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East Jordan Freedom Festival begins next week

By Tina Sundelius

Once again the East Jordan Freedom Festival will be filling the streets of the small town with music, the pleasant odors of popcorn, elephant ears, something indiscernible but mouth-watering wafting out the door of the Twisted Skillet and the squeals of vacillating laughter throughout the week of June 21-26.

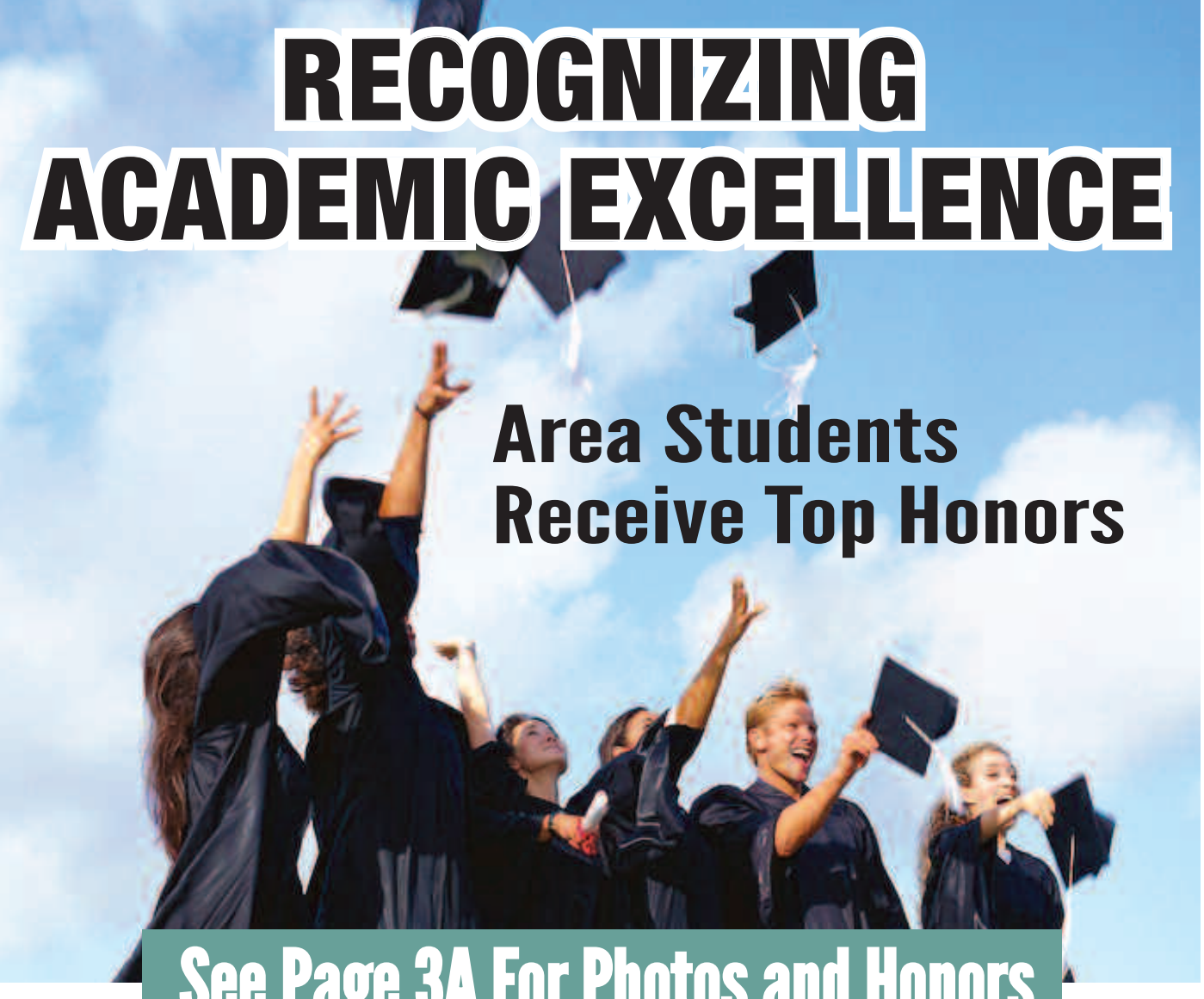
The festival kicks off with an outdoor movie on Tues-

day night. Be sure to bring some lawn chairs, family and friends to the softball fields across from Marty's Cones & Carry-Out and enjoy a free outdoor movie beginning at sundown (around 9:30) on a huge inflatable screen.

On Wednesday bring the kids to Memorial Park on from 5-7 p.m. to play some "old Time Kids Games." As well as a chance to get creative with sidewalk chalk, face painting, and wash out

hair color and more. Twister Joe will be in the park too and it's all free. Just before 7 p.m. head over to the band shell for a Wii Just Dance competition. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. The winner of the Just Dance Competition will take home the Wii and the Just Dance Game. At 9:30 p.m. the 3rd Annual Teen Glow Bowling Night for high

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RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Area Students Receive Top Honors

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2016 BC High School & Concord Academy Valedictorians & Salutatorians

By Jim Akans

Last week, the Charlevoix County News presented class of 2016 high

school valedictorians and salutatorians from Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth schools. This week, we present the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for Boyne City High

School and Concord Academy - Boyne. We wish all graduating students continued success as they pursue their dreams.

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Non-stop events will come to define this day! Beginning at 8am. Ellsworth Track and Cross Country Teams are once again hosting the Pig Roast 5K and Fun Run. The starting line will be at Ellsworth Community School. Many Thank-yous to sponsor King Orchards! Cost of entry is \$25. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., race

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weather

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH: 75 LOW: 53	HIGH: 84 LOW: 55	HIGH: 86 LOW: 61	HIGH: 88 LOW: 64	HIGH: 81 LOW: 57	HIGH: 74 LOW: 53	HIGH: 75 LOW: 53

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUN 16	....49°	.....78°	....31° (1964)	...95° (1952)
JUN 17	....49°	.....78°	....33° (1972)	...95° (2006)
JUN 18	....50°	.....78°	....35° (1958)	...95° (1994)
JUN 19	....50°	.....78°	....40° (1958)	...94° (1987)
JUN 20	....50°	.....78°	....31° (1970)	...96° (1995)
JUN 21	....50°	.....78°	....31° (1992)	...93° (1998)
JUN 22	....50°	.....79°	....29° (1992)	...94° (1988)
JUN 23	....51°	.....79°	....34° (1979)	...92° (1966)

OBITUARIES

Richard Arlen Wells, 82

(MARCH 18, 1934 - JUNE 9, 2016)



Richard A. Wells of Ellsworth died Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

He was born March 18, 1934 in Charlevoix to Wilbur and Beatrice (Samuels) Wells.

On November 30, 1974 he married Else Cooper in Petoskey. They lived in Ellsworth. Elsie died in 2010.

Richard was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, collecting guns and loved his dog Rusty.

Surviving are his children Richard (Tonia) Wells Jr. of Charlevoix, Gail (Brad) Black of Crosswell, Dan Wells of McHenry, IL; step-children Rosa Sanders of Echterdingen, Germany, Evelyn Loy of Charlevoix, Dave (Connie) Cooper of Traverse City, Joseph (Debbie) Cooper of Charlevoix, Tom Cooper and friend Tammy of Ellsworth, Rosie (Terry) Clark of East Jordan; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald (Lura) Wells of Charlevoix; sisters Marilyn (William) Pardee of Charlevoix, Peggy (Bob) Marrow of New Mexico, Deloris Hart of Saginaw. He was preceded in death by a grandson Zachary Cooper, great-granddaugh-

ter Aubrey Cooper, brothers Wilbur Wells and John Wells.

In keeping with his wishes there will be no funeral. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

John Michael O'Neill, 71

(FEB. 4, 1945 - JUNE 8, 2016)

John Michael (Mike) O'Neill of Ellsworth died June 8, 2016 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born February 4, 1945 in Springfield, Ohio to John and Davidine (Berthume) O'Neill.

Mike was employed by Dow Chemical Co. as a fracker in the oil production division.

He married Wilma Jean 'Susie' Dennis on March 17, 1997 in Singer Island, Florida. They lived in Traverse City before moving to Ellsworth in 2003.

Mike enjoyed golfing, loved kids and sports and was the Ellsworth Lancers' #1 fan.

Surviving are his wife Susie; son Sean O'Neill of Spring Lake and daughter Erin O'Neill of Traverse City; grandchildren Brady Rossi, Colin O'Neill and Kathleen O'Neill; and sister Peggy Evans of Newark, Ohio. He was preceded in death by sisters Sally Wales and Susie Lewis.

A celebration of life and wake will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Dr. Dennis Mellon, 82

Dr. Dennis Mellon of Gaylord died June 14 at his home. He was born August 21, 1933 in Norway, MI, the son of Ambrose and Carolyn (Donovan) Mellon. More details will be

published a later date.

Elaine Ruth Martin (Taylor), 88

(MAY 20, 1928 - JUNE 7, 2016)



Elaine Ruth Martin, 88, of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born May 20, 1928, in Charlevoix, to Walter and Ella (Matchett) Taylor.

Elaine graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1946. After graduating, she married Claire C. Martin, and he preceded her in death in 1978.

Elaine started working at the Charlevoix State Bank in 1948, and worked her way to an officer's position before retiring in 1990. She was always proud to be "A Banker", and enjoyed the interaction with the people of Charlevoix.

She loved to travel throughout the United States and Internationally.

Elaine was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 72 in Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her two sons, C.T. (Francie) Martin of Charlevoix, and Kevin (Jane) Martin of Bahrain; along with her two beloved grandchildren, Michelle Martin and Taylor Martin; niece, Sherri Miel-Greer; nephew, Kim Kelley. Elaine was preceded in death by her sisters, Virginia Gebeau, and Dorothea Kelley.

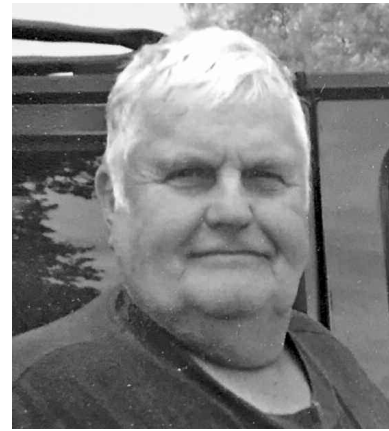
A graveside service will be 10:30 AM, Friday, July 1, 2016, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Reverend Greg Culver of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home.

Please visit www.winchesterfuneralhome.com to share a memory of Elaine to leave your condolences.

Garey "Buzz" L. Gee, 77

(JULY 8, 1938 - JUNE 9, 2016)



Garey "Buzz" Lee Gee was born on July 8, 1938 in East Jordan Michigan, the third of 7 children born to Earl and Marjory (Puckett) Gee.

Buzz was a lifelong resident of Michigan. He lived in Grand Rapids, Flint and various parts of Michigan but East Jordan was home. Buzz was an avid hunter; he loved old westerns with John Wayne and Clint Eastwood. He loved spending time with his family, visiting with his sister and brothers, as well as relatives and friends, around the state. Buzz also enjoyed frequenting the cabin he built in the UP. He loved his kids, grandkids and great grandchildren.

Buzz was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Winona "Noni" Sue Gee. Buzz is survived by his siblings Ruth and William Tryon, Earl Gee, Carl and Ruth (Porter) Gee and John Gee. His children Lori (John) Workman, Gary (Cheryl) Steinebach, Jeffrey (Yuka) Gee, Molly (Larry Chew) Gee and Carrie (Dani) Gee. And his beloved dog McDougal (Doogie) and his cat Sassy.

A Celebration of Buzz's life will take place in East Jordan at the American Legion from 5-9 pm on Thursday June 16, 2016. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Humane Society. Buzz would want you to continue to keep the population of deer manageable and to treat your pets with compassion.

John B. Smith, 100

(AUG. 11, 1915 - JUNE 7, 2016)

John Brandt Smith of East Jordan died Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He was born on August 11, 1915, in Millington, Michigan, the son of Ray J. and Helen (Brandt) Smith.

He graduated with an A.B. Degree from Eastern Michigan University

and Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Michigan.

On August 26, 1938, in Grand Rapids, he married Marjorie Smitton.

He taught Latin and math in East Jordan from 1936 to 1941. He served as principal in East Jordan High School from 1941 to 1949. In 1949, they moved to Charlotte where he served as principal at Charlotte High School from 1949 to 1966, assistant superintendent at the Charlotte Public School from 1966 to 1969, superintendent in the Potterville Public Schools from 1969 to 1973. They moved back to East Jordan in 1973.

He was a life member of the National Education Association, Chairman of the High School Division of the Michigan Secondary School Association, Eaton County U.S. Savings Board Chairman for 15 years, Charlotte Michigan United Fund Chairman, Boy Scout leader for many years, Director of the Eaton Federal Savings Bank for 33 years, former President and 25 year member of the Charlotte Rotary Club, Past Master and 50 year member of the East Jordan Masons, F. & A.M. # 370, 25 year member of the American Legion in Charlotte, served 3 years in the European theater in the U.S. Army during World War II, member and former elder of the East Jordan Presbyterian Church and a 40 year member and past president of the East Jordan Rotary Club.

He is survived by one son, Robert Lawrence (Mary) Smith of Wyoming, Michigan.; three grandsons, R.J. Smith of Sand Lake, Michigan, Mark Smith of Walker and Robert (Michelle) Smith, Jr. of Tennessee; two great grandsons, Colton Smith and Colin Smith, both of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, on January 5, 1999, and one daughter, Barbara Jeanne Smith in 1966; three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. Rev. Lois Aroian officiated. Military honors and interment will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 or the East Jordan Rotary Opportunity Scholarship Fund, c/o Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Char-Em United Way "Day of Action"

2016 marks the 9th year that United Way agencies across the United States will celebrate the summer solstice as the longest day of the year by using the extra daylight for volunteer activities that impact communities. Since 2010, Char-Em United Way (CEUW) has participated in this event, called Day of Action, by organizing literacy events at local preschools, day-care centers, and libraries. Generous volunteers donate their time to read to children, share the joy of a good book, and encourage a lifelong love of learning. The event is always right on or around the summer solstice and this year the date of the event is Tuesday June 21st in Emmet and Charlevoix County.

Char-Em United Way is committed to early childhood education and the annual Day of Action is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to read to children and promote early childhood literacy. This event is just one of many United Way Day of Action events that will be happening all over the state and the country on

or near the longest day of the year.

Children who participate in the story time sessions will receive a literacy kit to take home. Kits include crayons, pencils, coloring pages, activity books, erasers, and much more. Throughout the day, readers and children will enjoy stories at 13 sites throughout Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The time varies for each location, but most start around 10am and last about an hour. For this year, a financial literacy theme has been added to the event, so the stories that will be read to children are about money and the use of it will be incorporated into the overall program. By providing fun activities for the children we are hoping to make a big difference on this Day of Action and throughout the summer.

The thirteen sites participating in the event are the Petoskey Public Library, North Country Kids, Munchkin Manor, Early Learners in Boyne City, Bear Cub Childcare, Stepping Stones Child Development Center, Northern Michigan Community Development Center, Harbor

Springs Public Library, Blackbird Child Care, Leasa Friedrich Daycare, Alanson Public Library, Round Lake Bookstore, and the Children's Learning Center. There will be a financial literacy craft being done at some of the locations as well.

Char-Em United Way is pleased to have the Kimberly Clark Depend brand as the sponsor. The sponsorship will cover the cost of the literacy kits provided to the kids. Depend and United Way are coming together to promote healthy, active, and independent living throughout an individual's life, with a focus on volunteering.

If you'd like to find out more about this literacy program, please call the Char-Em United Way office at 487-1006 or email CEUW at info@charemunitedway.org. More information about volunteer needs and future community events are posted on Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections website, which can be accessed by visiting www.charemunitedway.org and clicking on "Volunteer."

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BOYNE CITY VALEDICTORIAN
JACOB BREWER

VALEDICTORIAN

Jacob Brewer
GPA: 4.055
College choice/area of study: Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering with an Agricultural Systems minor.



BOYNE CITY SALUTORIAN
BRIANNA BURNELL

SALUTORIAN

Brianna Burnell
GPA: 4.04
College choice/area of study: Kalamazoo College to pursue a Liberal Arts degree.

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CONCORD ACADEMY CO-VALEDICTORIAN
ALEXIS NICOLE ARSENAULT

CO-VALEDICTORIAN

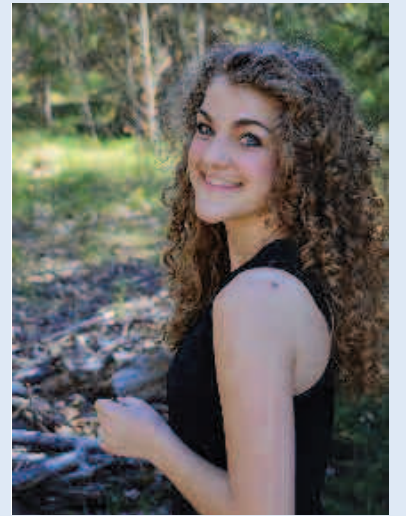
Alexis Nicole Arsenault
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 3.99
College choice/area of study: Northern Michigan University, undecided major.
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "I do not want my future to be decided, I want to explore outside the boundaries of my imagination and see what I am really capable of."



CONCORD ACADEMY CO-VALEDICTORIAN
JESSICA ROSE SCHMIDT

CO-VALEDICTORIAN

Jessica Rose Schmidt
Hometown: Mancelona
GPA: 3.99
College choice/area of study: Lake Superior State University to major in Elementary Education
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "Enjoy the little things"



CONCORD ACADEMY SALUTORIAN
BETHANY RUTHANNE PRIEST

SALUTORIAN

Bethany Ruthanne Priest
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begins at 9 a.m. After all that exercise or for those who prefer to avoid running in general, a Pancake Breakfast will be served at the Township Hall from 9-11 a.m. Hosted by Belltower Reformed Church. For those who want to walk off their breakfast, head over to Community Park before the parade and check out the craft booths open from 10-2 p.m. Anyone interested in selling their wares, there is still time to secure a booth. Contact Adrienne Hayes at 248-506-8546.

Whatever you choose to do in the early hours, be sure to be downtown by 11 a.m. because the Pig Roast Parade will be filling the streets with music, candy, laughter, and manure while putting smiles on everyone's face all the way from the corner of Lake and Center Streets to ECS. Come find out who this year's Grand Marshall, Senior King/Queen, and new this year...Teen King/Queen. Immediately after the parade or noon whichever comes first the event's namesake begins at the Pavilion. Pork roasted by Village Trustee Tom Cooper and his crew! Pulled pork with all the sides served up by Antrim County sheriff, Ellsworth Village President and goodness knows what other celebs will be in



the serving line this year. (Pork on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert-\$8 for adults/\$7 for seniors and children. And this year a meal for light appetites is available for just \$6). In

case that isn't enough (you can get diabetes just looking at the dessert tables) there will also be ice cream (sponsored by MI Farm Market) and a hot dog stand on site.

Throughout the park the melodi-

ous whistles of the Pine Lake Winds will be heard. Community Park will be filled with children's games and events for the duration of the festival including a climbing wall, bouncy toys, a dunk tank,

human foosball as well as a variety of carnival type games.

An archery demonstration begins at 1 p.m. with instructor Duane Arnott giving a breathtaking demonstration and then giving all who dare a chance to try!

Leaving the Elementary School at 1:30 p.m. cyclists extraordinaire, riders who care. A benefit motorcycle ride to benefit Good Samaritan Ministries will be touring the M-119 Tunnel of Trees. \$10 per single rider, \$6 for passenger or one box of diapers per rider or 5 non-perishable items per rider.

At 2 p.m. the horse pull on Main Street across from the high school begins.

Teams from Northern Michigan will compete in by far the most photographic event of the festival. Hosted by Drenth Plumbing and Heating and sponsored by the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange.

Beginning at 4 p.m. The prodigiously-daring (although mud-splattered) PIG PEN CHALLENGE begins again! Just south of the archery range at Ellsworth Community Park everyone is invited to wallow. "We guarantee your speed and endurance will be tested," says event creator Gail Denny.

Food Concessions will be available at Ellsworth Sports Park beginning at 4 for those arriving early to set up lawn chairs for one of Northwestern Michigan's best fireworks displays. For your entertainment while waiting for the fireworks, Ellsworth's Got Talent begins at 8 p.m. and the fireworks blast off at dusk.

Throughout the day the Banks Township Historical Society and Hasting Harmony Haus will be holding Open House. Pig Roast T-Shirts and 50/50 Raffle Tickets are available at the Front Porch Café, Charlevoix State Bank and the Gold Nugget.

At some point during the day a Car Wash hosted by the Ellsworth Softball Team will be held and a huge rummage sale to support the Junior/Senior trip to Washington DC will be held in the high school gym.



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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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school age youth will be held at Gemini Lanes. Black lights, colored pins and a chance to win prizes while having fun with friends is the goal of the night. Pre-Registration is highly recommended as there is very limited space (30 bowlers). There is a small fee of \$3.00 for two games and bowling shoe rental.

The echoes of carnival rides spinning and clanging just off Main Street adds another dimension to the festivities beginning Thursday, June 23, from 5-10 p.m. Carnival hours Friday and Saturday, Noon-11:00 p.m.

"Stars and Stripes Forever" is the theme of this year's Friday night block party held downtown from 6-9:30 p.m. The party will be launched by the Youth Parade beginning promptly at 6 pm followed by live Music, Food, Games, The Michigan Stilt Walker and booths of all kinds hosted by local Clubs, Groups, Organizations and Churches will line the street. Anyone interested in joining the parade can build a float, decorate a bike or wagon, or dress up in costume and line up in the Marina parking lot. Preregistration is required. Awards and refreshments immediately following the parade on Main Street.

Saturday is a great day to be a kid! Bounce houses and a petting zoo will be set up at Murphy's Field from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No charge to play. At 3 p.m. head back downtown for the Grand Parade. This year's Grand Marshal will be East Jordan High School Graduate and 2015 XTERRA World Champion Josiah Middaugh. At 6 pm come to the Main Stage in Memorial Park on for a lip sync competition. Song choice must be approved prior to the event. Contestants must be registered and pre-approved by Friday, June 24, 2016, so register early to guarantee your song choice. A cash prize will be awarded. The festival grand finale is the Fireworks, synchronized to music. In the event of rain the fireworks will be held on Sunday.

But it's not over yet, the Freedom Lovers Breakfast will be hosted at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club on Mt. Bliss Road, Sunday, 7 am - Noon. Enjoy "The Works" Breakfast, adults \$6, children \$3. For more information and to sign up for events and competitions visit <http://eastjordanfreedomfestival.org/>.

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ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 13, 2016

DDA established in Ellsworth and Atwood

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Shortly after opening the meeting, the Ellsworth Village Council took an early recess to surprise this year's citizen of the year with her nomination and award. Other business included passing motions to establish DDA's in both Ellsworth and Atwood and to purchase a new street sweeper.

Banks Township officers waited outside the meeting room along with the family and friends of Marilyn Ferweda as those at the meeting filed out of the room. As Ferweda realized what was happening she kept repeating that she didn't deserve the award. "We out vote you," smiled Banks Township Clerk Donna Heeres as she pre-



2016 Banks Township Citizen of the Year Marilyn Ferweda.

sented the plaque. Ferweda will be one of the focal points of the Pig Roast Parade.

A motion to create 2 downtown development districts, one for Ellsworth, the other for Atwood with a single board was approved. The districts are to be governed by a board that is consisted of three-quarters business owners from the districts and it's intent is to develop a strong retail presence in the community. "This is good we need a focus on the retail corridor," said Trustee Lynn Spearing.

A motion to purchase a rebuilt street sweeper was approved. "The street sweeper is dead, it runs but all the gizmos inside are shot," said President Hugh Campbell. The village sweeper was purchased used in the early 1990's. A new sweeper is estimated at \$200,000, a rebuilt sweeper the same make and model as the old one is available for \$14,000. That purchase was approved.

The large DPW garage has a furnace that hasn't worked for some time. Approval to purchase a new furnace since making the switch to

natural gas was approved. "It's so old you can't get parts, now's the time to do it," said President Protem Ron Boss. Both garages will be converted to natural gas.

A vote to approve the millage rate was passed. The 12.3 mil rate is the same as last year and covers village operating expenses, parks, streetlights, police, employee and elected official wages, and insurances.

A motion to pay the county \$20 a linear foot to pave the remaining 1300 feet on Bridge Street that is not covered by the township's paving projects this year was approved. The township will be paving Pleasant Hill Road, which turns into Bridge Street, but only to the village limit. The county offered to complete paving to the stop sign at a discounted price. "If we want to do that it's the cheapest we're ever going to do it," said Campbell.

The caretakers of the Wooden-shoe Park are working on a deal with Arctic Ice to get an ice machine at the park. "During the Memorial day weekend you couldn't

buy a bag of ice in the Village of Ellsworth," said Campbell.

Spearing gave report on Pig Roast commenting that 2 new events this year include a Friday night kayak cruise sponsored by Paddle Antrim and concessions that will be available prior to the fireworks.

Campbell reported that the summer recreation program is filled to capacity. "We've filled every team," he said. Boss stated that at least one age group has more than one team.

During public comment resident Janice Drost praised the efforts of DPW workers Tex Drenth and Carl Krosnicki. "I've lived in town for 11 years and I've never seen the park as clean and neat as it is this year," she said. Also during public comment Fireworks committee member Jerry Rasmussen reported that donations for the dusk event have been considerably lower than necessary. "We're short a quarter of what we need," he said.

Down Memory Lane Exhibit at JRAC

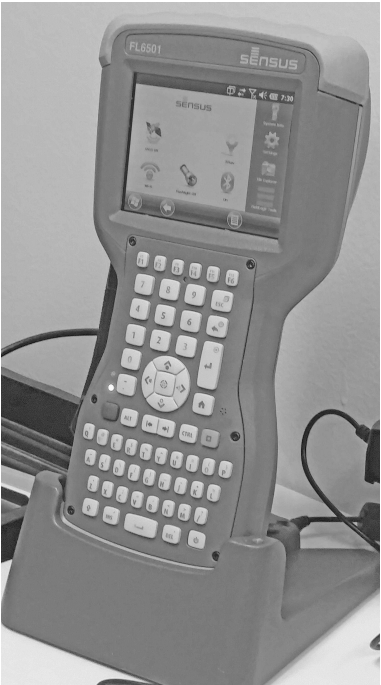
Sunday, June 4 was the opening of the exhibit, "Down Memory Lane by Car, Boat, and Train" at the Jordan River Art Center with many art patrons enjoying all the artifacts. Over twenty artist submitted works in all media including art work from collections. This transportation themed display will have patrons reminiscing about their own road trips. Inspiration for this exhibit is East Jordan's classic car and boat show, July 9, and East Jordan's own Engine No. 6.

A highlight of the event is the 5 ft. model of the 87 ft. steam boat, "Pilgrim," renamed the "Hum." This was a passenger taxi boat, before cars and roads, traveling from East Jordan to Charlevoix. This model was created by Tom Sheridan and Denny Jessick. Included in this display are excerpts from the book, "East Jordan Remembers," a photo of the original boat and a photo created by Karen Walker of the model superimposed on the waters of East Jordan. Sheridan and Jessick also are showing models of Christcraft boats. Sheridan has also exhibited his 1923 model T Ford on the newly created patio in front of the Art Center.

On a smaller scale are beautiful "Fordite" pendants made by Karl Bielman. Fordite is automobile paint formed by built up layers of paint 'over spray' on racks and skids, baked and hardened being able to carve and polish, becoming a recycled marvel. All are for sale.

Artists participating are Elaine Dettman, Tom Sheridan, Denny Jessick, Roddy Dammeyer, Art Curtis, Judy Feldkamp, Steve Toorman, Joe Abdella. Karen Walker, John Stevens, Joan Grige, Margie Guyot, Jim Witte, Sue Bishop. Ed Westwood, Nelson Ogden, Joan Gerigk, Karl Bielman, Lynn Carson, Glen McCune and Ed Westwood.

The exhibit runs through July 9, open 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. JRAC is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. For further information contact Karen Walker, 231 536, 3663 or kwalk-erphoto@gmail.com.



The handheld reading device that will be used beginning this month to read the new water meters that are being installed throughout the village. DPW workers will be able to read the meters from their cars without having to pull into the driveways.

Antiques, Art, Consignment and New at The Brickery in Grayling

By Jim Akans

Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea.

Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still



Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of items at The Brickery. COURTESY PHOTO



Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

not see it all."

The stately brick building that is now home to The Brickery was originally the International Order of Odd Fellows building, con-

structed in 1908. The downstairs held a theater that would put on plays for loggers and for Camp Grayling. The building has gone through many incarnations over

the years, but shoppers at The Brickery can still see the original tin ceiling and hardwood floors.

Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her

daughter; "We were trying to think of a name. Since there are so many bricks both inside and out; the walls are three bricks thick, my daughter suggested calling it The Brickery."

It's the perfect name, reflecting solidity and tradition; an apt representation of the enduring quality of the wide variety of items offered at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Friday from 10am-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Visit www.the-brickery.com or call 989-348-8999 for additional information.

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Recent Graduates (l-r) Josh Lange (Boyer Falls PS), Hannah Zipp (Charlevoix HS), Tim Roback (East Jordan HS) and Brianna Burnell (Boyer City HS) are among the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Class of 2016 scholarship recipients.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Announces Scholarships to Area Grads

Charlevoix County students planning to enter trade schools and collegiate programs this fall are feeling the support of the community as the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to help support their postsecondary educational endeavors. In total, 145 scholarships were awarded to area graduates from special funds held by the community foundation. Each fund has been established by local citi-

zens or groups - to honor family members, civic leaders, educators and others who valued the benefits of a quality education. Over the past twenty-four years, the Community Foundation has awarded merit scholarships to outstanding local students. Those scholarships have supported students entering the skilled trades, community colleges and 4-year colleges and universities. These students have demonstrated their eagerness to suc-

ceed beyond high school and have shown promise in their work ethic and in their academic achievement. In total, over \$2.4 million has been awarded in scholarships since the community foundation was established in 1992. The Community Foundation now holds 268 different funds, 65 of which are designated for scholarships. Established by local citizens, the community foundation serves as a charitable resource for the entire county, and has distributed

grants and scholarships totaling nearly \$20 million to benefit area residents. For more information about the community foundation, or any of its funds, please call the foundation office at (231)536-2440. For a complete list of the 2016 scholarship recipients, please visit us at www.ccf.org and click on grants and scholarships.

Bay Harbor Foundation and Hospice present "Charitably Chic"

Hospice of Northwest Michigan and the Bay Harbor Foundation cordially invite you to join them for a "Charitably Chic" Affair: Celebrating Life Hospice-Talily Chefs Auction and Luncheon taking place on Wednesday, June 22 at 11:30am at the Lange Center at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club. Luncheon will be prepared by the James Beard Award Winning, Kansas City Chef and Owner Michael Smith of extra virgin with appetizers and desserts prepared by our featured chef. All this complemented by our signature "Hospice-Tini" or glass of wine. This unique affair will allow you to bid on the unforgettable opportunity to host dinner for 8 in your home prepared by one of our featured chefs. There will also be a raffle and a Culinary "goodie" Basket Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan the uniquely specialized and locally based and staffed nonprofit hospice that focuses on making life moments happen the community in which they live, while providing the highest level of care to their friends, families and neighbors during and following life-limiting illness.

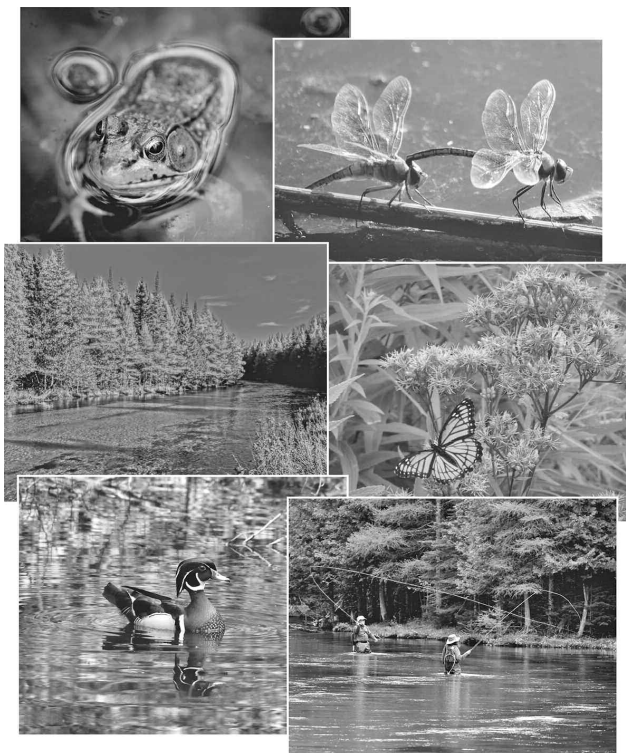
Individual tickets are \$75 but you can further enhance your experience by participating in one of our special levels of support. Choose to be a "Gourmet", a "Sommelier" or a "Foodie" supporter and gain access to preferential seating and other special event features. Tickets are still available and for more information or to make a reservation, please contact Bay Harbor Yacht Club at 231-439-2100 or bhyc@bayharboryc.com.

Amy Wieland, Executive Director, said this event will support the agency's education and outreach initiative that enables our community to better understand the Who, What, Where, Why and When of Hospice care and that they have a Choice in that care. It will also help fund the unfunded needs not covered by insurance for hospice patients of the organization into the future.

You have a Choice in hospice care. Know what choices are available for you and your family before an emergent situation arises. Presentations to local organizations or access to more information can be arranged by contacting Wieland at (231) 547-7659.

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Annual Photography Contest now open



Friends of the Jordan River Watershed announce that their 12th Annual 'Visions of the Valley' Photography Contest, with the theme "The Lure of the Jordan," is now open. What draws you to the Jordan River and Watershed? What is its lure? Instead of a thousand words, tell us in a photograph when you enter the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed's 12th annual photography contest. Open to photographers of all ages and skills, the season and sub-

ject of each photo are the photographer's to decide, as long as the photo was taken within the Jordan River Watershed. More than \$1200 and 14 awards will be presented, including Grand Prize, Youth Award, President's Choice and Viewers' Choice. Photographs chosen will appear as a page in the Friends of the Jordan's annual "Visions of the Valley" calendar. Enter an unmatted 10" x 8" print, accompanied by a \$5 per photo entry fee and entry form by August 1, 2016. Only horizon-

tal photos will be accepted. Entry forms are available on Friends of the Jordan's website, along with complete details on entering the contest. Youth 18 and under may enter two photos for free. Photographers may enter as many times as they want. Deadline for submission is Monday, August 1. Awards will be made at the FOJ's annual Photography Contest Celebration, Exhibit and Release of the 2017 "Visions of the Valley" calendar, Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 1-4 p.m., at the Watershed Center in East Jordan. For more information, please visit www.friendsofthejordan.org.

LEFT: Among the entries in last year's Friends of the Jordan River Watershed photography contest were (clockwise from top) photographs by Bill Dietrich, Heather Outman, Jan Goodwin, James Walsh, Triston Cole, and Julie Christiansen. COURTESY PHOTO.

Public Comment at Pipeline Advisory Board

Nine members of Cheboygan's Straits Area Concerned Citizens for Peace, Justice & the Environment (SACPJE) travelled to Roscommon to monitor and speak at the Michigan's Pipeline Advisory Board meeting.

The board is charged with ensuring the safe upkeep of the state's network of pipelines. Co-chaired by Valerie Brader, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy, and Keith Creagh, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, it is also charged with advising state agencies on matters related to pipeline routing, construction, operation, and maintenance, as well as ensuring public transparency.

The citizens' group addressed concern about Enbridge Line 5, which includes 540 miles of pipeline traveling through environmentally sensitive areas of Michigan as well as the 4.5 miles of twin pipelines spanning the Straits of Mackinac.

A large part of the Board Meeting involved discussion



Roger Gauthier, center, following board meeting

about choosing contractors for two studies to be done: first, a risk assessment, weighing pipeline advantages against a possible oil spill; and second, investigating alternatives to the current pipeline infrastructure.

SACPJE & E was represented by Roger Gauthier, retired Senior Hydrologist for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Gauthier said "The State of Michigan must temporarily restrict oil shipments through Line

5 until the public can be assured its operation is safe, and that any possible oil spill containment and clean-up are adequate."

To date, 60 community organizations have passed resolutions calling on Governor Snyder to either initiate a temporary ban of oil shipment, or a complete and permanent shut down of the pipeline.

Gauthier stressed that Enbridge must provide immediate resources to adequately imple-

ment the Superior Region Response Plan (containment/clean up) for all segments of Line 5. Presently, Line 5 is classified as an on-shore pipeline which does not address the difficulty of cleaning up an oil spill in the Great Lakes.

"Specialized equipment, boats, boom, and trained personnel is inadequate to contain a spill within the first 12 hours after a release," according to Gauthier.

He also said that "The Straits, and northern Great Lakes generally have currents that are too fast, waves too high, water too deep or ice cover that is too unstable for conventional containment equipment."

Regardless, Enbridge continues to promote assurances to the public that they are fully prepared to respond to a disaster at any time.

Citizens in attendance commended the Advisory Board recommendation to include a discussion of "interim relief" on the agenda for the next meeting.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

MONDAY MAY 23, 2016
 0831 VEHICLE UNLOCK ON LACVUE.
 0950 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT REPORTED IN THE 300 BLOCK OF E DIVISION ST
 1143 REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY FROM ADAMS ST
 1146 VEHICLE UNLOCK IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV
 1420 ANIMAL COMPLAINT IN THE 300 BLOCK OF SILVER ST
 1736 3 VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT AT STATE AND CALL.
 1829 HARASSMENT COMPLAINT IN THE 300 BLOCK OF E DIVISION ST
 1954 LODGED DOG AT SHELTER
 TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016
 0555 OVERDUE MOTORIST REPORTED FROM THE 600 BLOCK OF ADAMS ST
 0702 ASSIST EMS IN THE 600 BLOCK OF STATE ST.
 0943 ASSIST EMS ON CHARLEVOIX ST
 1046 CITATION ISSUED FOR SPEED AT PLEASANT AND TIMBER LN
 1148 REPORT OF MISSING CELL PHONE.
 1158 ASSIST TO THE SHERIFF DEPT ON JERSEY ST
 1252 DISTURBANCE REPORTED IN THE 300 BLOCK OF SILVER ST
 1343 REPORT OF POSSIBLE SCAM REPORTED FROM GROVELAND ST
 1445 LITTERING COMPLAINT FROM THE 100 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST
 1515 CITATION ISSUED FOR SPEED ON VOGEL NEAR THE BROOK

1626 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT REPORTED IN THE 300 BLOCK OF E DIVISION ST
 1825 ALARM IN THE 200 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST
 2107 REPORT OF INJURED CAT ON THOMPSON
 2328 ASSIST EMS IN THE 300 BLOCK OF S LAKE ST.
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016
 0040 ASSIST TO SHERIFF DEPT ON E CEDAR ST.
 0230 VEHICLE UNLOCK IN THE 200 BLOCK OF N EAST ST.
 0750 CAR DEER ACCIDENT AT STATE AND CALL.
 1148 VEHICLE UNLOCK IN THE 1100 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV
 1157 CAR DEER ACCIDENT IN THE 600 BLOCK OF W MICHIGAN.
 1259 PARKING CITATION IN THE 200 BLOCK OF E WATER ST
 1508 RED TAGGED VEHICLE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF E MAIN.
 1804 CIVIL DISPUTE IN THE 300 BLOCK OF E DIVISION ST
 2100 REPORT OF GLASS IN THE ROADWAY ON BOYNE NEAR THE McDONALDS ENTRANCE.
 2212 CITATION ISSUED FOR NO PROOF OF INSURANCE AT LAKE AND VOGEL.
 2318 CITATION ISSUED FOR NO PROOF OF INSURANCE AND WARNED FOR STOP SIGN LEXAMAR AND INDUSTRIAL PARK DR
 THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016
 0130 ASSIST EMS IN THE 300 BLOCK OF SILVER ST
 0908 GAS DRIVE OFF REPORTED FROM THE 1300 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV. DRIVER LOCATED AND HAD RECEIPT
 0943 VEHICLE UNLOCK IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

1210 JUVENILE COMPLAINT IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV
 1323 ASSIST EMS ON STATE ST
 1345 REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT LAKE AND PINE
 1440 ABANDONED VEHICLE REPORTED IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV
 1555 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT REPORTED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF S LAKE ST.
 1830 UNLOCK MINOR LEAGUE BATHROOM
 1903 SERVE SUBPOENA FOR BARRY CO
 1911 SERVE SUBPOENA FOR BARRY CO
 FRIDAY MAY 27, 2016
 0302 ASSIST EMS WITH MEDICAL ALARM IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF BOYNE AV
 1230 JUVENILE COMPLAINT REPORTED AT PD
 1705 REPORT OF KIDS SWIMMING OFF SHOPPERS DOCK
 1851 ALARM IN THE 200 BLOCK OF E WATER ST
 2317 CITATION ISSUED FOR NO PROOF OF INSURANCE AT LAKE AND NORTH
 SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016
 0840 ASSIST CHARLEVOIX CITY PD WITH A MISSING SUBJECT.
 1044 ASSIST JC FIRE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF JEFFERSON ST
 1530 HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT REPORTED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST
 1541 HOLD UP ALARM ACTIVATION IN THE 100 BLOCK OF E WATER ST
 1858 CITIZEN ASSIST IN THE 300 BLOCK OF E MAIN ST.
 1925 ASSIST EMS IN THE 400 BLOCK OF ANN ST
 2019 ASSIST DNR WITH OWI/ DWLS ON OLD STATE NEAR M-75
 2115 DRIVING COMPLAINT ON WILSON ST.
 2122 STATE AND EAST MOTORIST RAN OUT OF GAS

2134 ASSIST EMS IN THE 200 BLOCK OF VOGEL ST
 2139 REPORT OF JUVENILES SWIMMING IN THE FOUNTAIN AT OLD CITY PARK.
 2159 CITATION ISSUED FOR DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS AT LAKE AND STATE
 2217 FIREWORKS COMPLAINT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF E CEDAR ST
 SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016
 0602 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE ON SILVER ST. LOCATED THE OWNER.
 2021 CITIZEN ASSIST IN THE 800 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST.
 1224 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE ON BOYNE AVE NEAR HEMLOCK. LODGED HIM AT THE SHELTER.
 1430 LARCENY REPORTED IN THE 200 BLOCK OF W DIVISION ST
 2031 PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT AT FRONT AND WATER ST
 2307 ALARM ON W WATER ST.
 2335 REPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE 500 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST

COUNTY SHERIFF ACCIDENT REPORTS

MOTORCYCLE VS DEER ACCIDENT
 Sheriff Schneider reports on Saturday, June 11, 2016 shortly after 1:00pm, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix Township Fire Department and the City of Charlevoix EMS responded to a motorcycle vs deer personal injury accident on the Boyne City Road in Hayes Township. Michael Edward Left, a 57 year old Charlevoix resident was traveling westbound on Boyne City Road when a deer

ran across the road and he struck it while riding his 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The driver was transported to Northern Michigan McLaren Hospital where he was treated and released. The incident is still under investigation.

ROLLOVER ACCIDENT LEADS TO ARREST

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that shortly after midnight on Thursday, June 9th, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Charlevoix Township Fire Department and Charlevoix EMS, were dispatched to the area of Lake 26 Road near Marion Center Road in Marion Township for a one vehicle rollover accident.

When Deputies arrived on scene, they met with a witness who advised the driver had taken off on foot. With the assistance of the Fire Department, Deputies were able to locate the driver, 28 year old Andrew Kantola of Charlevoix.

Kantola was arrested and transported to Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital where he was treated and released to Deputies who transported him to the Charlevoix County Jail.

Kantola was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. Speed, alcohol, and drugs are all believed to be factors in the incident. However, this accident remains under investigation.

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Affordable Care Act improves health insurance coverage in rural areas

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released an analysis of how the Affordable Care Act has benefited rural America. The findings, which examine independent studies and other data, show that health coverage in rural counties increased by 8.0 percentage points between late 2013 and early 2015, and the share of rural Americans unable to afford needed care dropped by almost six percentage points.

"The Affordable Care Act has helped millions of people in rural areas access quality, affordable health coverage," said Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "As someone from rural America, I know how important these gains in coverage and access to care are to communities like my hometown of Hinton, West Virginia."

Despite being disproportionately likely to live in states that have not expanded Medicaid, rural Americans have seen coverage gains under the Affordable Act on par with residents of cities because they have benefited from the Health Insurance Marketplace and tax credits that keep coverage affordable, from other coverage reforms such as the elimination of exclusions based on pre-existing conditions.

The new analysis documents the success of the Health Insurance Marketplace in particular in expanding coverage and access to care in rural areas. In the Health-Care.gov states alone, 1.7 million rural Americans purchased coverage through the Marketplace for 2016, comprising nearly 1 in 5 plan selections. This represents an 11 percent increase from 2015, greater than the overall increase in Marketplace enrollment. The Affordable Care Act also helped ensure that Marketplace plans remained affordable for rural households. For the almost 9 in 10 rural consumers who are eligible for premium tax credits, the average premium increased only 4 percent, or \$5 per month, between 2015 and 2016, despite headlines suggesting double digit increases.

Rural Americans, like residents of metropolitan areas, have also experienced improved access to care as the ACA's major coverage provisions took effect. For example, among rural individuals, the share without access to a personal physician dropped 3.4 percentage points, and the share unable to afford needed care dropped 5.9 percentage points.

Even more progress could be made in improving coverage and access to care for rural communities if the remaining 19 states choose to expand. Nearly two thirds of the rural uninsured (versus 51 percent of uninsured residents of non-metropolitan areas) live in states that have not yet expanded Medicaid at the end of 2015.

To read the report, visit: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/impact-affordable-care-act-coverage-expansion-rural-and-urban-populations>

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop to open

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital has expanded its health and wellness outreach to downtown Charlevoix. With the opening of their Wellness Workshop at 411 Bridge Street, right in the heart of Charlevoix, they will be providing a wide variety of healthy activities and classes to the community.

"This initiative supports Munson Healthcare's fundamental purpose - to improve the health and wellness of our local communities," said Lyn Jenks, CEO of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. "From the moment you step in the door, we want you to feel at home."

The Wellness Workshop officially opens on Thurs-



Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is opening of their Wellness Workshop at 411 Bridge Street, right in the heart of Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

day, June 16 during the Charlevoix Chamber Summer Open House from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. The public is invited to stop in, share some

light refreshments, talk to staff and find out what activities and services are available. The Wellness Workshop

will provide low-cost health screenings and exciting wellness activities such as yoga, diabetes education, support groups, strength training, smoking cessation, nutrition counseling, healthy living workshops, natural childbirth classes, kids' cooking classes, fitness opportunities and much more. The majority of the offerings are free to the public while others have a small charge, and monthly offerings will change and grow as needed.

"We're not an Urgent Care facility or an Emergency Room; both of those are just up the road at our main hospital on Lake Shore Drive," said Kathy Jacobsen, Director of Community Health Education

and the driving force behind the creation of the Workshop. "Instead, the Wellness Workshop is going to be jam packed with health and wellness information, activities and classes for all ages."

The opening of the Wellness Workshop strives to strengthen the already strong partnership the hospital has with the community by collaborating with local businesses and organizations such as the farmers' market, area restaurants, and local chefs, providing healthy cooking classes, sharing space with the Charlevoix Courier, and more. All of these efforts contribute to keeping downtown Charlevoix vibrant year-round.

National Men's Health Week

National Men's Health Week is June 13-19. While you should strive to stay healthy every week, challenge yourself to make changes to be at your peak health. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created the following tips to help not only men, but all adults, achieve a healthier self:

- Get Good Sleep - The average adult needs 7-9 hours of sleep each day. Sleep deficiency can be associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression.

- Toss Out the Tobacco - First and foremost, it is never too late to quit. Quitting smoking improves your health and lowers your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other illnesses. It also improves the lives of those who are affected by secondhand smoke.

- Move More - Adults should get at least 2 1/2 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic and muscle strengthening activities every week. If you are busy, spread your activity out during the week and into smaller amounts of time during the day.

- Eat Healthy - Fruit and vegetable variety is important every day, providing the necessary vitamins and minerals to protect you from illness and disease. Limit sugar, salt, fat, alcohol and high-calorie foods and drinks.

- Tame Stress - Limited

stress can be good, but becomes harmful when it is severe enough to make you feel out of control or overwhelmed. Take time to take care of yourself, stay socially connected, and active.

- Stay on Top of Your Game - Go to your primary care provider for checkups. Some diseases and conditions have little to no symptoms, and a regular checkup can help identify issues early. - Keep track of your blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, body mass index (BMI). Bring them to your checkups and have your provider explain what they mean.

- Get Vaccinated - Immunizations help to keep you healthy. Based on age, overall health, and medical history, certain vaccines can be recommended to keep you healthy.

Getting started can be difficult. McLaren Northern Michigan offers many tools to improve your health. Classes and support groups are offered for sleep disorders, diabetes education, tobacco cessation, medical fitness, and yoga in both Petoskey and Cheboygan. Additional classes and support groups in Petoskey include aquatic classes, jazzercise, strength training for adults 50+, tai chi, massage therapy, and health screenings.

For information on classes and support groups available at McLaren Northern Michigan, please call (800) 248-6777 or online at northernhealth.org/classes.

Father's Day: A great day to quit smoking

Father's Day is a day to celebrate dads and the important role they play in the lives of their families and children. It's also a great day to encourage men to celebrate a tobacco-free life, and to support current tobacco users in their efforts to quit.

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death and disease in Michigan, and nearly one in four men in Michigan still smoke cigarettes. However, research shows that seven in 10 adult cigarette smokers want to quit completely. Tobacco contains nicotine, a highly addictive drug. Most tobacco users are addicted to nicotine, which can make quitting difficult. People often need to make several quit attempts in order to be successful, but tobacco users can and do quit. In fact, today there are more for-

mer than current smokers.

"The good news is that there are resources available to help the men in our lives, and anyone who wants to live tobacco-free," said Katie Joyce, Tobacco Dependence Prevention Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "The Michigan Tobacco Quitline has helped more than 100,000 Michigan residents quit tobacco. Talking to a healthcare provider and receiving support from family and friends is also very helpful."

This Father's Day, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan encourages everyone to help dads to live tobacco-free. When people stop smoking, they greatly reduce their risk for disease and early death. There are benefits to quitting at any age, and a person is never too

old to quit.

Encourage dads who use tobacco to talk to their healthcare providers or to call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Callers to the Quitline can receive information and referral and, if qualified, can enroll in a free coaching program and even receive nicotine replacement medications to assist them in quitting. Or, visit online at <https://michigan.quitlogix.org/>.

On Father's Day, and every day, dads across Northern Michigan strive to set a good example for their children and loved ones. Quitting tobacco sets a great example while also protecting children and other loved ones from exposure to secondhand smoke.

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Awesome Distraction opens gazebo concert series

Awesome Distraction will be featured in the season-opening concert for Evenings at the Gazebo at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 22 in Old City Park, Boyne City. Originally formed in 2011 by Nick Veine (20) and Kyle Garber (19) from Manistee, the group has continued to impress audiences with their harmonies and musicianship. They have brought in young, powerful singer Chloe Pepera, age 16, also from Manistee. The group has released three CD's and is working on a fourth. The versatility they add with guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, harmonica and violin help to fill out their "awesome" sound.

The Boyne Area Chamber produces the summer concert series, which is made possible by support from the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau and other business and individual sponsors. Concert-goers

are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and perhaps a bottle of wine. Thick 'N' Juicy Diner will bring again their food cart, offering hot dogs and other refreshments at the concerts.

Following is the full Evenings at the Gazebo schedule for the summer:

- June 22 - Awesome Distraction - Young acoustic trio from Manistee, playing country/folk, soft rock, and progressive bluegrass.
- June 29 - Roma Ransom - Instrumental duo from Colorado Springs who play "eclectic Bohemian world psych folk"
- July 6 - Up North Vocal Institute - Young opera singers studying in Boyne City this summer
- July 13 - Horton Creek - Northern Michigan's favorite bluegrass band

- July 20 - Rachel B - Soulful pop. Fun, sassy, and loved by all ages
- July 27 - Olivia Millerschin - Top 4 on America's Got Talent; 20-year-old phenom from Rochester MI
- Aug. 3 - Project 6 - Scarkazm rockers play acoustic favorites from the 70's through today
- Aug. 10 - Full Circle - Classic rock with strong vocal harmonies
- Aug. 17 - Trombones Plus with Ali Ryerson - Brass band with world-renowned jazz flutist

For more information on the Gazebo concert series, call the Boyne Chamber at 231-582-6222 or visit www.gazeboconcerts.com.

PICTURED: Awesome Distraction will be featured in the season-opening concert for Evenings at the Gazebo at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 22 in Old City Park, Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO



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The Accidentals open East Jordan Music in the Park Concert Series



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The 2016 East Jordan Music in the Park Concert Series Committee is proud to announce that the very popular "The Accidentals" will return to the Memorial Park band shell stage on Friday, June 17 at 7pm. The trio played to a packed park of concert attendees at last year's venue, so be sure to arrive early with your chairs or blankets. The Accidentals kick off the concert series that will offer a schedule of varied music genres this summer in East Jordan.

Enjoy dinner and shopping prior to the free concert in East Jordan. For a complete listing of performances visit www.ejchamber.org or contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.

The Music in the Park Concert Series is proudly Co-sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority and the Jordan River Arts Council. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the concert series please send checks to City of East Jordan, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan MI 49727, with a memo "Music in the Park".

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.

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EJ CHAMBER GOLF EVENT THANK YOU!

To the Editor,
The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous support and commitment in helping make the Chamber's 19th Annual Golf Outing such a HUGE success:
Helpers at Event: Chamber Board Members, Frank Leonard, Roberta Nemecek, Sharon Gardner and her husband Kevin Gardner.
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Thank you to the many Chamber businesses and individuals that donated door prizes for the golfers.
Special thank you to the Smith Family, owners of the Mallard Golf

Club, and their staff for their fine hospitality. We hope to see you back next year for a special 20th Anniversary Celebration Golf Outing – Save the date, Friday June 2, 2017. The Chamber is very appreciative for the continued support and dedication. With such strong support, our organization continues to promote our business community and area throughout the year.
Sincerely, Mary H. Faculak & Shannon Fender

45TH PARALLEL

To the Editor,
THAT'S US. Everything above that charming but challenging line depends on the weather. That's not to suggest that weather is more predictable elsewhere but the 45th tends to be predictably unpredictable. If and when someone has become acclimatized via local birth and raising or transplanted for a few decades the quirks become more or less acceptable – except for the transplants who leave after the first winter.

Even Gordie Howe left Traverse City after a decade because his circuitous trips back to Detroit became too onerous as he aged. You learn not to schedule appointments or plan shopping trips too rigidly because of the unknown weather factor. Sure, as some younger persons exclaim, you can navigate snowy icy roads with caution and

traction wheels and suspension, lots of stamina and adrenaline, but as we age this becomes rather grueling. They say of course that you simply call a wrecker if you have snow troubles but when the dispatcher of routing tells you it'll be a 4-5 wait before she can get a truck your way you have some reconsidering to do. A simple low fluid mishap can ruin your whole day.

Not to suggest that Detroit from which many of us come has better weather, just that they have a long history of coping with it in a way to expedite such mishaps, 24-hour auto parts conglomerates, 24-hour wrecker service, even 24-hour auto repair facilities. And snow plows, a dearth of which this north country is well known for. Oh, we have them, working days/hours only. They do a remarkable job but the ice and snow and wind find favor with the gods before snowbound man.

The aspect of being snowed-in has its charms and rewards, tis true, unless a circumstance should arise in which it is found there's need of breaking that mesmerizing solitude and rapport between man and comfort while gazing at the howling blizzard out his window, wine glass at hand. Then it is that want of a pack of smokes becomes a contest between man and ravenous beast. You might get those smokes but you might concomitantly get stuck in a ditch or

wrapped around a tall oak tree. The county road plow driver who radioed the sheriff finds little pity for you as his aunt's nephew the deputy peruses ways to increase the take for the day in tickets, fees and fines, questions that empty bottle on the backseat and so on.

Once one becomes acclimatized to the weather patterns, though, life is pretty good here. North Country they call it. Compared to Detroit and other points due south this is certainly true but if looking at a map of the Western Hemisphere we find that the 45th parallel is indeed halfway between the Equator and the North Pole, hardly more north than south. It's the mostly rural nature of the topography that secures the difference in perception. They call us "trolls" – under the bridge – we here in Northwest Michigan but there's also a Northwest Michigan in the Upper Peninsula, and a vast range of country north of the Canadian border on up. It's all relative.

In truth the season to perambulate this country is in June through August. Surely there are diehard adherents to the winter season with its hunting, snowmobiling, ice fishing, winter sports et al, real nuts about all that to the point of preferring winter over summer. But for the lovers of sun and warm water, winter is a challenge and can be a deadly one at that. Many tales reverberate about old couples frozen in their stuck vehicles when the gas

tank ran dry. It's great fun to visit the attractions locally that are mostly unheralded but offer glimpses of a simpler time. The sand dunes of Lake Michigan, the state forest passages, the rivers, small lakes, the Ironton Ferry, Dead Man's Hill pulper, two-lane roads through tree bower cover, Chain of Lakes waterway, Grand Traverse and Little Traverse Bays, Charlevoix's inlet to Lake Charlevoix as viewed from the Weathervane restaurant overlooking as the bridge rises to accommodate watercraft, boats in all harbors, &c &c. All this is mostly free unless you feel that \$2.50 is too high a price to pay for a ride across the narrows of South Arm lake near Pine Lake via the Ferry at Ironton on M-66. Of course you can dine at the accommodating bistros at cost if you have an arm and a leg to spare but you can do that anywhere.

We know when the season kicks off by the resurgence of vintage autos, RVs, boats on trailers and as some used to believe the cost of gas locally. It's a great place to live considering the alternatives in this chaotic world
Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

News Briefs

BOYNE FALLS

BLOOD DRIVE

June 16, 1-6:45pm. Boyne Falls School, 01662 M-75 South / PO Box 356. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

GREEN MARKET DAY

June 16, 8am-1pm, Charlevoix Farmers Market. Live music by Dwain Martin. Several community organizations share information about water, earth and sky. Eighteen interactive displays including EnergySmart, Tip of the Mitt, Lake Charlevoix Association, True North, Bike Share Charlevoix, Owens Soft Water, Munson Wellness, Charlevoix Public Library, Family Services, WATCH, Little Traverse Conservancy, HydroRoot and Charlevoix's Conservation District, Garden Club, Circle of Arts and Montessori Academy. Shop 40 farmers market vendors. The Charlevoix farmers market overlooks Round Lake at East Park.

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 Odmak 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

ELLSWORTH PIG ROAST

June 17 & 18. With a "Hometown Heroes & Heritage" theme, this is a weekend designed to celebrate all that's great about a small town. Friday evening will include a drive-inn 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.

ELLSWORTH

PADDLE ANTRIM EVENT

June 17, 7pm, part of the Ellsworth Pig Roast Celebration. This relaxed, hour-long paddle will travel down the calm waters of Ellsworth Lake. All types of paddlers are welcome - canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddle boards. All paddlers must bring their own paddle craft and life vest. All ages are welcome but those under 18 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian out on the water. No registration is required. To participate, meet at River Park (Bridge St/Rush-ton Rd in Ellsworth).

BOYNE CITY

CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN RESALE STORE RIBBON CUTTING

July 18, 10am, 1100 Boyne Avenue. The ribbon cutting will be at 10am sharp and from then to 1pm attendees will enjoy food and fun while shoppers receive a 20% - 50% mystery discount off their purchase and Challenge Mountain tote bags - available while supplies last.

BOYNE CITY

BIRD WALK AT LAVENDER HILL FARM

June 18, 8:30am. Join Petoskey Regional Audubon Society (PRAS) on a bird walk at Lavender Hill Farm. Participants will stroll the gentle mowed paths of beautiful lavender fields. The free, open to the public, two-hour walk is by invitation of the owners and it will be held on a weather-permitting basis. Wear clothing appropriate for walking hills and fields. Family-friendly but not suitable for small children. No pets. Meet at the drying shed of Lavender Hill farm at 7354 Horton Bay Rd about 3 miles south of US 31 on the east side of the road. Park at the pole barn drying shed with the lavender roof, which is just south of the farm's main entrance. The bird walk will begin at the drying shed. Look for Audubon sign.

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.

BOYNE CITY

BLOOD DRIVE

June 20, Noon-5:45pm. St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

GRILLING FOR A CURE

June 20, Sunrise to Sunset, American House, 615 Petoskey Ave. In support of the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day event, Comfort Keepers will be hosting a Grilling for a Cure fundraiser. The public is invited to make a donation to enjoy breakfast, burgers, hot dogs and all the fixins', a clean car and delicious baked goods. There will also be a carwash, bake sale and numerous fun activities. Comfort Keepers joins teams from around the world in this event meant to symbolize the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers—every day is the longest day if you are caring for someone with the disease.

EAST JORDAN

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

June 21-26. The festival features a "home-town" old-fashioned Friday Night Block Party with food, music and games for all ages, a Youth Parade, Grand Parade, Kids/Teen Night, Carnival, a multitude of entertainers and musicians, food booths and a spectacular fireworks display shot from a barge on the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix on Saturday evening at dusk. This year's featured entertainment on the main stage in Memorial Park prior to the fireworks is "The Saucedcats". Full schedule at eastjordanfreedomfestival.org

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. General 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.

BOYNE CITY

COUNTY WIDE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 23, 5-7:30pm, Seven Monks Tap Room, 202 South Lake Street. Hosted by Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey Chamber of Commerce's. Networking, hors d'oeuvres, drawings and more. Admission is \$10 with proceeds supporting Leadership Charlevoix County. There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

CHARLEVOIX

CAROLINA KITTY CAT DASH

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

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER ART SHOW

June 25 from 10am to 5pm & 26 from 10am to 3pm, East Park. Over 80 participating artists are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations. It's the perfect opportunity to meet the people that create the artwork on display including paintings, metalwork, sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry, clothing and more. Music lovers won't want to miss a free performance by the Up North Vocal Institute taking place in the Odmak Performance Pavilion in East Park from 7 - 8:30pm on Saturday evening.

CHARLEVOIX

CRAFT & BAKE SALE AND PANCAKE SUPPER

June 25, 1-5pm; Craft & Bake Sale, 5-7pm; Pancake Supper. Barnard Grange Hall, corner of Barnard and Klooster Roads. Cost of Pancake Supper is \$6 per adults. For information call (231) 675-0004.

BOYNE CITY

STRUGGLE WITH TEMPTATION

June 26, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Temptation: Why Good Men Go Bad," features Haggard, former pastor of a large Colorado Springs, Colorado, church and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Haggard was removed from his positions after an incident with a male prostitute. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

FREE CONCERT: THE TAYLORS

July 3, 2pm, Boyne City Performing Arts Center, Boyne City High School. Internationally Known Southern Gospel Trio The Taylors Their newest single "He's My Guide" listed on the Singing News Top 20 Chart. Sponsored by the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. Intermission Refreshments. Free Will Offering

BOYNE CITY

NEW CITY HALL HOURS

Effective starting on Monday, June 6th City Hall Office Hours changed to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. We hope this change will allow more customers to visit or contact us before their regular work hours. Traffic at City Hall usually slows in the late afternoon. This time of year most people contacting City Hall late in the day are looking for boat launch passes which can be obtained at the marina evenings, weekends and holidays. Payments due on a specific day will now be due by 4:30 that day. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our office hours please let us know.

CHARLEVOIX

The Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop will be offering a free kids' cooking class on Thursday mornings throughout the summer, starting June 23. The Wellness Workshop is located at 411 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. The classes will teach children and young adults to prepare a nutritious breakfast, mid-morning snack, or energy-packed lunch using fresh foods. Interested students, grades 4th through 7th, can come and choose from fresh produce and foods at the Charlevoix Farmer's Market just across the street from the Workshop, and then return to the Wellness Workshop to prepare a fresh, nutrient-packed recipe. Classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 11:30 am with pre-registration for each class required. Register for one or several classes, but each class size is limited to eight students, so register early. Call the Wellness Workshop at 231-437-3482 to register or if you have questions.

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/CharlevoixFarmersMarket

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

HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK CAMP SEA-GULL WEEKLY EVENTS. ON

Sundays from 6 to 8:30pm. Sunday Family Funday beginning June 5 and continuing through the month of August. People of all ages are invited for a night of community gathering and fun.

Mondays from 8 to 9am. Adam's Camp Coffee and Conversation, beginning June 6 and continuing through the month of August. Visitors meet Adam at the camp host's cabin to get a cup of coffee and take it to the shore of Lake Charlevoix to relax and discuss park projects, ideas and suggestions. Coffee is provided.

Wednesdays from 9 to 11am, Playful Playdate at the Park. Beginning June 8 and continuing through the month of August. Parents and children meet at the camp host's cabin and Christine will lead a morning of fun for children of all ages and their caregivers.

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Rare Threads Call to Fiber Artists for Exhibit and Tea Talk

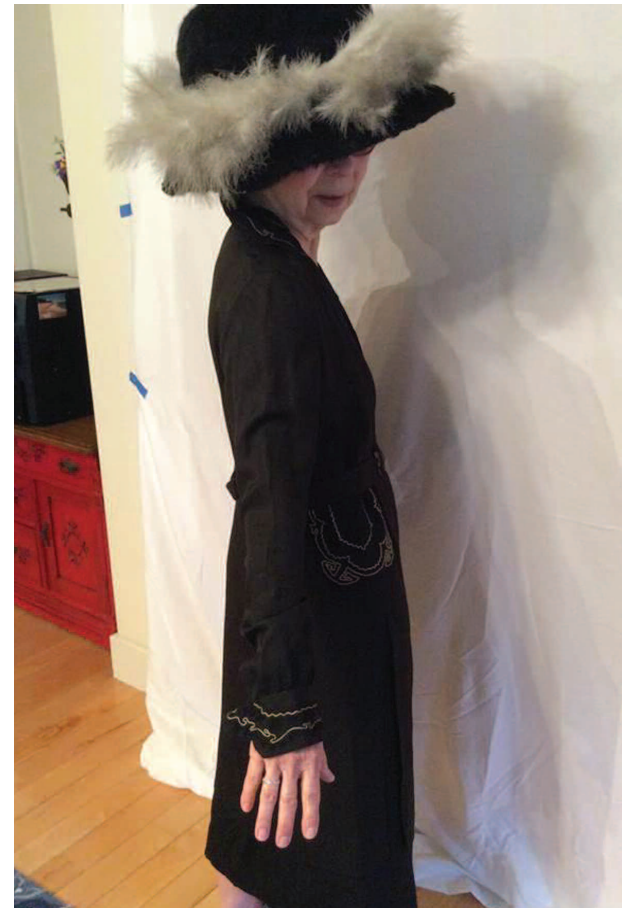
The Rare Threads Committee of the Jordan River Arts Center is extending a call to fiber artist for their upcoming events, an exhibit, "Ancestral Inspirations," beginning September 18, and a "Tea and Talk", Wednesday, August 10.

Be inspired by your textile heritage to create contemporary fiber art reflecting traditional techniques reinterpreted for now. Artists are invited to submit up to three entries. In addition, please consider including the heirloom that was your inspiration perhaps has a piece for sale. Deadline for submission is August 3, 2016. Entry forms are now available at www.jordanriverarts.com. Questions may be directed at Nancy Cleland at www.nncleland234@gmail.com.

The "Rare Threads: Tea and Talk" program on August 10, from 1 — 5 pm will feature an illustrated talk by MSU Professor Sally Helvenston Gray on "Fashion and the New Woman: Changing Fashions and

Changing Roles." Enjoy the presentation; sip tea and English tea time refreshments provided by Laura's Picks. The event will be held at the Jordan Valley Barn on M66 in the south of East Jordan. It will be decorated with vintage clothing and household textiles complete with live music. Shopping will be encouraged from selected vendors of unique-home and garden themed products. Admission is by pre-purchased ticket only. The price is \$45. Seating is limited. Order your tickets early through the Jordan River Arts Council's website, www.jordanriverarts.com. For further information contact Julie Hurd, www.jmbhurd@gmail.com, phone: 231 533 5464.

PICTURED: Late 1880 hat and dress worn by Julie Hurd will be displayed at the exhibit and tea talk.



Volunteers needed for Park Camp Sea-Gull Cleaning

Charlevoix County's Hayes Township is seeking volunteers to help cleaning at the Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull. The cleaning at the park will take place Saturday, June 18, beginning at 9am. Park Camp Sea-Gull is located at 08580 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and are free to give whatever time they can spare.

Volunteer activities include raking leaves, trimming, clean-up of branches and tearing down a wood fence. Volunteers will also remove the cafeteria stage and all items left in the cafeteria building and clean the cafeteria and bathrooms. The Hayes Township Board appreciates all the individuals, families, organizations and businesses who donate their time, expertise and materials.

To volunteer or for additional information, please contact Hayes Township Clerk Marlene Golovich by phone (231) 547-6961 or email clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov.

Aviation classes to be offered to area high school students

By Jim Akans

With increasing demand for pilots, some area schools will be offering Aviation Science & Technology classes for juniors and seniors this fall. These programs will give graduating seniors the possibility of attaining a FAA approved Private Pilot license and provide a huge advantage if they enter the aviation field at Northwestern Michigan College.

This program is part of the CTE (Career & Tech Ed) program and follows the guidelines/requirements for Vocational Education funding. Students will be able to take this class and receive either a third year Science credit, a fourth year Math credit, or an elective credit. Those high school students who pursue a Aviation field at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) will be given college credit towards their program.

Program sponsors and administrators would like to purchase some flight simulators for student use. There will be many hands-on activities in addition to course work, which the simulators would allow the students to become familiar with the cockpit instrumentation and layout.

- Program supporters include:
- Fernelius Toyota
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 - Charlevoix-Emmet Counties Intermediate School District. (Char-Em ISD)
 - Alanson Public Schools
 - Harbor Springs Public Schools
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