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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 21, 2016

Road projects dominate discussion at EJ City Commission meeting

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN--The East Jordan City Commission took care of some basic housekeeping procedures, passing budget amendments and creating a new area in the general fund for the incoming and outgoing of funds pertaining to the ambulance authority as well as eliminating the original Deficit Elimination Plan previously set in place for the authority then discussed road construction projects at

the June 21 meeting. City Administrator Tom Cannon prefaced his report to the Commission by saying, "I'm sure everybody has had some frustrations at not being able to get up and down Williams Street." However, his report focused on the many phone calls he's received concerning Erie Street which has been dug up and coated with one layer of asphalt. "We've been getting a lot of calls," he explained. The city has been coordinating the repaving of



(l) The new 'Welcome to East Jordan' signs at the entrances to the city on M32 and M-66 are under construction and should be complete by the end of the week. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has assisted the city in getting the signs. (r) The barrels have been placed! Badly needed construction has finally begun on C48 between East Jordan and Ellsworth.



the street which is called Erie on the city end and Nelson in the township, with

county road construction crews who were supposed to begin work on Nelson Street

2 weeks ago. "The contractors told me they would have it done sometime this week," said Cannon. Once the county has brought their end of the project to the same point as the city's the top layer of asphalt will be applied with no seams. "We're trying to coordinate both projects to save money and so there are less joints in the road," he said. Cannon asked county commissioner representing South

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FIRE DESTROYS RESTAURANT AT CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - A kitchen fire at the Charlevoix Country Club on Saturday, June 18 consumed the kitchen and dining room and with the extensive smoke and water damage the entire Clubhouse. All employees and guests were quickly evacuated and there were no injuries in spite of the quickly moving fire.

Country Club employees were preparing for a rehearsal dinner when a piece of kitchen equipment shot a flame out which quickly traveled up the wall to the ceiling and into the electrical system. "It was devastating to watch," said County Club Marketing Manager Alana Haley. The Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan Fire Departments fought the fire for 6 hours pouring over 880,000 gallons of water into every door and window. "It's quite a mess," said Haley. However, Charlevoix Fitness, the Heatherwoods Golf Course and Shanahan's Entertainment Barn are still in pristine condition and open for business. The golf shop will be operating out of the Snack Shack until other arrangements can be made and all planned events/weddings will still go forward as scheduled. "Yes, we don't



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have a restaurant but our golf course is absolutely beautiful. We are proud to say that play never ceased on the course and we had a very busy Fathers' Day," said Haley.

There is currently no working phone system or Wi-Fi at the club so in order to stay in touch with customers they have set up a mobile office trailer in the parking lot

at the front of the Clubhouse. "Our staff is working around the clock to accommodate or help relocate previously booked events in order of those scheduled first," said Haley.

The Argonne Supper Club is working to reopen in their previous location. "We are grateful for the Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan Fire Departments who

fought the fire in 90 degree weather, well into the evening, and to the many Country Club Members and community at large who reached out expressing concern and with offers of assistance. That's been a bright spot in a very trying time," she said. Any questions please email to info@chx-countryclub.com.

Cat abuser sentenced

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man who confessed to trapping and abusing a cat so badly its tail had to be amputated could spend the next nine months in jail for his crime.

Charlevoix Circuit Court Judge Roy Hayes III last week sentenced Paul Wicker, 40, of Boyne City, to serve nine months in jail and pay \$1,005 in fines and associated costs after Wicker pleaded guilty in May to attempted animal torture.

He was arrested last October and accused of trapping a cat near his home in Boyne City then holding it by its tail while he spray painted the cat red. The cat was later found in the vicinity with its tail so badly damaged it later had to be amputated.

The associated costs Wicker must pay through his sentencing include \$457 in restitution for the cat's tail amputation and subsequent medical care.

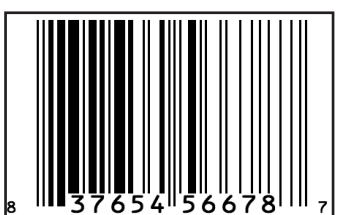
The cat, who was named Murphy, received care through the Charlevoix Area Humane Society and was quickly adopted into his "forever home" soon after his recovery.

While Hayes' sentence is for Wicker to spend the next 9 months incarcerated, he is eligible to reduce his time by three months if he completes a program offered at the Charlevoix County Jail called, "Thinking Matters."

Wicker's plea agreement in May came after an offer by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office to dismiss separate four-year felony charges of animal cruelty.

A 15-year felony charge of witness intimidation against Wicker was also dismissed due to the county prosecutor's office inability to substantiate facts to back up the allegation.

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DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUN 23	...51°	...79°	...34° (1979)	...92° (1966)
JUN 24	...51°	...79°	...35° (1979)	...93° (1995)
JUN 25	...51°	...79°	...33° (1970)	...93° (1997)
JUN 26	...51°	...79°	...36° (1982)	...95° (2003)
JUN 27	...52°	...80°	...35° (1992)	...95° (2005)
JUN 28	...52°	...80°	...40° (1970)	...96° (2005)
JUN 29	...52°	...80°	...36° (1988)	...93° (1964)
JUN 30	...52°	...80°	...38° (1982)	...92° (1963)

OBITUARIES

Robert Baker, 85

(SEPT. 4, 1930 - JUNE 17, 2016)

Robert Baker of Charlevoix died Friday, June 17, 2016, at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.



He was born on September 4, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of George and Julia (Smolski) Baker.

He married Bernice Tart on August 28, 1959, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Robert first served his country in the United States Army as a Paratrooper and later service many years in the United States Coast Guard for a total of 20 years.

Through his travels in the military, he enjoyed spending time with his family and showing them the world. He was a multifaceted humorous man who would do anything for anyone in need. He was known as "Grandpa" to many people. He enjoyed giving himself to others.

Robert was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, American Legion Post #226 in Charlevoix, and the Knights of Columbus. He also had captained the Ironton Ferry.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Baker of Charlevoix; daughter, Mary Jo McFalls of Charlevoix; son, James Baker of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Scott (Stephanie Fels) McFalls of Charlevoix, Brooke (Dave) Baker of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ellie (Christopher) Levens of Okinawa, Japan, and Christian McFalls of Charlevoix; great grandchildren, Paisley McFalls, Brayden Russell and Gabriel Levens; niece, Michelle (Paul) Kwiatkowski Davis; a great niece Alex Davis; and a great nephew, Jordan Davis.

The funeral mass was held on

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Military honors followed at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Condolences may be given at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Gerhard, 63

(MARCH 8, 1953 - JUNE 20, 2016)

Gregory L. Gerhard of Boyne City died Monday, June 20, 2016, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.



He was born on March 8, 1953, in Detroit, the son of Lambert Ronald and Dolores Marie (Hann) Gerhard.

He grew up in the Dearborn area. On December 5, 1995 in Charlevoix, he married Betty Walden. They made their home in East Jordan, Mancelona and then Boyne City. He worked at the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ USA, Inc., in East Jordan for 24 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and his dogs. He also loved spending time at Big Bear Lake.

Greg is survived by his wife, Betty; four children, Sonya Walden, Erica Coates, Della Gerhard Malone and Joshua Young; eight grandchildren, Steven Walden, Tiffany Crouterfield, Peter Eplett, Nikita Walden Bernadyn, Tyla Coates, Logan Gerhard, Kael Coates and Calli Silva; one great grandchild, Eli Crouterfield; and two sisters, Kathy Smith and Marcia Zwally.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan Ambulance Association or the Boyne City Ambulance Service.

ROAD PROJECTS

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Arm Township, Joel Evans, who attends the city commission meetings regularly, if he could find out when the county planned to get the project going. "The fact is we aren't pleased but the delay is not on the city's end," said Cannon.

The MDOT Safe Roads project offi-

cially got underway Monday, June 20. This project will affect Fourth, Garfield, Porter, Elm, Maple, Bowen, and Williams Streets. They will be replacing sidewalks, making intersection repairs, painting street crossings, replacing/adding signage as well as other safety upgrades. The construction will continue until late August.

The DDA has accepted a proposal from Aspen Wireless to put Wi-Fi in the downtown area available to the public. It went into effect Monday,

June 20 and is still in the experimental phase. "I think it's a good thing for economic development, to bring people here," said Cannon. Commissioner Andrew Boyer commented on the strong the signal.

The new welcome to East Jordan signs have begun construction and should be complete by the end of the Freedom Festival.

The next City Commission meeting is scheduled for July 5, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Automotive Review



With an unsurpassed level of attention to detail and quality, the all-new 2017 Chrysler Pacifica is poised to deliver segment-leading durability and reliability as it arrives in dealer showrooms this spring. PHOTO COPYRIGHT CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.

2017 Chrysler Pacifica crafted with quality, reliability and durability

With an unsurpassed level of attention to detail and quality, the all-new 2017 Chrysler Pacifica is poised to deliver segment-leading durability and reliability as it arrives in dealer showrooms this spring. Thousands of simulated and laboratory tests conducted on Pacifica set the foundation for the regimented reliability, capability and durability testing that continues at FCA US LLC's proving grounds around the world.

Reliability is synonymous with quality and it's something customers expect from their vehicles. Knowing that, the development team literally went the extra mile to ensure the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica does not disappoint. With more than 3.4 million real-world miles driven, Pacifica has gone to the moon and back – seven times, to be exact. This distance represents one of the highest pre-production mileage totals of any Chrysler brand vehicle ever.

"The main objective of putting Pacifica through more than 3.4 million miles of real-world driving is to identify and prevent any issues from occurring in the first place," said Scott Garberding, Head of Quality, FCA - Global. "This commitment to quality is just one piece of a comprehensive strategy that focuses on attention to detail, as it represents one of the final steps in a quality process that began with the inception of Pacifica."

Extreme-weather testing is a crucial step in vehicle validation and Pacifica was up for the challenge. FCA tested Pacifica day and night, on all kinds of road surfaces, at high and low altitudes and through blizzard conditions, as well as in dry, desert heat. During numerous 4,000-mile-plus roundtrip drives from Auburn Hills, Mich., to FCA's Arizona Proving Ground (APG) in Yucca, Ariz., Pacifica was put through the wringer in numerous tests that saw the all-new minivan withstand scorching heat up to 120 degrees

Fahrenheit in the arid, dusty desert climate.

Knowing that many customers are focused on local driving, the minivan team took Pacifica to the busy downtowns of Las Vegas and Los Angeles for hours of slow, grueling city traffic in heat up to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Pacifica also ventured to Arizona's Davis Dam for a grueling durability evaluation that's usually reserved for payload testing of light and heavy-duty pickup trucks. The notorious Davis Dam grade sits on Highway 68, a punishing hill climb from the Colorado River at its base to a rocky summit nearly 11 miles up. From start to finish, it's an almost 3,000-foot elevation gain, providing Pacifica engineers with one of the steepest continuous incline roads in the U.S.

In addition to hot weather testing in Yucca, each FCA vehicle goes through extensive cold weather evaluations at the Company's 740-acre winter test track in Houghton, Michigan, located in the state's Upper Peninsula. Pacifica received special attention when it came to cold weather evaluations as the minivan was brought to Fort Greely, Alaska, for three weeks of testing in frigid climates that reached temperatures of minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit and below.

In Alaska, the minivan's quality was put to the test on snow and ice to evaluate a number of critical systems, including traction control, anti-lock brakes, air-induction system, electronic stability control (ESC), driver-assist systems, cold-weather durability and engine cold start.

"The trip allowed our Pacifica engineers an opportunity to refine the minivan for customers as several ESC calibration adjustments were made to improve system smoothness and reduce noise, vibration and harshness," said Garberding. "ESC enhances driver control and helps maintain directional stability under all conditions."

The technology provides driver benefits in critical driving situations, such as turns, and is valuable when driving on mixed surface conditions, including snow, ice or gravel."

Owners can be confident their minivans will outlast almost anything nature throws at them. Through months of accelerated testing, Pacifica withstood a rigorous corrosion evaluation, the equivalent of which is enduring a decade in the worst corrosion climate in the world – an environment that produces significant snow, humidity and salt mist coming off the ocean.

Pacifica also endured corrosion tests on dozens of durability drives and with direct salt applications. To ensure thorough coverage, Pacifica was locked in chambers where salt was sprayed all over the vehicle body and engineers ran the minivan again and again through a salt splash trough. The trough exposed Pacifica's undercarriage to high concentrations of salt, which are normally present on roadways, typically from de-icing salts.

While thorough driver-focused testing was conducted during more than 3.4 million miles driven, additional tests were conducted by passengers seated in the second and third rows. Everything from the built-in apps and games on the Uconnect Theater to the seat comfort and ride quality were thoroughly exercised. Technicians worked through an extensive checklist to validate the functionality and reliability of the Uconnect system, as well as how compatible it is with a wide variety of mobile phones, music players and other media devices.

The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica is available in five models and the Pacifica Hybrid in two models. The Chrysler Pacifica is now available in dealer showrooms, with the Pacifica Hybrid arriving in the second half of 2016.

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Nephew of Ellsworth's namesake Grand Marshal of Pig Roast parade

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH--The tiny village of Ellsworth once again succeeded in hosting a celebration fit for a much larger community. The 36th annual Pig Roast held a special

charm for residents because of the attendance of the descendant of the village's namesake Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth.

Andrew Ellsworth Kissko was discovered on accident by Ellsworth resident, Jan Olach

when she called a helpline for assistance with her computer. At the end of the conversation, the gentleman who was assisting her asked about Ellsworth, she had given him her address. He then told her that Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth was a great (many greats) uncle of his.

As a result of that crazy coincidental encounter Ellsworth-Kissko was invited to attend the Pig Roast and was made Grand Marshal of the parade. "This happened so randomly. I didn't know there was a town named after my relative," said Ellsworth-Kissko. He traveled

to the festival from his home in Chicago and brought information with him about E.E. Ellsworth. "It was our pleasure to have the great, great, ...nephew of our town's namesake with us. He made many friends and shared a lot of his uncle's history with us. He plans to visit us again," said Pig Roast Committee Chairman, Lynn Spearing

The original Ellsworth was a staunch supporter and friend of Abraham Lincoln, knowing him before he became president and following him to the white house. He became a bit of a legend as a commander of a traveling drill team that captured the nation's admiration because of their gymnastic-style drills and flamboyant clothing. He was killed removing a flag from an Inn that was in view of the White House. He became known as the first casualty of the Civil War, as did the Innkeeper who was killed moments after killing Ellsworth. Ellsworth for the Union, the Innkeeper for the Confederates. He was only 5' 6" tall, but was called "the greatest little man I ever met" by Lincoln. Thousands of Union supporters enlisted as a result of Ellsworth's death. "Remember Ellsworth" became a patriotic slogan. Two Volunteer Infantry Regiments called themselves the "Ellsworth Avengers" and "The People's Ellsworth Regiment."

Considering the size of the community, less than 400 residents in the village limits and less than 1000 in all of Banks Township, the festival offered something for both young and old. "It was great to see the turnout for this year's Pig Roast. We appreciate all the efforts made by the Pig Roast Committee in organizing this celebration of our heritage. Also, a special thank you to those who organize the great fireworks display. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes for this whole weekend and we are grateful for those who work so hard to put this together!" said Banks Township Supervisor, Thomas Mann. The Pig Roast held more attractions than in previous years including a Friday night teen dance, life-sized table games, fireworks and the return of the Pig Pen mud run Challenge. "The 2016 Pig Roast will go down as one of the best ever; the fireworks may have put it over the top," said Village President Hugh Campbell.



Andrew Ellsworth Kissko the great (many greats) nephew of the Village's namesake, Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth, was the Grand Marshal



The Waterslide was a welcome family event on this hot summer day



3 point Shooting Contest.



The Ellsworth Pig Roast is filled with family activities.



Ellsworth Community Schools float had grade school age students ride in the parade.



The Ellsworth Pig Roast activities closed with a fireworks display on Saturday night



One of the unusual events is the Pig Pen obstacle course.

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Ellsworth Schools hold 6th Annual Lancer Leap Showcase

On Wednesday, June 8 Ellsworth Community School Middle/High School held their sixth annual Lancer Leap Showcase. Lancer Leap is a four-week project based term that takes place in May, and is made possible by shortening each semester by two weeks.

"Lancer Leap provides two unique and innovative opportunities for us as a district," said Ellsworth Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "It allows us to offer hands-on elective opportunities for our students that cannot be accomplished within a traditional curriculum. It also provides remediation options to students whose achievement scores are not at grade level, or to allow students who have failed courses the opportunity to recover credits without needing to repeat classes."

This year's Lancer Leap elective classes included; Literature in Real Life – Quidditch, Pottery, Jazz Band, Orff Ensemble, Viticulture, LEGO Robotics, It's Not Rocket Science – Wait it is!, Digital Storytelling, Hamlet, Comedy Club, READ.WRITE.CODE, Plagues, Witches, and Wars – Historical Fiction, the Science or Art, Food, and Music, Building Trades, and more.

New for 2016 Ellsworth Elementary also participated in Lancer Leap. "Elementary teachers came to me in the early winter and expressed a desire to participate in Lancer Leap," said Gaffney. "In order for programs such as Lancer Leap to be successful they really need to be teacher initiated. Thankfully we have a wonderfully creative and innovative K-12 teaching staff."

Students in grades K-2 rotated through three one-week Lancer Leap courses during the month of May. Early elementary courses all had a STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) theme. This year's courses were Fly Away



Edible Soil class taught students how to grow plants and herbs and use them in preparing healthy snacks and meals. COURTESY PHOTO

Home where students learned about birds and constructed bird houses with the help of the high school construction technology students, Explosive Science in which students learned how household items could be made to pop, fizz, and "explode," and Spring Feaver where students explored the outside by visiting a trout pond, caught frogs, and explored the world around them.

Upper elementary students were able to choose from one of four three-week Lancer Leap class to participate in every afternoon. In Survival Skills students learned how to read maps, build forts, start a fire with flint, and survive on their own in the woods. Edible Soil

taught students how to grow plants and herbs and use them in preparing healthy snacks and meals. Summer Fun & Fitness focused on summer fitness activities such as swimming, tennis, croquet, and whiffle ball. Finally, students who enrolled in the Lancer Leap theater class put on a full-scale production of The Wizard of Oz. Students performed a short selection at the Lancer Leap Showcase, and then performed the entire production for the elementary students and parents the last morning of school.

"Lancer Leap was a huge success for our elementary school," said Gaffney. "Students were so excited and eager to come to school every day during the month of May because of what was happening in the afternoons. We will absolutely continue to offer the program in future years."

"The curricular goals and objectives of Lancer Leap can be summarized in four C's; Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Collaboration," stated Gaffney. "Thanks to our wonderfully talented and flexible teaching staff we are able to challenge and inspire our students in ways that are not always possible in other districts."

In 2013, the Michigan Association of School Administrators recognized Lancer Leap by awarding it their prestigious Winner's Circle award for innovative programming.

Each year the Lancer Leap project term culminates in a community showcase event. Many classes have projects and displays assembled for parents and community to view, while others put on live per-

formances. This year's live events included jazz band and music performances, a student film, a series of short comedy sketches, and a selection of the elementary production of The Wizard of Oz.

"One of the best aspects of our Lancer Leap program is the joy it brings to students," said Gaffney. "It's a fantastic way to end the year, everyone leaves for the summer in such an upbeat and positive frame of mind. It truly represents our motto as a school district; Small school relationships ... Big School Opportunities."

Many photos and videos from this year's Lancer Leap classes can be found on the school Facebook page; www.facebook.com/Ellsworth-Lancers. For more information on Lancer Leap or Ellsworth Community School, please call (231) 588-2544 or email at info@ellsworth.k12.mi.us.

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Among this year's courses were Fly Away Home where students learned about birds and constructed bird houses with the help of the high school construction technology students. COURTESY PHOTO



Students participate in the Hamlet course. COURTESY PHOTO

Big Top Circus is coming to Ellsworth Sports Park on July 4th

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ellsworth Lioness Club, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Ellsworth on Monday, July 4th to the Ellsworth Sports Park located at 9751 Lake Street with two scheduled performances at 2:00 & 4:30 p.m. Now in its 31st edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City. Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that

will last a lifetime. Between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the free tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. Learn interesting facts about our performers, the history of our show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family. In this presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive.

In recent years the Tent Raising and Morning Tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family. This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed!

On circus day, our performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute performance. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers that include: Miss



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Simone and her breath taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud "Big & Little" prancing ponies, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles,

Natalie's American Eskimo Escapades, Miss Georgia displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny

& Tight Rope by The Perez Family. But, lets not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Soloman, Delilah & Francis, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats. All accompanied by original music composed by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, Cali-

fornia. Our performers are sure to amaze, delight and entertain the audience members of all ages beyond your wildest imagination. The costumes alone are certainly of Las Vegas quality.

For more information visit our FaceBook page with videos, photos and comments from past sponsors and patrons. For a direct link you can go to www.cmcircus.com and click on the FaceBook link.

Save money by purchasing your tickets in advance at the following locations: Front Porch Café in Ellsworth, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce in East Jordan, and Bachmann Variety Store in Central Lake. Prices for advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors (65 and over) and children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free. On show day tickets will be \$13.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors/children. Reserve your tickets early and save. For more information or to reserve discount tickets call 866 BIG TOP 6. Reservations will be available even on show day but, only at this number till 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, Central Time.

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Charlevoix Summer Art Show

Summer has arrived and Charlevoix is celebrating with the 18th Annual Summer Art Show taking place downtown in East Park on Saturday, June 25 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, June 26 from 10am – 3pm. The show features quality art and crafts displayed outdoors on beautiful Round Lake harbor. 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.

Over 80 artists will display their work in East Park during this two day event. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a wonderful representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many wonderful items to choose from.

Music lovers won't want to miss a free performance by the Up North Vocal Institute taking place in the Odmark Performance Pavilion in East Park from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Saturday evening.

Join us as we welcome the arrival of summer in northern Michigan at the 18th Annual Summer Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away!

For details, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

Northern Michigan Outdoors

Gender Generalities



By Patrick Bevier

As part of our Michigan live animal educational programs for our 501c3 business called Outdoor Explorers in the Classroom, by far the most common question asked by the 4-12 year olds is, "is that a boy or a girl?" Therefore, I thought it might be informative to share at least some ways to distinguish genders in our reptiles, amphibians, fish, and birds. Here they are:

Big Mommies
Our girl students always cheer when we tell them that in almost all cases-the largest reptiles are always female. Yes, the biggest snakes, turtles, lizards, crocodiles, and alligators on the planet are ladies. Most often when you encounter a large snapping turtle travelling by land it is invariably a female looking for a dry, sandy place to dig a burrow to lay her eggs. We have collected soft-

shelled turtles where the females can boast a shell that is 20 inches in length whereas the males grow to be only about half that size.

My, What Big Ears.....
Many amphibians-frogs, toads, and salamanders-do not always have features that distinguish their gender. However, in several frog varieties (bullfrogs, leopard frogs, and green frogs, for example) the males have a much larger tympanum- the external ear drum behind the eye- than females. The males have a tympanum that is considerably larger than the eye while females have ears about the size of their eye. Our boy students are also pleased to learn that only male frogs and toads actually make sounds. So when you hear peeps, grunts, snores, clicks, croaks, and trills during these warm months it's male frogs just trying to find a date!

Protective Pops
Fish are also difficult – at least externally – to discern gender. Among some sunfish species

(bluegill, red ear sunfish, pumpkinseeds), however, the males are always more colorful. This time of year it's not unusual to see large male sunfish guarding eggs over the bowl shaped beds they have helped to dig in the shallows of lakes and ponds in which they mate. Seems appropriate that we just celebrated Father's Day that we mention these focused fathers.

Gaudy Ganders
Birds are probably the easiest critters to distinguish boys from girls. In many cases the males-think cardinals, wood ducks, goldfinch and mallards-boast much more colorful plumage. Ornithologists hypothesize that this dichotomy is probably designed to attract females.

So, now when you get out and



A larger tympanum is a characteristic of male green frogs (rear) while females have a smaller version of these external ear drums. (PATRICK BEVIER PHOTO)

explore Northern Michigan, you'll have a much better idea of how to distinguish the boys from the girls. Make sure you share this knowledge with a boy or a girl of your own!

If you'd like to book Outdoor Explorers in the Classroom for your club, camp, or class please phone (734) 355-6769 or visit outdoorexplorers.net.

Contestant from THE VOICE to perform in East Jordan

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN--The East Jordan Music in the Park committee has risen to new heights booking the third place winner of the 2015 The Voice competition, Joshua Davis, to kick off this summer's series.

Traverse City native Davis spent a year on the television competition, The Voice where he was coached by Adam Levine, he performed with Sheryl Crow and made it all the way to the show's finale,

landing at No. 3 overall. Before The Voice, Davis was popular in lower Michigan for his gritty roots of American folk style. He sang solo and then created "Steppin in it," a classic swing band. "I'm real familiar with Davis's music, he's one of these guys who stayed true to his roots," said East Jordan City Administrator, Tom Cannon.

This concert is the Music in the Park committee's first attempt to step the program up. "Hopefully it gains enough interest to build on and we'll have some larger shows

next year," he said.

Davis will be performing at the Community Auditorium located at the East Jordan High School. Because of scheduling issues the concert will take place on a Thursday, July 7 instead of the usual Friday at 7 p.m. tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at mynorthtickets.com. The concert is the first event of a weekend that includes the South Arm Classic and the Sweaty Yeti Run. "It's going to be a perfect start to a great weekend," said Cannon.



Joshua Davis

Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale Shop in Gaylord

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances, furniture, racks and racks of clothing items, tools, home décor items, kitchen items, towels, bedding, curtains, dishes, nick knacks, collectible figurines and spoons, candles, holiday décor items including 1000's of Christmas ornaments, luggage, golf clubs, DVD's and VHS tapes, CD's, vinyl records, puzzles, books, games, toys, baseball cards, and more...even a special area de-



A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord. PHOTOS BY JIM AKANS

voted to wedding dresses. Astonishingly, A-2-Z has over 50 wedding dresses and over 50 prom dress on hand, plus over 4,000 pieces of jewelry, lots of buttons, purses, shoes, boots, sandals and 20 racks full of all types of clothing for men, women, children...even ma-

ternity and baby clothes. There has never been a more economical and stylish way to update your wardrobe or get decked-out for that upcoming special occasion.

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our in-



ventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every day."

Carol Brown adds, "Many of the items that we offer, especially furniture, move very quickly. We would

love to thank everyone who has stopped in and for being our customers for six years now. We would also enjoy seeing our friends from Onaway, Millersburg and Harrisville areas stop in and see us."

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale. Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inventory.

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Banks Township names Citizen of the Year

ELLSWORTH-At a meeting of the Ellsworth Village Council, the Banks Township Board surprised this year's chosen nominee for the township's Citizen of the Year recognition. Lifelong Banks Township resident Marilyn Ferweda was honored at a small unexpected ceremony, Monday June 13.

Ferweda was raised on Doctor Road, graduated from Ellsworth High School and raised three children, Keith, Sharon and Kimberly while working in the banking industry, retiring after 30 years. She is the President of the Flywheelers, a member of the Belltower Reformed Church, the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, and the Banks Township Historical Society. She serves as an election inspector and volunteers regularly for the Pig Roast and All-School Reunion. "She is incredibly deserving of this through her numerous efforts in serving the community," said Banks Township Clerk Donna Heeres. Ferweda had an honored spot in the Pig Roast Parade.



ABOVE: Marilyn Ferweda was recognized in the Ellsworth Pig Roast annual parade



RIGHT: Banks Township Citizen of the Year Marilyn Ferweda with her husband Gordon...

2016 FREEDOM FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE

The 2016 Freedom Festival in East Jordan is underway. There is still plenty of festival ahead with carnival rides, a block party, drawings, a grand parade, prize raffles, fireworks and more through Sunday, June 26. Following are highlights from the upcoming schedule. Visit www.eastjordanfreedom-festival.org for details and updates.

Carnival – Thursday, June 23, 5 - 10pm, Friday, June 24, Noon – 11pm, Saturday, June 25, Noon – 11pm. Schmidt Amusements offering exciting midway entertainment for young and old alike. Schmidt Amusements is a Michigan-based family owned and operated carnival company with over 30 years experience. Schmidt Amusements offers a wide array of contemporary as well as traditional

Block Party – Friday, June 24, 6 - 9:30. This year's Block Party the Theme for the night will be "Stars and Stripes Forever". The Friday Night Block Party in downtown East Jordan will be an event to remember. There will be Live Music, Food, Games, The Michigan Stilt Walker will be on hand to make balloon creations and lots more. This is a chance for our local Clubs, Groups, Organizations and Churches to set up a booth and make some money. There is no charge for a booth space for our non-profits. It's a great time to come downtown and meet up with friends, old and new for a great night of fun

Button Drawing – Friday, June 24. Purchase your commemorative East Jordan Freedom Festival Button to be entered for a chance to win one of three fabulous prizes, plus one very special, once-in-a-lifetime chance to set off the secular Freedom Festival Fireworks display on Saturday night. Button drawings will be held on the hour during the Friday Night Block Party on Main Street. Drawings will be at 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 PM. (Must be present to win) Your Festival Button will also be good for money saving special at participating East Jordan locations. Festival Buttons will be on sale at several East Jordan locations prior to the festival and will also be sold at the Friday Night Block Party while supplies last.

Special Button Drawings – Throughout the week. Purchase a button at events throughout the week for a chance to win a special prize the night of the event (buy a button on Tuesday and be entered to win the Tuesday night prize, special drawings Wednesday & Thursday as well). Buttons must be purchased the day of the event, at the event, to be eligible to win that night's prize (Must be present to win). ALL FESTIVAL BUTTONS pur-



FreedomFestPhoto; There is still plenty of festival ahead with carnival rides, a block party, drawings, a grand parade, prize raffles, fireworks and more through Sunday, June 26. COURTESY PHOTO

chased will be eligible for the Button Drawings on Friday Night at the Block Party. (Must be present to win)

Kids Bounce Houses – Saturday, June 25, 10am – 2pm. Make plans to head to Murphy's Field where the kids can play in two Bounce Houses. There will be no charge to enter.

Maddie's Petting Zoo – Saturday, June 25, 10am – 2pm. Murphy's Field – Let the kids meet and pet Maddie's farm friends from White Birch Valley Farms.

Grand Parade – Saturday, June 25 at 3pm. If it's Floats, Beauty Queens, Fire Trucks, Bands and Fun you're looking for then the Freedom Festival Grand Parade is the place for you. Come out and enjoy the parade celebrating with the theme of "Stars and Stripes Forever". The Grand Parade will be led by the Color Guard. Grand Marshal of the 2016 Grand Parade will be East Jordan High School Graduate and 2015 XTERRA World Champion – Josiah Mid-dagh

Prize Raffle – Saturday, June 25 starting at 6pm. Try your luck at the Freedom Festival Prize Raffle. The raffle will be held in Memorial Park at the Band Shell. Tickets will be sold in Memorial Park starting at 4pm, on Saturday. You will have a chance to win over 40 prizes that have been graciously donated by area businesses and individuals. The prizes range from works of art to gift certificates and everything in between. You must be present to win. Drawings will take place throughout the Lip Sync Contest.

Lip Sync – Saturday, June 25 at 6pm. Do you have a favorite song or favorite artist? Come down to the Main Stage in Memorial Park and show the world how well you know the words. Dress up, choreograph a dance or just mouth the words, but most of all have fun and try to

win the cash prize. 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.

Festival 500 – Saturday, June 25 at 8pm. If you're feeling lucky be sure to get your Festival 500 ticket for your chance to win one of 10 \$50 cash prizes or the Grand Prize of \$500.00 in cash. Tickets will be on sale during the festival at the Freedom Festival Information Booth or from any Festival Board Member. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held in Memorial Park on Saturday, June 25 just before the band takes the stage. You do not need to be present to win.

Fabulous Fireworks – Saturday, June 25 at dusk. No festival would be complete without a grand finale of Fabulous Fireworks and the East Jordan Freedom Festival has just that. Launched from a barge in the middle of the Beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix and synchronized to music, you won't soon forget this fireworks display. The best viewing location is downtown East Jordan in Memorial Park, The Marina Docks, The Old Boat Launch and Bridge Area. Memorial Park will also be the best location to hear the music that will accompany the beautiful fireworks display. You won't want to miss this perfect ending to a wonderful day at the East Jordan Freedom Festival. RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

Freedom Lovers Breakfast – Sunday, June 26, 7am – Noon. Join the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club as they celebrate Freedom with "The Works" Breakfast. Held at the Sno-Mobilers Club House on Mt. Bliss Road in East Jordan. The Works – Adults \$6, Children \$3.

Sheriffs' Association hosts Summer Conference



Undersheriff Chuck Vondra, Sheriff Don Schneider, Chief Jeff Gaither, Trooper Zachary Helton, Assistant Chief Kevin Spate, Cpl. William B. Church II, Cpl. Frederick Hasty Jr., and Sgt. George R. Lasater. COURTESY PHOTO

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association hosted their 2016 summer conference and awards banquet at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids this past Sunday, June 12. Sheriff Don Schneider of Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office nominated the following Officers for their commendations for their bravery on an incident which occurred on May 16, 2015 where Corporal Fred Hasty was shot and severely wounded. The Michigan Sheriffs' Association Awards Committee received these nominations and awarded the following:

- Boyne City Police Department Assistant Chief Kevin Spate, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy Corporal William B. Church II, and Michigan

State Police Trooper Zachary Helton were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

- Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Corporal Frederick Hasty Jr., Sergeant George R. Lasater, and Undersheriff Charles Vondra were awarded the Sheriffs' Medal of Honor.

- Sheriff Schneider could not be more proud of these Officers pointing, out the combined effort of three law enforcement agencies working together as one team.

Present at the awards banquet were Executive Director of Michigan Sheriffs' Association Terrence L. Jungel and Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young.

East Jordan Rotary Variety show was 2 hours of fun

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - June 18 marked the 10th Annual East Jordan Rotary Variety Show and the local talent didn't fail to once again bring down the house! The two hours of light-hearted silliness flowed relentlessly leaving sides and faces aching from constant laughter and smiles.

Ten years ago when America's Got Talent first hit the small screen the EJ Rotary decided to try the concept. "We sent out a call to anyone who had a talent to present and then we did a few Rotarian skits. The feedback we got was that people wanted more of that," said Rotarian Mike Aenis.

From there the club received the assistance of Rick Johnson, a member who had done several shows with the Rotary Club in Traverse City. "He taught us how to run a show. He wrote the music and showed us what to do backstage. We didn't know any of that stuff," said Aenis.

The first sellout show came only 4



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years after the slapstick-style variety show began in earnest. Since then, Rotarian spouses and friends have joined the 30 members that work year round to put on the show which includes a live pit band, Rotary chorus and Rotarian, Chip Hansen as Master of Ceremonies.

Proceeds from the show are used to support of the yearly work the East Jordan Rotary Club does, including scholarship support for students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

Manna Food Drive

A Manna Food Drive, sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, will be held through July 31. Items needed include canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter and any non-perishable food items. There are six convenient drop off locations:

- Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 420 Howard Street, Petoskey
- Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 172 E. Main Street, Harbor Springs

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- Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 E. Water Street, Boyne City
- Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 109 Mill Street, East Jordan

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

June is National Safety month, dedicated to helping prevent the more than 400 electrocutions that occur in the United States each year. With the arrival of summer, DTE Energy reminds customers to be safe around electricity, especially when working or playing outdoors.

"Safety is always DTE Energy's first priority," said Heather Rivard, vice president of Distribution Operations for DTE Energy. "While the electricity we provide is vital to our customers, it can also be dangerous. During the summer months especially, it's important for everyone to be mindful of their surroundings and consider safety first, at all times."

DTE offers these tips to help customers be safe around electricity:

- Keep ladders away from overhead power lines. Last year, more than 9 percent of electrocutions nationwide were caused by ladders coming into contact with power lines. Ladders and other long tools should be kept 20 feet away from power lines.

- Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) on electrical outlets that may get wet. If a person begins to receive a shock, the GFCI senses this and cuts off the power to prevent electrocutions.

- Keep in mind that trimming trees near overhead power lines is not a "do-it-yourself" job. DTE recommends hiring a professional to complete any tree trimming near power lines.

- Teach children not to climb trees near overhead wires. Even if the power lines aren't currently touching the tree, a child's weight might bring a branch in contact with the wires.

- Call MISS DIG at 8-1-1 before you dig. Every 6 minutes an underground utility line in the U.S. is damaged because someone began to dig without first calling MISS DIG. Call MISS DIG at least three business days before breaking ground on any landscaping project. Local utilities will use flags to mark the location of underground lines so you know what's below before you dig.

While DTE Energy works year-round to provide customers with reliable service, this season also brings the possibility of severe weather which can cause outages. By following these tips, customers can stay safe in the aftermath of severe storms.

- Stay 20 feet away from overhead power lines. Keep kids and pets away too.

- Be extremely cautious near metal fences. Metal conducts electricity. If a downed wire is touching a metal fence, connecting fences can be energized and dangerous.

- Wait until all repairs are complete before starting outdoor clean up. Energized power lines could be hidden in the brush.

- Operate generators in well-ventilated areas only. Between 1999 and 2012, 79 percent of the 931 carbon monoxide fatalities were associated with generators.

For more information on electrical safety, visit dteenergy.com

State to send corrected letter regarding Medicare Part B premiums

Michiganers who recently received a letter incorrectly saying their Medicare Part B premiums would no longer be subsidized need not worry about reductions in their Social Security checks due to this error.

A Michigan Department of Health and Human Services technical system error caused the Social Security Administration to erroneously send the letter to about 12,000 seniors and people with disabilities around the state who receive Medicare. They are among nearly 250,000 people in Michigan enrolled in the Medicare Savings Program, which helps pay

Medicare premiums, coinsurance and deductibles.

"We want to make sure that people who received the incorrect letter understand that they won't see a reduction in their Social Security checks because of this error," said Chris Priest, deputy director of Medical Services for MDHHS. "We quickly corrected the mistake before any checks went out and are working now with our federal partners. MDHHS understands the worries that this faulty information caused seniors and other residents. We apologize for the confusion caused by the system error."

MDHHS has implemented a technical

correction and submitted updated information to the federal government. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is working with the Social Security Administration to update the information. MDHHS is closely monitoring the situation and working to ensure Social Security checks are correct.

In addition to the 12,000 incorrect notices, about 3,000 people who are no longer eligible for the Medicare Savings Program were sent notices stating that they will no longer receive that benefit. These are notices MDHHS sends to anyone who is no longer eligible due to losing Medi-

caid eligibility or because changes in income or assets made them ineligible for the Medicare Savings Program. These individuals would have received a notice from both Social Security Administration and MDHHS. Individuals who incorrectly received notices would have been notified by the Social Security Administration only.

The Social Security Administration will be sending corrected notices to Medicare recipients affected by the error. There is no need for these individuals to take any action. Anyone who has questions can contact their MDHHS caseworker.

Green Market Day

Last Thursday, the Charlevoix Farmers Market held a Green Market Day. The event featured live music by Dwain Martin and 19 area

environmentally focused groups were on hand to share information with the public and offered several items to take with them. The

Charlevoix farmers market overlooks Round Lake at East Park.



ABOVE: Shoppers browsed the many informational booths and received free light bulbs, information and other give-away items as they learned about the many associations with concerns about earth, water and sky. COURTESY PHOTO



BELOW: Larry Levengood (right) representing the Lake Charlevoix Association is one of 19 additional groups that joined the Charlevoix Farmers Market last Thursday during Green Market Day. COURTESY PHOTO



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRESSIVE PLANNED OBSOLESCENCE

To the Editor,

SEEMINGLY OXYMORONIC this amalgam is illustrated in our technological culture of NOW, the fleeting now of all-in-one titillation as each "latest thing" product comes upon the market. Indeed marketing is the impetus behind this. It used to be said that psychologists are the marketing geniuses behind capitalistic society scoping out the trends and even creating them. Psychologists however have no interest in such matters as selling products or ideas, cultural trends or anything of the like. This is the realm of the promoter and distributor.

Tech companies utilize this blueprint in planned and plotted protocol as is demonstrated by the buzz of each new product replacement for its former latest thing just passing the nadir of plummeting sales receipts because the rumor has already been circulated that the newest version is in development and nearing arrival. The trick lies in assuring that these products will wear out at certain intervals of time, thus they wear out at inconvenient times as well because slipshod manufacture cannot definitively time each product to exact time function extent although it might seem so to those of us who maintain that things wear out at

precisely one day beyond the warranty.

Communications, the premier catalyst for this boom in technological industry, quite amazes us even as its luster becomes tarnished by ubiquitous products. Companies cater to this, of course, even adjusting to a diverse clientele with various plans of payment versus prepaid purchase primarily for cell phones. Computers and printers, still needful for office and home office, have emulated the early televisions that work only, as it seems, when they want to or when the stars are in harmonic convergence and no zombies are lurking.

Certainly we could revert to quill and ink for writing, Pony Express for delivery, wood-fired heat and kerosene lantern for comfort zones to do so. Computer communications, nonetheless, have become the almost worldwide system of sharing information which is proposed as a public utility embraced by all governments as essential. We do not feel compelled to keep journals such as Thoreau with handmade pencils. There is an immediacy involved here that absolutely will not wait, a sort of indelible phone call via text and/or photo, even video, to be transmitted instantaneously. These wavelengths are cluttered with useless and useful information ad infinitum far beyond what any agencies of surveillance can exam-

ine or react to yet that is a contentious issue.

But all break down at any indeterminate point. Your H-P printer will malfunction in direct Murphy reference to when you want it most, your computer will crash likewise, your cable or satellite connection will be interrupted inconveniently, even the electric lights will darken in storms requiring generators for those in need of uninterrupted service. Thus the repair services have sprung up through this fertile ground as linemen daring all kinds of weather to locate the break and patch it. Until next time. Your computer will be hit by viruses, clogged with spam, will slow from clutter, and ultimately be relegated to some garbage heap wherever allowed or disallowed for disposal, not even a relic of bygone times but a hazard to atmosphere and humans. Dogs and cats have no interest in such detritus although abstruse artisans may find esoteric usage in salvaged parts for satirical or cynical comment.

And we thought Growing Up Absurd occurred only circa mid-century last. Imagine the insurgence of people born into this imbroglio. Kids grow up technologically now, by the age of three tech-savvy, as teens proficient at all phases of computing whereas unable to discern that closing the storm door in a snowstorm saves energy and heat.

Computing has eclipsed common sense. Again, unlike wood stoves it all breaks down regularly. The automobile inception this planned obsolescence and corporate entities otherwise soon caught the drift. It progresses nonetheless and promises more wonders in future. "The future ain't what it used to be." Truly the future evades us as it becomes the collage now choreographing music videos in flash-card-paced kaleidoscope leaving only vague traces of recognition discernible. Chaos reigns superseded only by the promotion of THE LATEST THING as antidote. Yet many of us indulge for the convenience and immediacy of the profound wonders of communications and recording of information. Media is indeed the Message as Marshall McLuhan coined fifty years ago. Both informative and glibberish, we partake voraciously even though we know a crash is looming. It is supposed psychologically that this is attributed to mortality itself, this instant-gratification to ward off and prolong the inevitable. We tend to be attracted to what works quickest in lieu of what works best.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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The Last River Draw is one step closer to completion

The Last River Draw, a life-size bronze sculpture of a logger standing on a floating log drawing logs down the Boyne River, is another step closer to an installation this fall. Martha Sulfridge, local artist and sculptor, is finalizing the clay model. The next step will be to produce molds that will go to a foundry for casting. The foundry process, along with the extensive engineering that is required to install a floating sculpture in the river, will take several more months. The efforts of many are involved in this very complex process.

A crowdfunding campaign was successfully completed in

February and March where the community exceeded its goal for the matching grant. The additional funds were critical to the project due to the extensive engineering and installation that will accompany a piece of this magnitude.

"We had such an outpouring of support during our fundraising efforts," said Lori Meeder, executive director of the Boyne City Main Street Program. "The larger donors have been presented with a beautiful artist's rendering of the logger. We had 13 prints framed, signed and dated by Martha. It is a classic work of art that we hope the donors

enjoy for years to come."

Through online donations and the many fundraising efforts, more than 500 people donated to the crowdfunding initiative.

"Because of the collaborative nature of the crowdfunding efforts, the piece will be a community asset that everyone can feel a part of and we hope that we get a large crowd to join us for the installation ceremony that will take place yet this fall if all goes well," said Martha Sulfridge, artist and sculptor.

The Last River Draw will be the community's first permanent piece to complement the Walkabout Sculpture Tour, an

exhibit that features varying pieces each year from artists around the state. On June 24, nine new pieces will be installed around downtown and the parks and in place

For more information on this project and other Main Street programs, contact mainstreet@boyncity.com or 231.582.9009.

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Concert season at Aten Place opens

The 22nd season of Concerts in the Barn at Aten Place will open with Minnesota based singer-songwriter Reina del Cid. Del Cid, who had developed a devoted online following as a solo artist, has teamed up with talented musicians Toni Lindgren, Zach Schmidt, and Andrew Foreman to develop a sophisticated sound with broad appeal. Their following is a mixed crowd of jam-heads, college students and white haired intelligentsia.

In 2012, Reina del Cid began a weekly residency at the Amsterdam Bar and Hall in downtown St. Paul where she played with her band every week for nearly two years. Del Cid, a naturally introverted bookworm, used this regular stage to lay down the blueprints for what would become her characteristic self-effacing stage banter. Flash forward three years to 2016 and the band has emerged from the pressure cooker of more than 300 shows over two years into what has become an even more exciting, tighter, bolder, and more sophisticated in style and form. Del Cid has also blossomed into an authentic storyteller with a kaleidoscope of onstage charm. It is the kind of metamorphosis one might expect from all those nights of experimentation in front of live audiences.

Reina del Cid is no longer the singer songwriter she was five years ago, shyly posting songs to the Internet from a college dorm. As the new album exhibits, she is the front woman of a band that knows its music and performs it with the passion that comes from having stretched boundaries, transformed together, and infused each song with the magic of a live show.

Aten Place tickets are \$16 and can be pur-



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chased in advance by using the online order form or calling (231) 549-2076. Ordering advanced tickets is highly recommended. Tickets can also be purchased the evening of the show starting at 6:00 pm, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets and schedule details are available by visiting www.atenplace.com.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety plus year old oak frame barn with seating for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to www.atenplace.com or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

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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 Saucecats". Full schedule at east-jordanfreedomfestival.org

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.

BOYNE CITY SOBO ARTS FESTIVAL

June 24 during Stroll the Streets and June 25; Noon-6pm, Sunset Park. Walkabout sculpture, puppet shows, hands on art experience, music dance flash mobs, plein air competition and new this year; sidewalk chalk art competition. Full schedule at www.soboarts-festival.com

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 - Fur-ever Love" supporting our Foster Program, Sign up, have fun, and support a great cause. Visit charlevoixmarathon.com for information.

EAST JORDAN MAPLE TABLE: A POP-UP BENEFIT RESTAURANT

June 25 & 26, 10am-2pm, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Wagbo will once again transform into a 'pop-up' temporary restaurant called the Maple Table, serving food that celebrates the seasons of Northern Michigan. You get a great meal and Wagbo will get funds to continue and expand our community programs. In addition, we will be sharing a portion of our proceeds with Providence Farm's (Central Lake) Share the Harvest Program. Ryan and Andrea Romeyn (of Providence farm) work with Good Samaritan Family Services (Ellsworth) to provide Organic Farm Shares and bulk vegetables to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to RSVP or for more 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 Odmark 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.

CHARLEVOIX FRIENDS OF LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SALE

June 25; 10am-5pm, 26; 1-5pm, Charlevoix Public Library. This is the huge summer book sale at the library. Thousands of books, CD's,

movies, and rare and collectible books. Many wonderful bargains for all ages. Book donations are welcome.

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.

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND CONCERT

June 28, 8-9:15pm, East Park. Enjoy the sounds of the Charlevoix City Band while taking in the views of beautiful Round Lake. There is no better way to spend a summer evening. Free event.

BOYNE CITY GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES

June 29, 6:30pm, Old City Park. Featuring Roma Ransom. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic dinner and perhaps a bottle of wine.

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 40TH ANNUAL WATERSIDE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

July 3 & 4, 10am-5pm, Veterans Park.

BOYNE CITY 4TH JULY CELEBRATION

July 4. 40th Annual Independence Day Run, Parade, Bouncers & More Inflatable Alley, Pie Sale, Chicken BBQ, Childrens Games, Live Music in Veterans Park, Raft Race, Soap Box Derby, 28th Annual Duck Race & Fireworks. Full schedule at www.boynechamber.com

HORTON BAY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 4, 1pm. Returns after an 8-year absence.

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND CONCERT

July 5, 8-9:15pm, East Park. Enjoy the sounds of the Charlevoix City Band while taking in the views of beautiful Round Lake. There is no better way to spend a summer evening. Free Event.

EAST JORDAN JOSHUA DAVIS IN CONCERT

July 7, 7pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. Tickets available at Mynorthtickets.com

BOYNE CITY BOYNE THUNDER

July 8 & 9, Unique boating event that showcases high performance boats, slicing through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 150-mile excursion. Event raises funds for Camp Quality and Challenge Mountain. Information and schedule at www.boynechamber.com

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX ART & CRAFT SHOW

July 9; 10am-6pm, 10; 10am-4pm, East Park. Combine one of the most picturesque settings in the state with a gathering of 150 artists and craftsmen from around the country, and the result is Charlevoix's 48th Annual Art & Craft Show.

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND CONCERT

July 12, 8-9:15pm, East Park. Enjoy the sounds of the Charlevoix City Band while taking in the views of beautiful Round Lake. There is no better way to spend a summer evening. Free Event.

CHARLEVOIX STREET LEGENDS CAR SHOW

CRUISE IN

July 15. Cruise around Lake Charlevoix departs Bethany Lutheran Church at 5pm. Cruise returns to downtown followed by a live music performance by The Ledgermen at 7pm.

CHARLEVOIX STREET LEGENDS CAR SHOW

July 16, 8am-3pm, downtown. Vehicle registrations from 8am - 11am, voting from 10am to 1pm, silent auction at 1pm, awards ceremony at 3pm.

EAST JORDAN MUSIC IN THE PARK

July 15, 7pm, East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park. Featuring the Celtic music of Nessa.

CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

July 16-23. What began 86 years ago as a simple candle-lit boat parade has grown into a week-long flurry of color and pageantry that highlights the summer season and attracts tens of thousands of visitors. The Festival offers a wonderful variety of events geared to delight and entertain every age group. Most events take place within waterfront parks, Round Lake Harbor and Lake Charlevoix. For a schedule of events visit www.venetianfestival.com

EAST JORDAN MUSIC IN THE PARK

July 22, 7pm, East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park. Rock/Oldies by Full Circle.

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

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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. 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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