles said Boss whispered to him, "Just wait until everyone gets through talking and see what I have in mind."

What Boss had in mind was an idea he thought some might consider "wild", but it was his long-time vision of multi-colored petunias lining both sides of U.S. 31 as it runs through Charlevoix from its north to south city limits. Members of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful didn't think the plan was that wild at all, in fact, and decided it could work. Boss suggested funding his petunia plan by selling commemorative license plates, custom designed by his wife, Marilyn.

He joined forces with Keep Charlevoix Beautiful group leader Bruce MacArthur and borrowed \$1,000 interest-free from First State Bank to produce the first set of license plates and local high school students went door-to-door selling them, raising more than \$3500 in less than three hours. Six hundred flats of petunias were then purchased at \$5 per flat and Operation Petunia was born.

Since that first spring planting back in 1982, every Thursday before Memorial Day for the past 34 years, upwards of 1,000 volunteers can be seen lining a five-mile-long stretch of U.S. 31 through the city of Charlevoix, digging in the dirt alongside the road and planting some 70,000 petunias, a process which only takes a few hours. They also plant 135 large baskets of flowers to hang around the city. Volunteers are then treated to a community picnic in East Park after each year's planting.

Charlevoix City commissioner Shirley Gibson said while news of Boss's passing is sad, his legacy will live on in countless ways he contributed to the community over the years. He will be missed, she said, but certainly never forgotten. That may be impossible for those driving through Charlevoix, anyway, as the pretty petunias will wave a gentle reminder to passersby of the man who locals knew fondly as, "Mr. Petunia."

"He was quite a character—a really good guy. Charlevoix is going to miss him," Gibson said of Boss, "We'll always remember him when we see the flowers."

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Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn offer quality vintage and custom furniture

By Jim Akans

When looking to refurnish, redecorate or simply revitalize the furniture and accessory items in your home or cottage, don't miss the opportunity to check out the amazing selection of vintage and custom furniture at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn located in Charlevoix. The

fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. From antique wicker to Early American and European imports, the vast selection is sure to tantalize the imagination of virtually every furniture shopper.

Don Kelly founded his business back in 1985, as he recalls, "it was in a small room off my garage. I loved working with furniture, and while attending a furniture show I discovered a new type of finish stripper that worked extremely well. I went home, tried it out, and started my new business. It kept expanding and I moved

into my current location in 1990." Kelly adds, "Something we specialize in is wicker furniture items. People love old wicker furniture, and we also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with solid wood or very good veneers. The workmanship

and craftsmanship is excellent." The services offered at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn also include customizing the size of furniture to match the customer's needs, and they will paint, stain and refinish items to match the customer's décor if they desire.

Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 3 pm, and Sunday by appointment. For additional information, please call (231) 547-0133 or visit www.dkellyantiques.com.

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Michigan in the Civil War—A Boyne Reads event

The Boyne District Library is pleased to announce the selection for the One Book, One Community – Boyne Reads 2016– Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott. Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy tells the spellbinding true story of four women who risked everything—their homes, their families, and their very lives—during the Civil War.

To kick-off the Boyne Reads 2016 event on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. the library will host Michigan in the Civil War. Michigan in the Civil War is a 77-minute presentation that will take you to some of the most historic sites relating to

the Civil War in all of Michigan.

The highlight of Boyne Reads 2016 will be a visit by Abbott to Boyne City on Oct.4. She will meet with Boyne City High School students at an assembly during the school day, and with the community at an evening presentation.

The Boyne Reads event is sponsored by the Boyne District Library, the Friends of the Library, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, in cooperation with Boyne City Public Schools. Funding is also provided by the Doll-Loesel Foundation.

“We are fortunate to have an author of Abbott’s caliber come to

Boyne City for Boyne Reads,” said library director Cliff Carey. “We receive tremendous support for this event and we appreciate the efforts of the Friends of the Library and Boyne Reads committee members who make this possible.”

“At Boyne City public schools, we are very excited about our involvement in the Boyne Reads program again this year,” said school media specialist and Boyne Reads committee member Cindi Place. “The book ‘Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy’ provides opportunities for valuable lessons in a variety of subject areas, and having a successful author talk with the students is priceless.”

One Book, One Community - Boyne Reads began in 2005 with Jodi Picoult’s “My Sister’s Keeper.” In following years, authors Chris Bohjalian, Catherine Ryan Hyde, David Oliver Relin, and Robert Kurson have highlighted the event. The purpose of Boyne Reads is to encourage reading, create community and promote the exploration of ideas, culture and knowledge through books.

Other members of the committee are Kathy Anderson, Josette Lory, Susan Conklin, Ed Hara, Trish Wright, Mary Ann Whipp, and Chris Bandy, as well as library staff members Carey and Monica

Kroondyk.

The library has multiple copies of the book and ebook, and they are also available for purchase at Local Flavor, Boyne City’s locally owned book store.

“We encourage the whole community to get involved in Boyne Reads,” Carey said. “This is a fascinating story and a great opportunity to bring our community together.”

Boyne District Library is located at 201 E. Main Street in Boyne City. For more information about Boyne Reads, call (231) 582-7861, or visit the library’s website at www.boynelibrary.org.

TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON M-66 IN SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP

On Friday, May 27, 2016 at 11:12 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff’s office responded to a two vehicle personal injury traffic accident on M-66 at Desjardin Road in South Arm Township.

48 year old Scott Batterbee of Grand Blanc was backing his boat trailer into Desjardin Road from M-66. The trailer was across the Southbound lane when a Southbound 2002 Volkswagen Passat, being driven by 16 year old Madilyn Steltzner of East Jordan, struck Batterbee’s 2009 Chevrolet Pickup Truck on the driver’s side.

Neither Batterbee nor his passenger, Cassie Batterbee, were injured in the crash. Steltzner complained of minor pain and was transported to Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital by her mother for treatment. Steltzner’s passenger, 14 year old Jayden Weber of East Jordan, was not injured in the crash.

M-66 between Lord Road and LaCroix Road was shut down during the investigation. Batterbee was found to be at fault in the crash by failing to yield to Steltzner’s vehicle.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office was assisted on the scene by the East Jordan Police Department, East Jordan Ambulance, East Jordan Fire Department, and the Michigan State Police.

ONE MAN INJURED WHEN VEHICLES LEAVES ROADWAY, STRIKES TREES

On May 30, 2016 at 12:07 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office and Charlevoix EMS & Fire were dispatched to a personal injury accident on M-66 South of Ironton for a vehicle into the trees in Eveline Township.

The accident occurred when Southbound vehicle driven by Hunter Johnstone, age 24 of Charlevoix, crossed the centerline, leaving the roadway to the left, and impacted the trees.

Johnstone was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital to be treated for injuries sustained in the accident.

The accident is still under investigation.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

MONDAY MAY 9, 2016

0245 Arrested subject on warrant in the 100 block of E Water St.
0328 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St.
0825 Report of someone dumping household waste at two locations on Division St over the weekend. Was refuse from Buff Up Boyne.
0853 Private property damage accident reported in the 400 block of High St.
1522 Report of fire hydrant knocked over in the 800 block of Front St.
1600 Property damage accident reported at Division and Boyne Av.
2243 Harassment complaint reported in the 500 block of N Lake St
2330 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

0119 Noise complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
0821 Assist Sheriff Dept on M- 75 S
0902 Report of missing wallet
1520 Report of suspicious text message containing Social Security number information.
1635 Suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av
1703 Suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av
1922 Private property damage accident on M-75 S

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

0338 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St
0745 Assist Barry County with subpoena service
0930 Vehicle unlock attempt in the 400 block of N Lake St
1038 Trailer inspections in the 300 block of N Lake St
1437 Suspicious activity in the 900 block of N Lake St

1530 Report of possible child neglect on W Main St
1732 Suspicious activity reported in the 900 block of Brockway
1848 Arrested subject on Front St for OWI and open intoxicant.
1904 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2005 Stalking complaint reported from the 200 block of E Water St
2027 Vehicle unlock in Veteran’s park
2157 Assisted Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls
Thursday May 12, 2016
1105 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
1107 Driving complaint reported on Boyne Av
1649 Golf cart driving on sidewalk at River mouth.
1653 Another golf cart on a sidewalk near Water and Lake.
1730 Driving complaint and possible PPO violation reported in the 200 block of S Lake St
1835 Confiscated drug paraphernalia on traffic stop
1907 Assist citizen at the beer fest with a patron refusing to stop smoking.
1920 911 check in the Industrial Park

FRIDAY MAY 13, 2016

0303 Suspicious subject in the 100 block of E. Morgan St.
0758 Truck blocking road at Lake and North.
0804 Child reported wondering in the road on Boyne Av.
0816 Report of young child riding bike into traffic on Brockway
1034 Abandoned vehicle reported at Ray and Park
1110 Report of debris in roadway on State St near City Limits
1348 Report of found wallet in the 100 block E Water St
1425 Arrest subject for DWLS, No insurance, Improper Registration, and 2 outstanding warrants at Water and Park
1600 Vehicle inspection.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

0116 Arrested subject for OWI
0840 Found Credit card in the 100 block of S Park St

1144 Report of subject looking in cars at the Carters Building
1303 Welfare check in the 500 block of Hannah
1417 Found dog running in the middle of S Lake St.
1430 Harassment complaint in Veteran’s Park.
1721 Suspicious vehicle reported on Bay St. Possible PPO Violation.
1829 Seagull Stuck in batting cage
1851 Threats complaint in the 300 block of Call St Call St.
1900 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1931 Window broken out of car on Boyne Av
1953 Harassment complaint in Veteran’s Park.

SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016

0002 Property damage accident at State St and N. Park St. Arrested subject for OWI 2nd. Cited for Refuse PBT and Fail to stop in assured clear distance.
1111 Private property damage accident on W Main

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

0435 Report of a vehicle parked at Avalanche with its headlights on for several hours.
0545 Report of a dog with a shock collar running at large in the area of Charlevoix St and Grunow.
1118 Report missing bike from the 700 block of S Lake St
1520 Report of subject peeking in windows in the 300 block of E Division St
2010 Report of missing 13 year old. Located at friend’s house.
2107 Citation issued for passing in the turn lane in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2143 Car deer accident on BC Charlevoix Rd. at W Court St.

TUESDAY MAY 17, 2016

0918 Citation issued expired registration
1405 Report of open door at Cedar and Douglas.
1538 Report of two juveniles physically fighting in the 700 block of Wenonah.
2142 Suspicious vehicle in the old

2316 Carter’s parking lot. Citation issued for speed at N. Lake St. and Groveland St.
WEDNESDAY MAY 18, 2016
0030 Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of Front St.
0553 Assist EMS with lift assist in the 600 block of W Court St
0658 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of E Main St
0845 Assist EMS in the 600 block of E Main.
0929 Alarm on W Water St
2252 Citation issued for disregard stop sign and No proof of insurance at Lexamar and Industrial.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

1003 Scam letter received in the 500 block of Lewis Av
1125 Escort tree move from City Hall to Dog Park
1341 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S Park St
1345 Found wallet on W Water St. Returned to owner.
1358 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1510 Salvage Inspection
1520 Private property damage reported. Occurred in the 400 block of Front St
1830 Report of subject throwing dog excrement onto Park St near Collings.
1940 Dog reported running at large in the 500 block of State.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

0716 Driving complaint on Boyne near Division.
0857 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
0944 Request for welfare check in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1718 Suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1733 Assist EMS at Avalanche.
1737 Report of subject attempting to steal bikes on Leroy St.
1829 Lodged dog at the shelter.
2225 Gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

1023 Assist Sheriff Dept, Fire and EMS with a structure fire on Boyne City-East Jordan Rd.
1049 Private Property damage ac-

Green Market Day

June 16, 8am-1pm, Charlevoix Farmers Market. An environmentalists expo with free energy saving lightbulbs and several community groups sharing information about water, earth and sky. Interactive displays for Earth-lovers from Michigan Trails, Inland Seas, Lake Charlevoix Association, the Conservancy, WATCH, HydroRoot, Owens water and many more present interesting information during the ongoing Farmers Market overlooking Round Lake at East Park, downtown Charlevoix.

Summer Open House June 16

4-8pm, Downtown Charlevoix. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, prize drawings, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more. Live musical performances in East Park and along the sidewalks throughout the evening. The Pine River Jazz Band will perform in the Odmark Pavilion in East Park from 4 to 6pm. Beginners and experts are welcome to a swing dance in the park. Stroll the streets from 6 to 8pm and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks including special performances by Charlie’s Root Fusion, 45 North featuring Dwain Martin and Jessica Dominic, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chapdelaine, Paul Gelderblom and more. For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

Wednesday Walkabout

June 22, 10am-Noon. Wednesday Walkabout: Join Anne Kantola from Hayes Township and Ty Radcliff from the Little Traverse Conservancy to discuss the “Acquisition History of Park Camp Sea-Gull. Learn how it became possible for all of us to enjoy this beautiful park and its wonderful possibilities.

News

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Searching for morels? Watch out for ticks too

Children and adults in search of springtime morels may encounter something else that thrives in the north woods: Ticks. But while some ticks are known to transmit Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and a variety of other illnesses ranging from mild to serious, they are generally just a minor nuisance as long as proper precautions are taken, according to Dr. Joshua Meyerson of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"Everyone should get out and explore the outdoors," Dr. Meyerson said. "But whenever possible, avoid thick brush and other areas that are likely to harbor ticks. Insect repellents containing DEET are effective in repelling ticks, and permethrin can be used to treat clothing or tent fabric." He also recommended showering within about two hours of being outdoors, and performing thorough head-to-toe checks for ticks -- especially on children. "Finding a tick is not cause for alarm, but it should be removed as promptly and carefully as possible."

If you do find a tick attached to the skin, use a pair of tweezers to remove it slowly, being careful not to twist or crush the tick. Gentle extraction helps to keep its mouthparts from breaking off under the skin. Because the tick is only about the size of a sesame seed, it can be hard to spot, especially in one's scalp or areas usually hidden by clothing. A deer tick must remain attached for 24-48 hours to transmit Lyme Disease, so early detection and removal is important.

"The most common tick in Michigan is the American Dog Tick, which will attach to people and pets," Dr. Meyerson noted. "However, it's the much smaller blacklegged tick, or deer tick, that is responsible for transmitting Lyme Disease. The deer tick is only found in certain areas, but its range has been gradually expanding across the far western edge of the state, in the western U.P. and along the Lake Michigan shoreline."

Lyme Disease cases usually peak in June and July. For more information about tick activity, identification and testing, and Lyme Disease in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/lyme.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



Risks to your future child from the personal-care products you use now

Serena Williams signed a five-year endorsement deal with Nike. American Ballet Theater prima ballerina Misty Copeland landed an Under Armour deal (we're thinking because under that grace is pure steel). These top athletes dodged one of the unrecognized risks of endorsements: touting products that turn out to be, well, potentially toxic! Plenty of Hollywood stars -- think about who's endorsing those luscious lips, locks and looks -- haven't accomplished that smart move.

It turns out, a whole bushelful of personal-care products, from shampoos and soaps to makeup and other cosmetics, can interfere with healthy fetal development and a healthy birth.

According to a new study, women with higher blood levels of butyl paraben (a preservative in cosmetics) were more likely to have babies of lower birth weight. That puts a child at risk in later life for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, metabolic syndrome and obesity. Those women also were more likely to have premature babies at risk for breathing, heart, brain, gastrointestinal, metabolic and immune system problems. High levels of the antimicrobial triclocarban (in antibacterial soaps) were associated with shorter gestational age at birth. And propyl paraben, found in lotions and soaps, was associated with decreased body length at birth.

So, moms-to-be (even if it's years away), here's one more reason to READ LABELS on every personal-care item you're buying and just say no to ingredients that the researchers say are part of a "growing body of evidence showing that endocrine-disrupting compounds can lead to developmental and reproductive problems."

Reducing your risk of breast cancer

The United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (sounds like something out of a futuristic British sci-fi movie!) boldly states: "There is no such thing as a natural disaster, only natural hazards."

If you think about it, it makes sense. Take the ever-increasing risk of breast cancer: There are a lot of natural hazards that play a role in its development, like genetic predispositions; hormonal dysfunctions; unknown exposure to toxins (natural or man-made). But they're NOT inevitable disasters. Not all women with those risks develop breast cancer. And there are a slew of modifiable hazards (thank heavens!) that can reduce your risk and make your RealAge younger.

One study found that in high-income countries like the U.S. and Canada, 27 percent of cases of breast cancer are attributable to smoking, alcohol use (we say, excessive use) and, most often, overweight and obesity. Women being older when they go through childbirth and spending a shorter time breastfeeding also may up the risk.

So what can every woman do to reduce her risk of breast cancer?

- Quit smoking (go to sharecare.com for help).
- Get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise, 60 minutes of vigorous activity and 20 minutes of resistance exercise a week.
- Eat a high-fiber diet (that's five to nine servings of fresh produce and two servings of 100 percent whole grains daily).
- Limit or eliminate alcohol. (It, like inactivity and tobacco use, is tied to the risk of developing breast cancer and recurrence in women treated for early stage BC.)
- Maintain a healthy weight and waist circumference.

The 1-2-3 punch of walnuts

According to 51,188 women ages 20-45 who participated in the Nurses' Health Study II, those who did this thing a couple of times a week prevented weight gain, while women who rarely did this (or just did it less) had a greater incidence of weight gain. What's the "this" we're talking about? No, it's not sex (although it probably could be!), the answer is "dietary consumption of

nuts" -- and we say, "preferably walnuts!"

Walnuts are particularly powerful. They don't just help you maintain a healthy weight. For both men and women, walnuts can deliver an additional two-three punch against atherosclerosis and osteoporosis. (Men have traditionally been underdiagnosed for osteoporosis.) And a recent lab study shows that the development of atherosclerosis encourages the loss of bone density. That's because when arteries get clogged with lousy LDL cholesterol, fewer nutrients get to the bones, which means a loss of bone integrity -- and that leads to osteoporosis.

But a steady diet of walnuts can get right to the heart of the problem. They provide heart-healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids, ALA omega-3 in particular, that can reduce levels of lousy cholesterol. Plus, they're a good source of copper. (Copper deficiency is associated with low bone mineral density.)

So eat 'em up salted, unsalted, raw or roasted. They can help you avoid weight gain, protect against heart disease and maintain bone strength, and many people tell us they relieve joint pain. So get nutty with 1.5 ounces of walnuts, and do it more than twice a week.

Pre-op exercise boosts post-op recovery

Yahoo! Sports' Mike Oz (that's really his name) predicts that the Pirates will win the 2016 World Series over the Astros. Mark Townsend declares Cubs over the Rangers. (Nobody's picked the Indians, Mets or Yankees.) But predicting the outcome of a sports season is more guesswork than science. We'll just have to wait and see.

That wait-and-see attitude is unnecessary, however, when predicting what can improve the outcome of major surgery! Dr. Mike and his colleague Dr. Ruchir Gupta, from Stony Brook University School of Medicine, explored more than 12 studies that looked at patients' pre-op exercise capacity and post-op outcomes. They discovered that following major surgery, overall there

was a 1.2 percent mortality rate for patients with a normal heart-recovery rate or HRR (a measure of exercise capacity and cardio health). But among those with an abnormal recovery rate, 24.3 percent died following their big-time surgery. And among the 60-plus crowd? Fifty-two percent with abnormal HRR following major surgery died, while only 19 percent of those with a normal HRR did.

It seems to indicate that going through an exercise intervention program and attaining a normal HRR before you're scheduled for big-time surgery is key for your best outcome! The docs' next step: Conducting tests to see what level of pre-op exercise produces the best results.

So, until more data are available, talk with your doc about what type of exercise makes sense for you pre-op, and build a program to normalize you HRR and overall strength before you go under the knife.

Let those dogs out

The music and entertainment website Spinner ranked "Who Let the Dogs Out" (recorded by the Baha Men) as No. 1 on its list of Top 20 Worst Songs Ever. And some folks insist that the anthem was recorded in response to the anger and frustration of the Cleveland Browns' football fans -- and their raucous Dawg Pound -- when their football team was hustled out of Cleveland to Baltimore in 1995.

But it's a different tune entirely when you let your "dawgs" out, especially if you head out after them. That's a formula for moving that gets you healthy and happy!

A new study from the University of Missouri reports that dog walkers (it doesn't have to be your pooch) get more frequent and vigorous exercise, have lower BMIs and make fewer visits to the doctor than people who don't walk dogs. Plus, forming a bond with a dog that you take out for walks regularly helps ease stress, lowers blood pressure, fills your heart with love and integrates you into your community. (Have you ever noticed how people stop and talk to you when you're with your dog?)

So, just remember, next time it's raining and you have to take the dog out: Perseverance has benefits. That's what the Baha Men found out when, despite the ridicule they endured for their hit tune, they won a Grammy for Best Dance Recording in 2001. And you'll be rewarded too, with better health, if you just dance out the door with your dog!

Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic. To live your healthiest, tune into "The Dr. Oz Show" or visit www.sharecare.com.

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Charlevoix Circle of Arts Summer Classes

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is now taking registrations for the summer kid's art camps as well as adult workshops.

"There are five camp experiences this summer and we are very pleased to be working with Lori Bolt, Laura Kelly, Caroline Smith and Frank Hasseld who are offering some unique camp programs" notes Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director of the Circle.

Lori Bolt from St. Mary School is teaching two classes, one called Puppet Theater and the other called Art from Found Objects in June and July. She is a well-respected and sought after camp instructor. Her husband Frank Hasseld is adding something new in August called "Tool Time" where children learn the fundamentals of building with tools and creating wooden projects.

Board Member at the Circle of Arts, as well as chairperson of the Education Committee and teacher at St. Mary School, Laura Kelly is teaching two classes with the assistance of Caroline Smith from Charlevoix Elementary School.

"The summer camp classes are an extension of the year round arts education series that we are creating at the Circle," continues DeMeyere. "We are focusing on bringing meaningful experiences to all levels of learning from youth to adult. Classes range from fine art pastel instruction to Japanese woodblock printing taught by Mary Brodbeck from Kalamazoo Michigan to fun evening sessions in hand lettering. Our program is growing with new offerings occurring monthly. The best way to stay current is to visit our website which is getting updated daily with new details."

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is a nonprofit arts organization located in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, please visit the website at www.charlevoix-circle.org, call at (231) 547-3554 or visit the Circle at 109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

East Jordan Juggling Club summer hours

The East Jordan Juggling Club has had a great first six months at East Jordan High. Well over 100 students have learned the basics of juggling and many have progressed to rings, clubs, etc. as well as passing and other "team juggling" skills. These are life long skills that are not forgotten and can be built upon. Jugglers around the globe execute even complex patterns in exactly the same way.

We would like to extend an invitation to jugglers of all ages, and anyone who would like to learn, as we begin our new summer schedule. Beginning June 6 we will meet in the East Jordan Memorial Park, near the train, every Monday evening from 7pm-9ish.

Learning to juggle has been called "a metaphor for learning itself". The complex and seemingly difficult is broken down into simple, achievable tasks. Short-term goals are set and accomplished while working toward long term goals. Gaylord native Claude Shannon, one of the most noted scholars of the last century and the "father of information technology", was an avid juggler. Learning to juggle will improve your powers of concentration, eye-hand coordination and digital dexterity. Plain and simple, it's a confidence booster.

Tommy Tropic has taught juggling to the gifted for Interlochen, and to people with challenges for Very Special Arts, and to those "at risk" for the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District. Who gets the most out of it? That's hard to say. Maybe Tommy! He has a goal of teaching as many Michigan kids as possible the age-old art of juggling.

If you would like Tommy to come to your community, either on a one time or long term basis, you can contact him: tommytropic@yahoo.com, or go to the East Jordan Juggling Club on Facebook.

Watson Park Opens



Members of the East Jordan Rotary Club present a \$3,000 donation check from the Club to Trina VanderArk, City of East Jordan Parks Director. The new Watson Park playground was entirely grant funded by Rotary, Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Charlevoix County. Sitework and drainage was done by the East Jordan DPW crew, and the construction was done by the Parks Department. The park is located on Division Street behind the Funeral Home.

Pictured from left to right are: Steve Voci, Fred Malpass, Mike Aenis Carla Winteringham, Renee Nowka, Trina VanderArk, Jack Poindexter, (starting in back on top) Paul Keyser, Karen Brennan, Kathy Keyser, Cal Gotts, Natasha Faucher. PHOTOS BY DANIELLE POINDEXTER

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BOYNE CITY SPRING RUBBISH PICKUP

If you live on Main Street or areas south of Main Street, your pickup days will be on Wednesday, June 1, 8 and 15. If you are north of Main Street, your days will be on Thursday, with pickup on June 2, 9 and 16. Another collection will be held for three weeks starting August 24 and 25. As a reminder, do not put any items out until after 5 pm the day before your scheduled pickup, and remember to have it out by 7 a.m. that morning, as the crew will only make one pass through your area each week. They will not pickup any items that are in garbage bags, as they will assume that the contents are household trash, which is not permitted. Visit the city website for details on items that are permitted and those that are excluded.

WALLOON LAKE

CAMP DAGGETT GOLF BENEFIT

June 2, Walloon Lake Country Club. This year, golf cart sponsors at the Benefit will also provide support for kayakers who registered early for Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake. Camp Daggett asks interested kayakers to sign up as soon as possible at www.campdaggett.org so that each kayaker will have a cart sponsor and the cart sponsor will be recognized at the Golf Benefit. Kayakers may also recruit their own cart sponsor for \$250.

BOYNE CITY

LIFE'S OBSTACLES DISCUSSED

June 3, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Overcoming Life's Obstacles: How a 10-Story Fall Changed One Man's Perspective," features a filmed interview with Craig DeMartino, an avid rock climber who tumbled off a rocky cliff and plummeted the equivalent of 10 stories. During the program, Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to talk about obstacles they've faced and overcome in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

MINI JOB FAIR

June 3, 2:30-5:30pm. Boyne City Public Library.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

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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.

CHARLEVOIX

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

June 4, 9am-1pm, Charlevoix Yacht Club. Sheriff Don Schneider announces the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering free Boater's Safety classes. All classes are free of charge. Minimum age for class attendance is 10 years of age. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. No pre-registration is required to attend the classes. Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals: (1) born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski) (2) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operate a boat. Please note that individuals must be at least 14 to operate a PWC. 14 and 15 year olds must be within 100 ft. of a parent, guardian or designee at least 21 yrs. of age to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Individuals born after December

31, 1978 must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a PWC. Individuals born on or after July 1, 1996 must also have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a boat.

BOYNE CITY

RIDGE RUN DOG PARK CLEAN-UP

June 5, 10am - Noon. Volunteers are needed for a Spring Clean-up event. Organizer Michele Mort-Carter says, "It's not just about the poop! Raking leaves, mulching, tree-trimming and general clean-up is our goal." She urges volunteers to bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, tree trimming saws/pruners, leaf blowers,

tarps for leaves and a trailer or two to haul away the leaves and debris. Michele notes that dogs are welcome to come and help with the clean-up. Ridge Run Dog Park is located at 234 Ridge St., off Charlevoix Avenue, in Boyne City. Facebook page.

BOYNE CITY

RESTAURANT WEEK

June 6-12. A fabulous kickoff 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.

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CHARLEVOIX

BIRDING WALK & POTLUCK

June 8, 5:30-8pm, Park Camp Sea-Gull. Wednesday Walkabout of Audubon Society Birding and Potluck: Join Darrell Lawson, President of the Petoskey Regional Audubon Society. An informal walk to view the variety of birds living in and around Park Camp Sea-Gull. Bring a dish to pass, your place setting, drink, chair and binoculars if possible. Meet at the waterfront. More information contact lawsodw@gmail.com

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 9, 5:30-7:30pm, Munson Healthcare Boyne Area Health Center and Boyne Rehab Center, 223, N. Park Street. Networking event. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres.

BOYNE CITY

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS DISCUSSED

June 10, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. Where to draw the line between political correctness and free speech will be examined program—titled "Political Correctness: Where Do You Draw the Line?"—includes a filmed interview with former Navy Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt, who made national headlines after disobeying a direct order to stop praying "in Jesus' name" while in uniform outside a sanctioned divine service. During the episode, Lifetree participants will be given the chance to share their own opinions and experiences with political correctness. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THROUGH HISTORY WEEKEND

June 10, A horse-drawn tour of historic homes and churches, narrated by Patrick McCleary, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. "President Roosevelt" will deliver his famous speech on the second-floor balcony of the Odd Fellows Hall, 214 Water Street and the Dodsworth Duo will perform behind the Chamber building. Accompanied by guitar, banjo, harmonica and fife, the Duo performs classic American songs of the 19th century including Clementine, Erie Canal, and Red River.

June 11 - The lineup includes the farmers market from 8 a.m. to 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. It all takes place in Veterans Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. at the library, McCleary will share a slideshow and speak about the buildings and parks on the new Stroll Through History.

CHARLEVOIX

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

June 10, 5-8pm, June 11 - 9am-1pm. Reservations begin May 31st for a time slot, loca-

tion information and a complete list of hazardous items. Please call the Conservation District office at 231.582.6193, charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp. Some common Household Hazardous Waste: Oven Cleaners, Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Paint Thinners/Strippers, Herbicides, Mercury & Mercury Thermometers, Household Batteries, Pesticides, Fluorescent Bulbs, Insecticides, Aerosols.

EAST JORDAN

10TH ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB VARIETY SHOW

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

COMMUNITY DANCE

June 10, 7-10pm, East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane. Community Dance presented by the Pine River Jazz Band. \$10 per person. Snacks and water available for purchase. For more information, please call Gary Stutzman at 231-675-4800 or Reg Sprik at 231-533-8368.

CHARLEVOIX

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

June 11, 9am-1pm, Melrose Township Hall. Sheriff Don Schneider announces the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering free Boater's Safety classes. All classes are free of charge. Minimum age for class attendance is 10 years of age. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. No pre-registration is required to attend the classes. Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals: (1) born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski) (2) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operate a boat. Please note that individuals must be at least 14 to operate a PWC. 14 and 15 year olds must be within 100 ft. of a parent, guardian or designee at least 21 yrs. of age to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Individuals born after December

31, 1978 must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a PWC. Individuals born on or after July 1, 1996 must also have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a boat.

BOYNE CITY

RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE CONCERT

June 11, 7:30pm, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club. This professional theater orchestra, dedicated to the preservation of significant American music -the nation's original popular musical style - ragtime, has performed at The Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Institute of Art and Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater and an annual ragtime festival that draws thousands to historic Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15 at the Boyne Chamber, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club, Country Now and Then, Local Flavor Bookstore, or online at www.boynehistory.com. For information, call 231-582-9009 or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

CHARLEVOIX

CELEBRATION OF LIFE & TIME TO REMEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 12, 4pm, Depot Beach pavilion. This community non-denominational service of healing, remembering and renewal is open to all in the community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This opportunity enables us to support one another in honoring all with our community who Journey through grief toward healing as family, friends and community. Our service will include poems, readings, inspirational music and the individual acknowledgment of those patients and families who have received care through Hospice of Northwest Michigan during the past year. Community members are invited to bring a photo of your loved one to post on our remembrance board. A butterfly release will close our Celebration of Life and afterwards, we invite you to join with the Staff, Volunteers and families in a time of refreshment. For more information or to register,

please call 231-547-7659

CHARLEVOIX

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CHARLEVOIX

GREEN MARKET DAY

June 16, 8am-1pm, Charlevoix Farmers Market. An environmentalists expo with free energy saving lightbulbs and several community groups sharing information about water, earth and sky. Interactive displays for Earth-lovers from Michigan Trails, Inland Seas, Lake Charlevoix Association, the Conservancy, WATCH, HydroRoot, Owens water and many more present interesting information during the ongoing Farmers Market overlooking Round Lake at East Park, downtown Charlevoix.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 16, 4-8pm, Downtown. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, prize drawings, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more. Live musical performances in East Park and along the sidewalks throughout the evening. The Pine River Jazz Band will perform in the Odmark Pavilion in East Park from 4 to 6pm. Beginners and experts are welcome to a swing dance in the park. Stroll the streets from 6 to 8pm and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks including special performances by Charlie's Root Fusion, 45 North featuring Dwain Martin and Jessica Dominic, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chapdelaine, Paul Gelderblom and more. For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

ELLSWORTH

HOMETOWN HEROES & HERITAGE

June 17 & 18. A weekend designed to celebrate all that's great about a small town. Friday evening will include a drive-in dinner, a Paddle Antrim cruise, a basketball shoot-out, a water slide for children, an ice cream social, a teen dance and more. Saturday will feature events all day long, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding with the fireworks display at around 10 p.m. The pancake breakfast, the 5K run, a car wash, our hometown parade, a great meal, lots of games and attractions for children, a benefit motorcycle ride, the annual horse pull and archery events, the Pig Pen Challenge (a tough mudder-type event) an early evening talent show and evening food concessions will be included. We are excited to announce that the Ellsworth fireworks will take place after dusk on June 18th (not on the 4th of July weekend) This year's event will take place on Friday night, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th. Check out our Facebook page, Ellsworth Pig Roast or e-mail us at ellsworthpigroast@gmail.com for more information.

BOYNE CITY

AMAZING POWER OF HONESTY

June 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. Whether honesty really is the best policy will be examined in the program, titled "Tell Me the Real Story: The Amazing Power of Honesty," features conversations surrounding whether telling the truth is best in all circumstances. During the program, Lifetree participants will be given the opportunity to share experiences of when honesty, or a lack of it, has impacted their lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

CHARLEVOIX

WEDNESDAY WALKABOUT

June 22, 10am-Noon. Wednesday Walkabout: Join Anne Kantola from Hayes Township and Ty Radcliff from the Little Traverse Conservancy to discuss the "Acquisition History of Park Camp Sea-Gull. Learn how it became possible for all of us to enjoy this beautiful park and its wonderful possibilities.

CHARLEVOIX

DEMOCRATIC PARTY DINNER

June 22, 5:30pm, East Park Tavern, 307 Bridge Street. Gen-

eral Membership Kick Off To The Campaign dinner meeting. RSVPs with an appetizer and entree choice are required for this event by Sunday June 19. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411. The dinner will be held on the Topside level of the East Park Tavern. An elevator to the Topside dining area is accessible from the back door off the parking lot behind the restaurant. The special guest will be Brandon Dillon, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP). Cost for the dinner is \$31.50 per person. This includes tax and gratuity and is paid directly to the East Park Tavern.

CHARLEVOIX

CAROLINA KITTY CAT DASH

June 25, Annual Charlevoix Marathon! This year the Charlevoix Area Humane Society will be represented under the banner of "Carolina's Critters - Furever Love" supporting our Foster Program. Sign up, have fun, and support a great cause. Visit charlevoix-marathon.com for information.

CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Country Club is excited to announce that the Ager family and the Argonne Supper Club will be moving their food operation to the Clubhouse. The Argonne will present dinner service in the Clubhouse Dining Room starting Thursday, June 2 every Tuesday through Sunday from 5-9pm. All of your Argonne favorites will be on the menu, with an expanded menu to debut in the near future. The Bistro Sports Grill remains open daily from 9am to 9pm. The Country Club also continues to book private parties, rehearsal dinners, weddings and holiday parties. For reservations, 231-547-9796. chxcountryclub.com

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

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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.

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