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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 18, 2016

## Charlevoix City Council approves creating recreation committee

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - City commissioners approved every item on the agenda at a very short meeting Monday, July 18.

Commissioners reviewed a site plan for an expansion of Bridge Street Blooms. The installation of a 24X100 foot addition to the existing 72X100 foot greenhouse was unanimously approved. "I'm just glad they are doing so well they can have an addition," said Commissioner

Shirley Gibson.

A bid to have the light poles downtown painted was approved. The bid from MJS Painting, Inc. for \$17,230 was the lowest received. "They're in pretty poor shape," said Don Swem, city engineer. MJS was the lowest bidder and is already contracted to paint the handrails across the city.

The purchase of 2 portable snow guns for the Mt McSauba ski hill was also approved. "If we make this purchase tonight the

snowmaking system will be complete," said Bo Boss, Mount McSauba manager. Because the guns are portable it will enable the crew to make snow no matter what direction the wind is coming out of. The guns come from Nubs Nob at a cost of \$14,000. "We'll have a really good snowmaking system," said Boss.

The suggestion of creating a committee of stakeholders with differing interests in the McSauba Recreation Area was first proposed 2

months ago by Commissioner Luther Kurtz with the intent of preventing any future discord like what happened after the disc golf course was created. The topic was discussed at every meeting since because of a fear that adding a new committee to the recently created Recreation Advisory Committee would be redundant and offensive to the existing committee. With a recommendation from the city manager that the new committee would receive

close direction from the Recreation Advisory Committee and be appointed by them, commissioners approved it. "The Recreation Advisory Committee looks wholistically this additional group will look specifically and it will get all the stakeholders to work together," said City Manager Mark Heydlauff.

The next Charlevoix City Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1.

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## East Jordan All 80's graduates draws hundreds to class reunion

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - Not only did the South Arm Classic bring a few "blasts from the past" to the marina and Main Street but during the festival the class of 1986 hosted an all 80's reunion which brought 250 alumni from the Cold War and Reaganomics era to town.

Danielle Poindexter and Molly Gee created a Facebook page with the intent of getting alumni excited about what was happening at EJ Public Schools. Poindexter says that when they created the page she envisioned former students giving back. "For the first time in like 50 years, the boys basketball team went to regionals and we found out that some of the students couldn't afford

to a spirit t-shirt," said Poindexter. Within a few short days of its inception the former students raised enough money to provide every high school student with a "We Are EJ" shirt during the boy's basketball tournaments following the regional win. "Not only did we raise enough, we were able to keep in reserve about \$300 for future "school spirit" needs," said Poindexter. Since that time the Facebook group has been used for getting information out, sharing memories, reconnection and making a difference.

At the reunion attendees were asked for donations to cover the cost of beverages as well as a \$10 cover charge to pay for the building rental, band and a small buffet. "We had planned down to the



250 Alumni gathered in the pavilion at Tourist Park for the EJHS all 80's reunion

penny and were determined to spend all of our money on a reunion to beat all reunions," she said. After all expenses were paid the alumni committee once again found themselves with \$745 above what they needed plus \$130 raised from a silent auction. "We started with about \$400 and were determined to spend every penny and instead ended up with double that," said Poindexter.

The band included a reunion of the White Russians, a band from back then, formed by some of Poindexter's upperclassmen that also graduated in the 80s. "They were really pretty popular and had quite the following,"

she said. The band was asked to come back for a cameo appearance and Keith Matheny who now lives in the Detroit area, Steve Renaud now living in Boyne City and Louis Drapeau who still lives in East Jordan reunited for an evening of memories. "They were actually quite good," said Poindexter.

In the spirit of giving back that launched the Facebook page, the alumni donated \$500 to the Larry R. Gee Memorial Scholarship fund. Mr. Gee was an EJHS teacher for 31 years, he coached football and basketball and served as athletic director and was the 1986 class advisor. The me-

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## New department at Boyne District Library

To better serve our patrons, the Boyne District Library is committed to offering a comprehensive program of reference and technology classes and services intended to address patron reference and technology needs and interests. Patrons have access to a staff member specifically trained to help with reference and technology questions. Appointment request forms are available at the circulation desk. Walk in service may be available, depending on librarian's schedule.

Technology Programs & Classes:

Tech Café - Bring in your devices (cell phones, tables, laptops) and we will help get you started. Basic computer and digital skills will be presented. Meets weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11am in the BDL Conference Room.

Tech Academy - You can become computer savvy in no time! Get step by step instructions in a variety of basic computer functions, as well as more advanced software applications. Beginners and proficient computer users can improve their skills in a different course each session. See BDL calendar for upcoming sessions. Pre-registration appreciated, but not required. Meets 1st Tuesday of the month 10-11am, and 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6-7pm in the Conference Room.

Tech Support Group - Intended for patrons with school-age children (although all are welcome), this group will discuss ways to allow use of technology within family units, while at the same time protecting children from overuse and unsafe situations. Discussions will include ways to address cyber-bullying, digital citizenship, and understanding one's digital footprint. Other topics may include how technology can help spark a child's curiosity

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The band 'Derailed' was played at the All 80's EJHS reunion with guest appearance from the former 80s band, 'White Russian' consisting of members that graduated from EJHS: Keith Matheny, lead vocal. Louis Drapeau, guitar. Steve Renaud, drums.

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## record temps

| DAY    | AVG LOW | AVG HIGH | RECORD LOW | RECORD HIGH |
|--------|---------|----------|------------|-------------|
| JUL 21 | 55°     | 82°      | 35° (1970) | 94° (2001)  |
| JUL 22 | 55°     | 82°      | 41° (1981) | 97° (2001)  |
| JUL 23 | 55°     | 82°      | 36° (1954) | 97° (2001)  |
| JUL 24 | 55°     | 82°      | 39° (1953) | 92° (1987)  |
| JUL 25 | 55°     | 82°      | 39° (2004) | 90° (1966)  |
| JUL 26 | 55°     | 82°      | 42° (2004) | 99° (1955)  |
| JUL 27 | 55°     | 82°      | 40° (1962) | 92° (1949)  |
| JUL 28 | 55°     | 82°      | 39° (1967) | 93° (1988)  |

### Isabel Arlene Peterson, 93

(DEC. 1, 1922 - JULY 15, 2016)

Isabel A. Peterson of Ellsworth died Friday, July 15, 2016 in Charlevoix.

She was born December 1, 1922 in Ellsworth to Charles and Hazel (Jolliffe) Edson.

On October 19, 1952 she married Okey Peterson in Lansing. They lived in Lansing until 1966, then in Ionia until 1972 when they moved to Ellsworth. Okey died in 2001.

Issy worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation and for the Department of Social Services. She was a charter member of the Ellsworth Lioness Club. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, traveling and going to the casino.

Surviving are her children Joni Wieland with significant-other William 'Griz' Patenge, and Charles Peterson, both of Ellsworth; special friend of the family Ruth Cunningham and children Jack and Megan of California; grandchildren Josh Wieland of Hancock and Jamie (Ryan) Fischer of Belaire; step-granddaughter Heidi Peterson; great-grandchildren Keely Fischer, Payton Fischer and Brooklyn Isabel Fischer; her sister Joan Blake of Garden City; sisters-in-law Carrie Edson of Boyne City, Catherine Hults of Palm Harbor, Florida, and brother-in-law John Wynsma of Byron Center; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Okey she was preceded in death by a step-son Gary Peterson, step-grandson Eric

Peterson, and siblings Geneva Blanchard, Ethan Edson, Harold Edson, Don Edson, Ida Mae Wynsma, and Doyle 'Mike' Edson.

A memorial gathering will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Peterson's Pleasant Point aka Wieland's Whistling Pines.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Good Samaritan Family Services, P. O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth online at [www.hastingsfuneral.com](http://www.hastingsfuneral.com).

### Walter L Goldsmith, 68

(JAN. 8, 1948 - JULY 14, 2016)

Walter L "Butch" Goldsmith passed at his Boyne City home July 14th 2016.

A longtime resident of Boyne City Butch loved to hunt and travel when he could.

Butch is survived by his children Angela Chipman, Walter Goldsmith 3rd; grandchildren Angel Vanloo, Tiffany Chipman and Brad Crandell; great grandchild Jasmine Vanloo, Christopher Henderson Jr and Alex-Zander Henderson.

He is predeceased by his wife of almost 50 years Bonnie Goldsmith.

A memorial service will be held at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City on July 20 at 11:00 am. A reception will follow at the Eagles club in Boyne City across from Veterans Park.

Butch was a very devoted and loved husband father and grandfather. The best

grandpa anyone could have wished for.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Butch are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Bernice "Bunnie" Jean Goss (Watson), 90

(APRIL 12, 1926 - JULY 12, 2016)



Bunnie Goss passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2016, surrounded by family at the American House in Charlevoix.

Bunnie was born April 12, 1926, to Charles and Grace (Kimball) Watson in Flint, Michigan, the third of four girls. Growing up, her family was very involved in the Salvation Army Church and Bunnie played in the band, which sparked a lifelong love of music.

She graduated from Flint Technical High School in 1944. She became a member of the Civil Air Patrol, in Flint, during WWII and took a job with Bishop Flying Service in Flint, moving to Charlevoix in 1944, when

they began flights to Charlevoix. She earned her pilot's license and learned to parachute while employed with Bishop, but later took a job at Brown Motors in Charlevoix and worked there several years. She worked as secretary to the city manager of Charlevoix for many years in the 1960-70's. She then worked seventeen years as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Charlevoix, retiring in 1990. She was a member and past president of the Lake Charlevoix Association in the 1970's and served on the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission for several years.

On November 29, 1949, she married Shelby R. Goss, of Charlevoix, and they were married for sixty-four years until his death in October 2014. Bunnie and Shelby had twenty great years of retirement, living summers and falls in Charlevoix and winters in Florida, until returning full time to Charlevoix in 2011 for health reasons.

Bunnie had three sisters, Evelyn, Margaret, and Marion, and Marion survives.

Bunnie is survived by her four children, Lori (Ken) Carr of Anaheim, Calif., Glen Randy (Sue) Goss of Charlevoix, Barbara (Greg) Falk of Westminster, Md., David (Gloria) Goss of Lakewood, Calif.; and one grandchild, Shelby Lynn Goss (Morgan Hoban) of Oakland, Calif.; along with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 16, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Bunnie, the family suggests donations to Hos-

pice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or to the Salvation Army.

### Constance "Connie" Hudson (Arquette), 71

(OCT. 27, 1944 - JULY 19, 2016)

Constance "Connie" Hudson of Charlevoix passed away, July 19, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Arrangements are pend

### Sanford "Sandy" H. Sweet, 75

(MARCH 9, 1941 - JULY 11, 2016)



Heaven gained an angel on Monday, July 11, 2016, Sanford "Sandy" H. Sweet, 75 of East Jordan, Michigan. He was born on March 9, 1941 in East Jordan, the son of Alice I. (Hawley) and Fred S. "Pete" Sweet.

Growing up in East Jordan, he had many friends and would stop, talk and

drink coffee with his friends at the Round Table Restaurant. After many years, Sanford retired from the City of East Jordan as a Mechanic. He was a pilot and flew his Cessna 150 Texas Taildragger and Cessna 182 and Taylorcraft often, along with multiple other air crafts. He liked to tinker with cars, refrigerators, scooters, etc. You name it, he could fix it.

He loved his family and friends enormously, and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Paula (Goode-nough) Sweet of East Jordan, four children; Brent (Rachelle) Sweet of Woodland, Robin (Tom) Peters of East Jordan, Shandra Sweet-Hock of Raleigh, North Carolina and East Jordan, Sanford (Stacy) Sweet of Reed City, and twelve grandchildren; Shalea (Alex) Backe, Timothy Sweet, Brent Tanner Sweet, Kyle (Betsy) Peters, Shaina Peters, Valerie Peters, Andrew Sweet, Hayden Sweet, Landon Sweet, Kellen Haney and Kavin Haney; one great grandchild: Brody Allan Peters, one brother, Roger (Jacqueline) Sweet of Berlin Heights, Ohio; as well as two nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Charlene P. Sweet and a son-in-law, Christopher M. Hock.

The funeral will be held on July 15 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan, with interment following at Morris Cemetery in Jordan Township Antrim County.ing.

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## Local organizations receive \$30,800 in People Fund grants

Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program made possible 12 grants to local community non-profit organizations. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded a total of \$30,800 in grants in June to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan.

- Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for furnishings for the Trail Center.

- Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: \$2,000 for computer upgrades.

- The Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program.

- Crawford County Commission on Aging, Kalkaska:

- \$3,000 for a commercial refrigerator.

- Otsego County Community Food Pantry, Gaylord: \$5,000 for food for backpacks for students.

- Charlevoix Conservation District, Boyne City: \$1,800 for tools and equipment for a beachgrass harvest program.

- Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Walloon Lake: \$2,500 for Student Harvest Days.

- Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$1,000 for educational outreach to schools and the Day for Strings program.

- C.S. Lewis Festival, Petoskey \$1,000 for C.S. Lewis books for students.

- Otsego Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$2,000 for a

- flatbed trailer.

- Wolverine Joint Fire Board: \$1,000 for a 9-1-1 sign project.

- Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs: \$1,500 for diaper pantry stock.

The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. More than \$2.88 million in grants have been awarded since 1999 to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the western side of Michigan.

"The average contribution

to the People Fund is less than 50 cents per month," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "It's one of the easiest ways our members can show their commitment to local communities by rounding their bill to the nearest dollar."

Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com). One hundred percent of the funds collected are used for grants. Non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can apply for a grant through the People Fund by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. The next grant application deadline is Oct. 1.

## 14th Annual Bike4BreastCancer Ride

Saturday, July 30, 2016, will mark the 14th anniversary of the Bike4Breast-Cancer ride, an event organized by volunteers in support of breast cancer treatment and prevention.

This year, riders have the option of selecting familiar routes from years past, or a new route for a change of pace. Route options include a 50-mile ride through beautiful Charlevoix, including a ride on the Ironton Ferry and rolling terrain into Boyne City and back to East

Park. Or enjoy the 22-mile ride, which features a view of the Ugotta Regatta as you ride the bike path through Petoskey into Harbor Springs and back. For a family fun outing, try the 7-mile loop to the Bob-In Again Restaurant.

After the ride, lunch is available at the East Park Pavilion next to Bay Harbor, with breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay.

In 2015 over \$16,000 was raised in support of the

Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund through the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. Because early detection is so important for successful treatment, the Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund offsets the cost for important diagnostic tests, including mammograms and biopsies for patients who meet certain financial criteria.

Thanks to the ongoing support of the riders, volunteers and donors who participated this event every

year, more northern Michigan men and women will have access to life-saving, preventative mammograms and other much needed breast health services.

Until a cure is found, the need for these programs will continue. For more information about this event go to [bike4breast-cancernm.org](http://bike4breast-cancernm.org) or email [bike4breastcancernm@gmail.com](mailto:bike4breastcancernm@gmail.com).

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## CCA Summer Camp recreates City of Charlevoix

At the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) Summer Camp held on July 11-15, Lori Bolt's campers recreated the City of Charlevoix from found objects, presenting a stunning exhibition of their work with iconic structures such as the Charlevoix Public Library, the Village Grill, the drawbridge that opens and closes (on the half hour) to allow sailboats to pass; even the Dairy Grill.

"This is truly all that is great in Charlevoix," expresses Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director of the Circle, "What Lori Bolt has

brought to these fortunate children is a sense of place. She artfully melded the geography of Charlevoix teaching children to appreciate the businesses that make their hometown special, taught them to think two dimensionally and shift that thinking into three dimensions and blended art, history and environment in the most meaningful way."

The opening presentation was held at noon, Friday, July 15th. For those not able to be present, the work is now on display in the window at 405 Bridge Street next to the Lake House

through the run of the Venetian Festival. The work makes one reflect on the simple joys of living in northern Michigan; an afternoon trip to get ice cream, being inspired at the library, shopping, watching sailboats glide through the channel. In the bustle of summer, as we drum our fingertips on the steering wheel to get through town a wee bit faster, we are reminded that perhaps we could turn off the engine and swallow up the beauty around us. This is the gift these children bring through their

eyes. Charlevoix is a pretty precious place to be; move slowly.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is working diligently to provide to the community a place of honor. Exhibitions are crafted with care to enlighten and inspire. Classes are available to all levels of interest in

the arts. The Armchair Theatre brings soulful presentations that strike to the heart of small town greatness.

More information about the Charlevoix Circle of Arts can be found online at: [www.charlevoixcircle.com](http://www.charlevoixcircle.com) or call at (231) 547-3554. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is

located at 109 Clinton Street, one block west of Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. The summer exhibition series is sponsored in part by the Charlevoix State Bank.



Lori Bolt's "Found Objects Summer Camp." COURTESY PHOTO



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morial scholarship has been awarded to a student that showed financial need as well as an aptitude for perseverance, a character attribute Mr. Gee displayed, every year since his death in 1999. Thanks to an additional \$125 donated by another anonymous alumni they were able to donate \$500 to the Sweaty Yeti. A fundraiser for the Barber-Galvin Memorial scholarship fund. Although the sisters didn't graduate in the 80's, Christie and Kellie (90 and 91) are a part of the EJHS family and the Sweaty Yeti took place the day of the reunion. Both women passed away within 8 months of one another from cancer. The scholarship is given annually to a graduate that exemplifies a quality Christie and Kellie displayed, that no matter how challenging the circumstances we find ourselves, every person has gifts worth recognizing and developing. The Barber-Galvin Memorial scholarship was awarded last year for the first time to Collin Bajko.

Now, visitors to the Facebook page have the opportunity to purchase t-shirts exclaiming that they "survived the all 80's reunion." The money raised from the t-shirt sale will go to the Teddy Jeffery scholarship fund. The 1986 graduate was killed in a car accident in 1997. "We were 29," said Poindexter. "Our intent was simply to bring people back together it just really blossomed and turned into something bigger than we imagined. In the end we found that a small group of people can make a big difference for the community we all call home," she said.

## LIBRARY

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& imagination, and how to use technology to create fun family activities. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 10-11am, and also 6-7pm in the Community Room.

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**East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon**

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN — East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck, whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new directions we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the new open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

DDA Chairman Tom Reske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehrhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fackula, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and 41 schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

See State of the Community—11A

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Boyne City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full Story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CANDI GIERMARZ)

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Wilenski at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for July 2016 is Douglas Emory Sloan. Born on May 14th, 1966 in Duluth, Minnesota, Sloan graduated from Charlevoix, Michigan High School in the class of 1985 where he lettered in football, basketball, track and cross-country. Sloan first enlisted in the National Guard attaining the rank of Sergeant. He then entered Western Michigan University, and the ROTC program, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in history and minor in French, and received his commission into the regular army. On April 28th, 2001, in Columbus, Georgia, Sloan married Kerry Turner. Sloan's deployments included Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many points in between. He was later assigned as Commander of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and 10th Mountain Division. After a promotion to Major, and completing his third deployment at Forward Operating Base Camp Blessing, in Afghanistan's Waygul Valley, Major Sloan was taking his replacement around to the different villages and introducing him to village elders and local villagers when his vehicle hit an IED. He and two fellow comrades were killed. At his Memorial at Camp Blessing, which was later renamed "Fire Base Sloan", many Afghan people walked miles to attend and show their respect. From a fellow colleague, "He displayed the finest leadership I have ever observed in combat." From others, "He would never ask his men to do something he wouldn't do himself." Major Sloan received "The Order of Saint Maurice Medallion" which is presented only to those who have contributed significantly to the promotion of the Infantry. These individuals must demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, and an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the Infantry and its community with distinction. Sloan received the following decorations and



Awards: The Army Commendation Medal, The Army Achievement Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal, The Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, The Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, The Bronze Star Medal, The Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, The Army Service Ribbon, The Combat Infantryman Badge, The Expert Infantryman Badge, Expert Badge with Rifle, Pistol and Grenade, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, 10th Mountain Combat Patch and was posthu-

mously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

On October 31st, 2006, Douglas Emory Sloan answered the final call and is being honored by his widow Kerry (Sloan) Blickhahn, daughter Kenley, sons Aiden, Dylan and Kelan, brother Van and parents Emory and Wendy Sloan.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

## Summer activities at Camp Sea-Gull

Area families have been enjoying the outdoors at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull located at 08580 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix. The most popular activity has been the Sunday Family Funday on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. People of all ages are invited for a night of community gathering and fun. They can participate in child friendly large group games like kickball or Ultimate Frisbee in the game field or bring a chair, a picnic dinner, invite friends and family for fun and fellowship at Charlevoix's best community gathering spot. Activities are planned and supervised by Adam and Christine Laucher, Park Camp Sea-Gull summer hosts.

Another popular activity has been the Wednesday morning Playful Playdate at the Park on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. . Parents and children meet at the camp host's cabin and Christine Laucher will lead a morning of fun for children of all ages and their

caregivers. Adults can connect while the children enjoy the Park's natural playground.

For a serene and healthy outdoor experience, join yoga instructors for Beginner Yoga and Hatha Yoga on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. Hatha Yoga at Park Camp Sea-Gull is held on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Join instructor Cheryl Jacobs for Hatha Easy Flowing Yoga. All experience levels are welcome. Contact Cheryl Jacobs for more details at 231-675-1702.

Beginner Yoga at Park Camp Sea-Gull is held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join Instructor Marrietta Bell for a refreshing yoga class. Contact Marrietta Bell for more details at 231-675-6890.

All the park activities will continue through the month of August. Check the Hayes Township web site www.hayestownshipmi.gov to look at the Park Camp Sea-Gull calendar for more information on park activities.

## Outdoor Adventure Club at Boyne District Library

This summer, the Boyne District Library has teamed up with the Little Traverse Conservation District to host a program to get kids outside. Every Wednesday in July, you can find 2nd-5th graders exploring the different nature preserves and spaces set aside by the conservation district here in Boyne City. The students are learning navigation skills, important facts about habitats, as well as the importance of keeping our outdoors clean and safe for generations to come.

The students have been dipping in the river and hiking through the Hill nature area. They love being outdoors and ex-

ploring. This effort is in effect to correlate with the theme of Boyne District Library's theme of Ready, Set, Read for the summer reading program. In addition to the Outdoor Adventure Club, Boyne District library is hosting weekly performances geared towards lessons about being active and healthy. These performances are on Thursdays at 10:30a.m. in the community room unless otherwise noted on our website.

For more information, contact the library at 231-582-7861, or visit www.boynelibrary.org.

## "Get your gear on" at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any

type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan

Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment."

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head

gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers... the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. They are open seven days a week from 9 am to 7 pm. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.



Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, high quality, military grade items are available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods. PHOTO BY DAN KLATT.

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## EAST JORDAN

### JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND NIGHT

July 21, 7:30pm, Bandshell located by the Train and Marina. Free concert. Bring chairs, blankets, or use the park picnic tables to enjoy the Band music. Tap your feet to the Marches, hum along with the Show Tunes, Favorites, and familiar tunes. The Band looks forward to seeing you! In the event of rain, join the JVCB in the Band Room at the E. Jordan High School using the back door entrance.

## EAST JORDAN

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

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

## BOYNE FALLS

### RONNY COX AT ATEN PLACE

July 23, 7:30pm. Ronny's first time in front of a camera featured him playing the guitar in the Dueling Banjos scene in Deliverance, creating one of the most iconic moments in the history of moviemaking. He has also appeared in films like Beverly Hills Cop, Total Recall, Taps, Bound For Glory, The Onion Field, all told over 125 movies and television appearances. Despite his great success in movies and TV, what he says he loves most is singing and playing the guitar. According to him, nothing cuts through to the heart like music. The acting experience simply enhances his musical and song-writing skills. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased in advance (highly recommended) by using the online order form or calling (231) 549-2076. Tickets can also be purchased the evening of the show starting at 6pm. Advanced tickets and schedule details are available by visiting [www.atenplace.com](http://www.atenplace.com).

## EAST JORDAN

### EJ GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

July 23, Noon-4pm, Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main Street. The East Jordan Garden Club presents "Michigan Treasurers" a non-standard flower show. Members will display a variety of arrangements in seven different categories showcasing the unique aspects of Michigan. Ribbons will be awarded based on the public's votes. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call show chairman Kim Prebble at 536-3282.

## BOYNE CITY

### TRUE BEAUTY DISCUSSION

July 24, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café. The program—titled "True Beauty: Is it Really Only Skin Deep?"—features a filmed interview with Melissa Mounsey, a woman who survived an incident that burned over 95 percent of her body. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S Park St.

## BOYNE FALLS

### MAGICIAN JANIA TAYOR AT ATEN PLACE

July 27, 2pm. Each summer, Aten Place presents a special Children's Matinee. This year, magic will take the stage as Northern Michigan's favorite magician, Jania Taylor, will perform. Jania is an award-winning magician who brings a special elegance to the art, and will tailor (no pun intended) her matinee performance to the single-digit crowd. Jania is an extremely talented woman magician, which is a rarity in her field, who has been classically trained in the art of prestidigitation at the prestigious Chavez Studio of Magic in Colon, MI. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$5 for adults and can be purchased

by using the online order form or calling (231) 549-2076. Tickets can also be purchased at the show. Information at [www.atenplace.com](http://www.atenplace.com).

## EAST JORDAN

### JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND NIGHT

July 28, 7:30pm, Bandshell located by the Train and Marina. Free concert. Bring chairs, blankets, or use the park picnic tables to enjoy the Band music. Tap your feet to the Marches, hum along with the Show Tunes, Favorites, and familiar tunes. The Band looks forward to seeing you! In the event of rain, join the JVCB in the Band Room at the E. Jordan High School using the back door entrance.

## BOYNE FALLS

### 29TH ANNUAL FLYWHEELERS CELEBRATION

July 28-31, Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club grounds. Antique tractors, Parade of Power, Tractor Safari, Live Music, Flea Market and more. Schedule at [www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com](http://www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com)

## EAST JORDAN

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

July 29, 7pm, East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park. Featuring the Americana music of Kellerville.

## CHARLEVOIX

### 3RD ANNUAL TRUNK & TREASURE SALE

July 29 & 30, 9am-4pm. Bergmann Center Resale Shop. Vendors sell items from their own space, many vendors to choose from. \$1 entrance fee gets you 10-percent off total purchase inside. Action Club will be selling hot dogs, Polish dogs, chips, pop and water from 11am-2pm.

## MACKINAW CITY

### EVENING OF MUSIC AND MAGIC

July 30, 8:30-10pm, Heritage Village. Northern Michigan's Dark Sky Coast Association celebrates the rich heritage and dark skies along nearly 25 miles of Lake Michigan's shoreline in Emmet County. The public is invited to the evening program "Fairy Tales in the Musical Moonlight." The program is free and will feature the Patterson Piano Duo together with Headlands Program Director Mary Stewart Adams.

## BOYNE CITY

### HARRY POTTER BOOK RELEASE CELEBRATION

July 31, 1-6pm, Boyne District Library. There will be a showing of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I and II. Children of all ages can dabble in potions and create a wand of their own to take home. You can also test your knowledge of the story of Harry Potter in a round of trivia. You may also want to stop in for a treat from The Three Broomsticks or Honeydukes. You can preorder your copy from the folks at Local Flavor or they will be on hand at the event with copies of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child for sale. There is no registration for the program.

## MACKINAW CITY

### ANTIQUES APPRAISAL CLINIC

August 2, 11am-4pm, Mackinaw Area Public Library. Two appraisers from DuMouchelle's of Detroit will be available at the library to provide verbal appraisals for items brought in by attendees. All appraisals are by appointment only, so please call ahead to schedule. The fee per item is \$10, which will be used to purchase archival supplies for storing Michigan Room items. Call ahead to

make your appointment for appraisal. For more details, contact the library at 231-436-5451, [mackinaw1@gmail.com](mailto:mackinaw1@gmail.com) or see <http://www.mackinawareapl.michlibrary.org/>.

## EAST JORDAN

### JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND NIGHT

August 4, 7:30pm, Bandshell located by the Train and Marina. Free concert. Bring chairs, blankets, or use the park picnic tables to enjoy the Band music. Tap your feet to the Marches, hum along with the Show Tunes, Favorites, and familiar tunes. The Band looks forward to seeing you! In the event of rain, join the JVCB in the Band Room at the E. Jordan High School using the back door entrance.

## BOYNE FALLS

### 40TH ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL

August 4-7. Polka Tent, Youth Day, Parade, Mud Run and more. Schedule at [www.boynefallspolishfestival.com](http://www.boynefallspolishfestival.com)

## EAST JORDAN

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

August 5, 7pm, East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park. Featuring the Bluegrass music of Steel and Wool.

## EAST JORDAN

### 54TH PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

August 6, 10am-5pm & August 7, 10am-4pm. Elm Point. Besides an impressive selection of juried artists, lunch/dessert/refreshments will be available at the Lutheran Church booth, the East Jordan Historical Society Museum will be open and Musical entertainment by Michelle Chenard, John Phillips, Nelson Olstrom and Louis Seiler on the picturesque lawn of Elm

Pointe Estate. For more information contact Kim Prebble at 536-3282.

## EAST JORDAN

### WILD HARVEST

August 7, 1-3:30pm, Martha Wagbo Farm. The Wagbo Farm brings in foraging expert Maria Wesseler to teach us how to take part in bountiful wild harvests. We will take a short hike and learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare wild foods such as day lily, pineapple weed, chanterelle mushrooms, cattail, and more! After the hike we will return to the farmhouse to enjoy snacks made from wild plants. \$5 suggested donation. Space is limited. To register, please go to <http://goo.gl/forms/9UFwhw1JzsEaH5bF2>. For more info, call 231-536-0333.

## CHARLEVOIX

### FIVE WISHES AND MORE...

August 10, 5:30pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street. The Five Wishes program gives you a way to control something very important - how you are treated if you get seriously ill. Brownie Flinders, CEC Treasurer and Vestry Member, will lead us through the process of completing the Five Wishes document, which when filled out and properly signed, is valid under the laws of most states. Amy Wieland, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, will discuss hospice care and what options are available in our area. There is no fee and a light soup/salad dinner will be provided following the presentations. For reservations go to CEC's website [www.christepiscopchurch.net](http://www.christepiscopchurch.net). Please leave a message at the church if you would like to reserve a seat or have questions: 231.547.6322

## EAST JORDAN

### RARE THREADS TEA AND TALK

August 10, 1-5pm, Jordan Valley Barn. A fun-filled afternoon English tea featuring MSU Professor Sally Gray talking on early 20th century fashions. Admission by pre-purchased tickets, \$45 per person. Tickets will go fast - so don't miss out! Get your tickets today. [www.jordanriverarts.com](http://www.jordanriverarts.com) Food, music, door prizes, vintage fashions, vendors and "Laura's Picks" Wine Bar

## EAST JORDAN

### Family Picnic

August 12, 6pm, Tourist Park. Bring your appetite and the whole family to the Good Samaritan Family Picnic! This event will feature Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the fixin's you can handle. Music and games will entertain as we gather together and share a fun filled evening.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### SCRAP TIRE DROP-OFF PROGRAM

The Charlevoix County Recycling program has received a grant for a scrap tire pickup from the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality). All passenger car tires and truck tires will be accepted. Please remove the rims. For information or an appointment call: 231-582-6193.

## EAST JORDAN

### LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

Jordan Valley District Library's Summer Explore: READ program will be held each Wednesday. Each reader under 11 years old will receive a prize after the show. The library would suggest readers continue to read throughout the summer. The library is open seven days per week.

## 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. Live music, fresh produce and fruit, flowers, trees and shrubs and more.

## CHARLEVOIX

### FARMERS MARKET

Charlevoix Farmers Market, Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park, 408 Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Event updates at [www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket)



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7/22, 29, Fridays, 6pm - 9pm

### Stroll the Streets

Every Friday night with live music, balloon artists, face painters and more throughout downtown Boyne City. [www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

7/16, Saturday - 7/23, Saturday

### Venetian Festival

During the festival, there will be daily music performances on two stages in

Charlevoix's East Park, Venetian games, kids' day, carnival, Bridge Street Block Party, Drenth Memorial Foot Race, Ryan Shay Mile, street parade, lighted boat parade, fireworks, and much more. [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org)

7/28, Thursday, Gates open 7:00 am

### 29th Annual Flywheelers "Senior's Day"

Antique autos, small engine displays,

saw mill, red vs green farm museum, arts & crafts, and much more. Admission: \$5.00 donation (65 and Older); \$7.00 donation under 65. [www.walloonlake-flywheelers.com](http://www.walloonlake-flywheelers.com)

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Due to varied session locations and times, please call 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

7/1, 28, Thursdays, 8am - 1pm

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### Boyne City Farmers' Market

7/7, 14, 21, 28, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

### East Jordan Farmers' Market

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, July 21**  
11am Arthritis Exercise Pgm  
Wil Bowling

**Friday, July 22**  
BIRTHDAY DAY!  
11am Roger Hartson American House Ice Cream Sundae Bar Bake Sale - Raffle

**Monday, July 25**  
10:30am Line Dancing  
Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize  
Rummikub

**Tuesday, July 26**  
9-11am Veterans' Social Gathering & Lunch After—  
Veterans Eat Free!  
11am Bruce Ogden Mexican Train

**Wednesday, July 27**  
5:30-7pm Backwoods Maestros  
50/50 Raffle

**Thursday, July 28**  
Flywheelers' Trip!  
Call Terri for info...

### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, July 21**  
11am Chair Yoga Class  
1pm Mahjong  
Turtle Creek Casino Trip

**Friday, July 22**  
9:30am Craft Class  
1pm Euchre/Games  
12:15 Presentation by American Red Cross-Home Fire Preparedness

**Monday, July 25**  
1pm Bridge  
1pm Woodcarving  
7pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, July 26**  
1pm Paint Class  
1pm Mahjong

**Wednesday, July 27**  
2pm-4pm CVX Veterans Svcs - John Hess  
3pm Wil Bowling Practice  
4:30pm Brad Hersey Music

**Thursday, July 28**  
11am Chair Yoga Class  
1pm Mahjong

### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, July 21**  
10:30am Chair Exercise  
11am KARAOKE DAY!  
1pm Paint Class

**Friday, July 22**  
11am OJ Adkins Bingo/Raffle

**Monday, July 25**  
Exercise Room  
8am-1pm Walking M-F  
10:30am Chair Exercise

**Tuesday, July 26**  
10am E.J. Story Time  
12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize

**Wednesday, July 27**  
2:30pm Crafts  
4pm Slide Kids  
5pm HOT BEEF SANDWICH

**Thursday, July 28**  
10:30am Chair Exercise  
11am KARAOKE DAY!  
1pm Paint Class

### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

**Thursday, July 21**  
CHEESY MEATBALL

**Friday, July 22**  
SHEPARD'S PIE

**Monday, July 25**  
BREAKFAST

**Tuesday, July 26**  
CHICKEN ENCHILADA

**Wednesday, July 27**  
NIGHT DINNER!  
5-6pm HOT BEEF SANDWICH

**Thursday, July 28**  
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# News

## Caterpillar Time - Thoughts on Young Friends of the Jordan

By Jen Lewis

If you are familiar with US painter Georgia O'Keeffe (1887 - 1986), you very well may know her as a painter of immensely scaled flowers and sun-bleached animal skulls in desert landscapes, these being among the most famous of her very famous works. However, it was the thoughtful words of O'Keeffe that touched me and drew me to her art, and not the other way around.

"Nobody sees a flower really; it is so small. We haven't time, and to see takes time - like to have a friend takes time."

The above sentiment is one of my favorite quotes. It speaks the benefit of time dedicated to relationship, whether with another person, species or object. Relationship. Connection. Observation. These don't necessarily require special tools or skills, but they do take time.

Kids already know all about this kind of time. All it takes is to take a hike down a trail with a child to realize that they come by it naturally. Inching along, they pause more often than not to check out the world at their feet. Unfortunately, they are less and less frequently offered or encouraged to take time in this way. At best, parents (like me) find the phrase "Hurry up" to be one of our most frequently used. At worst, it is discouraged, and often, tragically, in the name of learning.

I have come to think of this time as Caterpillar Time.

In preparation for the Summer Program, Maria (my co-director) and I spend many an hour planning - and a lot of energy carrying out - the full days of activities for the Young Friends. Yet when we ask the kids for their favorite thing of the day, week or session, we usually hear about the happy accidents, the things we didn't (or couldn't) have had a plan for. Seeing so many fish. Standing under the waterfall. Catching frogs. Touching a snake. Finding that bird's nest. Collecting fossils. Letting the caterpillar crawl on my arm.

Connections! Of course. They get it without even trying. Hands down, their favorite activities are these connections that are made with parts of the whole that is the Jordan River Watershed. And while we can't exactly plan for a particular caterpillar, snake or fossil to appear and catch somebody's eye, we can make sure we're ready when it does.

So together, as planned, we learn about our best tools for observation - our senses. We endeavor to collectively explore what makes a watershed a watershed - and what makes ours so special. As a group, we journey to the most amazing locales - and we are blessed with so many great natural areas nearby from which to choose. And then - when that caterpillar comes along, which it inevitably does - the child's natural inclination takes it from there. We, as directors full of plans and activities,

simply grant the time.

Such an indulgence, this time seems these days, but so crucial. Time to observe, make the connection, and establish the relationship.

And that's the beauty of it, because this holds the power to build other, often bigger or deeper, connections - with our watershed, with our friends and family, with our passions in life. These meaningful relationships give us perspective and help us define our place in the world. This may sound like lofty stuff from a little caterpillar but you don't have to take it from me. For starters, do a google search for "nature deficit disorder."

Of course, if nothing else, it's so good fun! I feel lucky that, as a child in the 70s and 80s, I can recall summer days roaming our neighborhood and exploring small "natural areas" there, i.e. backyards, climbing trees, undeveloped ponds on the edge of town. There were no Wild and Scenic Rivers in the suburbs of Detroit where I grew up and we'd never heard of a watershed. But that did not lessen our enjoyment or sense of adventure. Things have certainly changed - in 2016, that kind of freedom is a rare exception. The Young Friends of the Jordan Summer Program is one way we can safely grant a similar childhood experience to our youth.

The famous words of Georgia O'Keeffe have found a place on the wall for most of my adult life now, in the many roosts in which I dwelled before settling in the

Jordan River Valley. They are a reminder to me of the importance of observation, of relationships, of connecting. And, more recently, of Caterpillar Time. To my knowledge, O'Keeffe never painted caterpillars, but I don't think she would mind.

The Young Friends of the Jordan Summer Program aims to be a caretaker for this kind of time in an era of busyness and screens. Without it, we don't connect to the natural world around us, we can't befriend nature, and we won't love it enough to protect it.

Some other ways that The Young Friends of the Jordan connect:

- to the earth by digging up soil with our hands to use as pigment for paint
- to the waters by wading in an ice-cold, spring-fed stream
- to the region by becoming a nature tourist in our own watersheds
- to the critters by following a deer trail and casting one of the tracks
- to the plants by making and eating fritters from elder flowers we collected=
- to the people by eating lunch and cleaning up together as a way of observing our own impact
- to the forces of nature by embracing and adapting to the weather
- to ourselves by experiencing the Wild and Scenic Jordan through physical activity and, sometimes... by quiet observation

Caterpillars optional.

## "Full Circle" featuring Joe Trojanek to perform at East Jordan Music In The Park



The popular "Full Circle" band will be performing on the bandshell stage in East Jordan this Friday, July 22, at 7:00 PM. Concert goes will also be treated to the talent of Joe Trojanek on his spectacular drum set. Full Circle is a family friendly band that performs pop, rock and country music. The band invites children to have their photos taken with Joe and his drum set following the concert. Bring your chairs or blankets and be ready for a delightful evening of music. Come by car or boat to enjoy dinner and shopping in East Jordan prior to the evening event. East Jordan Music in the Park Concert Series is proudly Co-Sponsored by

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority and Jordan River Arts Council. To make a tax deductible contribution to continue bringing these summer concerts to East Jordan, please send your checks to City of East Jordan, concert Series, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727 - "Music in the Park" in the memo section. For further information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org. The concert series continues thru Thursday, Aug. 5, 2016. Kellerville will perform on July 29 and Steel and Wood rounds out the series on August 5.

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## Statement on Michigan Health Insurance rate changes

Following is a statement by Press Secretary Jonathan Gold on Michigan health insurance rate changes:

"Consumers in Michigan will continue to have affordable coverage options in 2017. Last year, the average monthly premium for people with HealthCare.gov coverage getting tax credits increased just \$4 from \$102 to \$106 per month, despite headlines suggesting double digit increases. People in Michigan understand how the Marketplace works, and they know that they can shop around and find coverage that fits their needs and budget. In fact, last year more than 36 percent of them did exactly that by switching plans to save money. In addition, the vast majority of consumers in Michigan qualify for tax credits that reduce the cost of coverage below the sticker price. Today's announcement is just the beginning of the rates process, and consumers will have the final word when they vote with their feet during Open Enrollment."

Proposed rates aren't what consumers pay. While today's filings show an average rate increase in Michigan, a report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services demonstrates that proposed premium changes from preliminary rate filings do not capture what Marketplace consumers actually pay.

Most people receive tax

credits and can buy a plan for less than \$75 per month.

- 83% of Marketplace consumers in Michigan receive tax credits, which are designed to protect consumers from premium increases and help make coverage affordable.

- Tax credits increase if the cost of the second lowest-cost silver, or benchmark, plan goes up. So if all premiums in a market go up by similar amounts, 83% of Marketplace consumers in that market will not necessarily pay more because their tax credits will go up to compensate. Average rate increases reported with the preliminary rate filings do not account for tax credits.

- For 2016 coverage, 63% of customers in Michigan had the option of selecting a plan with a premium of \$75 or less per month after tax credits.

- Prior to the ACA, it was nearly impossible for consumers to compare plans and shop around easily - and many Americans went uninsured because they couldn't afford insurance or had pre-existing conditions. Those who did have insurance in the individual market were often trapped in the plan they had, since people with even small health problems could be denied coverage or charged an exorbitant price if they tried to switch plans or issuers.

- Today, Marketplace consumers in Michigan can purchase any available plan regardless of health condi-

tions, and tools such as the doctor lookup and out-of-pocket cost calculator help them find the plan that meets their needs. Last year, 36% of returning Marketplace consumers in Michigan switched plans. They saved an average of \$540 annually.

- Based on an examination of preliminary 2017 rate filings for nine states that released rates earlier this year, Avalere found that the average rate increase for lowest and second-lowest cost silver plans was 7-8%, about half the overall average rate increase in these states. That difference highlights how consumers can benefit from shopping around.

Prior to the Affordable Care Act, plans were typically inferior and excluded services like maternity care, or even routine services like prescription drugs. Plans also often charged a higher premium, or denied coverage altogether, to consumers due to a pre-existing condition. Now, all consumers have the option to purchase quality, affordable coverage. This is a big deal for as many as 4,394,000 people in Michigan with a pre-existing condition.

Preliminary rates aren't final rates. Preliminary rates often change significantly before being finalized. In particular, they are subject to rate review, which led to \$1.5 billion in savings for consumers in 2015. Last year, final rates in some states were below proposed rates.

Health insurance is clearly something people in Michigan like, want, and need: 345,813 people signed up for 2016 coverage through the Marketplace. Since major provisions of the Affordable Care Act went into effect, Michigan's uninsured rate fell from 12.7 percent in 2013 to 8.1 percent in 2015 for non-elderly residents, according to new data released recently.

Both Marketplace and non-Marketplace consumers continue to benefit from the low health care cost growth of recent years. Marketplace rates remain well below expectations when the law was passed. Marketplace rates for 2014 came in about 15% below Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections in 2010. Better-than-expected Marketplace premiums are due in large part to lower-than-expected economy-wide health care cost growth and other efficiencies.

For the half of Americans who obtain health insurance through an employer, premiums for family coverage grew by an average of 5% per year from 2010 to 2015 - compared with about 8% per year from 2000 to 2010. Premiums grew at an even slower 4.2% rate in 2015. If premium growth since 2010 had matched the average growth rate over the prior ten years, the average family premium would have been almost \$2,600 higher in 2015.

## Wolverine Dilworth AUCTION

Saturday, July 23rd, 2016. Auction begins at 1:00p.m.

All Proceeds go to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

We will be auctioning off 16 antique dressers, and other inventory from the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel including wicker mirrors and furniture, formal oak dining room table 6 chairs and 3 leafs, brass beds, and the vintage bar! Quality consignment and donated items will also be included in this sale.



From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. vendors will have antiques and collectables for sale on the Dilworth property before the auction. Booth space is available for persons interested. The fee will be a percentage of sales that will go to CAHS.

\*ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW style verbal appraisals for a \$10 donation to the CAHS will be held from 10 a.m. to Noon.\*



If you have any items you would like to consign, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can include them in the promotions. Questions 231-582-6774 ask for Scott.

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# News

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## Senior Citizens Day added to Antique Flywheelers Show

Many old favorites and a few new options will be on the schedule at the 2016 Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club's show to be held July 28 through 31. The 29th annual show has the theme of "Red versus Green" and will feature a senior citizens day on July 28 for the first time.

"By discounting the entry price from \$7 to \$5 for senior citizens 65 and older, we hope to provide an opportunity for more attendees to enjoy some of the things they may have seen or done in their youth," said club member and security coordinator Gary

Allen.

Allen has been instrumental in bringing "Seniors' Day" to this year's show.

Some of the demonstrations and attractions for attendees to enjoy at this year's show include the tractors and engines on display, a shingle mill, a grist mill, a veneer mill, a sawmill, Kiddieland for the youngsters, several museums, blacksmiths and antique automobiles. The event also features the flea market, arts and crafts vendors and demonstrations, musical entertainment, and a variety of delicious foods.

"We have a great group



Many old favorites and a few new options will be on the schedule at the 2016 Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club's show to be held July 28 through 31. COURTESY PHOTO

of dedicated members who work on projects all year

round to improve the offerings for every show."

Colleen Thorne, club secretary stated. "The show is the primary way the club raises money to maintain and expand our educational facilities to share with the public, including the fourth graders from the area during the Student Harvest Days in September."

The NMAF Club is an educational nonprofit organization that uses demonstrations and displays to showcase "Life in the Past Lane" and present many aspects of daily life in rural northern Michigan in the early part of the last century. The club is an all-volunteer group that invites the public to learn

about and relive the past at its annual show in July. It also hosts hundreds of area fourth graders over a four-day period in September for Student Harvest Days. The showgrounds are located on US-131 between Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake.

Information on the organization and event can be found at [www.walloonlake-flywheelers.com](http://www.walloonlake-flywheelers.com), on Facebook as Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, or by calling President Tim Howard at 989-705-7663.

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## Marty's Dairy Grille Ribbon Cutting



The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new owners of Marty's Cones and Carry-Out (new name Marty's Dairy Grille) with a Ribbon Cutting event on Friday, July 9. Pictured L - R: Mary Faculak - E.J. Area Chamber of Commerce, Dennis Rasmussen - Family Member, Renee Rasmussen - Family Members, Terry Hayden - New Owner, Matt Jackson - Manager, Marty Carey - Former Owner, Dave Atkins - Charlevoix State Bank, Heather Jackson - City of East Jordan Treasurer. Courtesy photo

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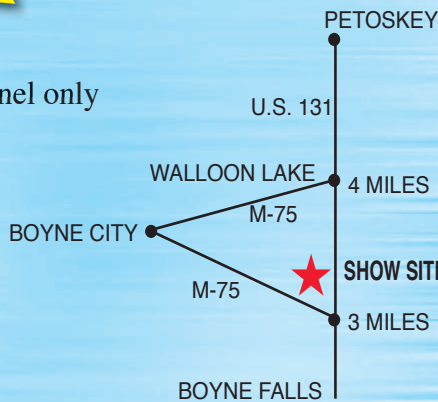
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## High School seniors receive Michigan Student Service Award

Three local graduating seniors received the Michigan Student Service Award for their volunteerism. This award is the premier statewide program recognizing high school graduates who benefit their communities by volunteering 400 hours throughout their time in high school. Petoskey High School seniors Emily Kurburski and Kinsley Williams and Central Lake's senior Channing Hoogerhyde are the ones that went above and beyond with volunteering throughout their high school career.

"This award is an outstanding example of the collaboration between our Volunteer Center, local schools, and organizations helping youth to start a lifetime of community service" said Becca Marcott, an AmeriCorps VISTA member with Char-Em United Way. "Through their extensive volunteer work, these three students are a positive example for all students in Northern Michigan."

Any high school student in Emmet or Charlevoix County is eligible to earn the Michigan Student Service Award. They must document 400 volunteer hours over the course of their four years in high school. This is easy to do if the students use Volunteer Connections, an online volunteer program from Char-Em United Way, which will help students track and keep their hours. Along with receiving the award a student also receives a medal to



wear on graduation day.

The Michigan Student Service Award can do a lot for students, providing learning through their volunteer experiences, which can't be taught in a traditional school. Volunteering can help with various things such as learning new skills, gaining experience, exploring careers, meeting people with similar interests, and adding to a resume for jobs or college. There is no better way to get knowledge of something than getting first-hand experience because in about any job employers want employees who have experience in what they're applying for and that's exactly what volunteering can do. Colleges want students that can show they help out and care about their community as well. The three graduates could attest to volunteering helping them in these areas as well.

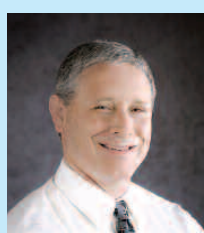
The program is administered by Volunteer Connections, a service of Char-Em United Way. Volunteer Connections serves the volunteer needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, by providing resources for volunteer recruitment, recognition, and management. For more information, contact Char-Em United Way at 231-487-1006 or [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org)

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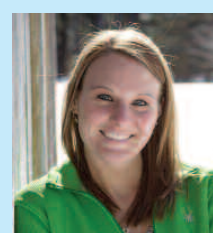
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## New Paddle event taking place on Lake Charlevoix in August

On August 20th, a new paddle event will be hosted on Lake Charlevoix at Ferry Beach. The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is putting together a unique 4-mile predicted time contest for one and two-person paddle crafts. That means those on kayaks, SUPs and canoes will all be competing together on the water.

"We are very excited about this event and hope to bring together paddlers from the Charlevoix area who wish to support the Pool as well as people from all over Michigan that love the waters here," says Carissa Mullaney, Coordinator of Marketing and Development. "We have received support from the Charlevoix Convention & Visitors Bureau and also Charlevoix Inn & Suites is offering a lodging discount to participants traveling to the area. The event coincides with the weekend of Charlevoix sidewalk sales, making it a great reason to stay a night or two."

Pool Board Member, Steve



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Hansen, came up with the idea for the event. The contest is unique in that participants predict their finish time when they check-in

the day of the event. Contestants are not allowed to carry time pieces on the course. The top three finishing closest to their es-

timated time are the winners. Giveaways can also be won when participants finish the course, and fun beach activities will be set up as everyone awaits to find out the top finishers.

The course will be monitored by spotter boats and the Pool is providing two lifeguards to assist with the event. Everyone is required to wear life jackets. Contestants can be ages 6 and up, however children between 6-14 of age must be on a paddle craft accompanied with an adult.

Registration is now open and can be found on the event website at [www.paddle4thepool.com](http://www.paddle4thepool.com). Participants may also register the day of the event at Ferry Beach from 8 am - 10 am. Cost is \$65 per watercraft if registered by August 12th, and \$75 after. All proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Contestants will paddle between 10 am - 2 pm on August 20th on an out and back, 4-mile course

### 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. On Mondays from 8 to 9am is 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. On 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.

### Jordan Valley Community Band Night

July 21, 7:30pm, Bandshell located by the Train and Marina. Free concert. Bring chairs, blankets, or use the park picnic tables to enjoy the Band music. Tap your feet to the Marches, hum along with the Show Tunes, Favorites, and familiar tunes. The Band looks forward to seeing you! In the event of rain, join the JVCB in the Band Room at the E. Jordan High School using the back door entrance.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

### THE ENEMY WITHIN

To the Editor,

IT'S BEEN SAID; there are greater dangers than those terrorist attacks upon this and other countries. To date we have no absolute evidence that any of the attacks might have been countered with proper surveillance or that more importantly future attacks can be detected and thwarted no matter how much surveillance monitoring. Logic tells us that a SWAT TEAM can't be everywhere at once in every venue where mass murders might take place. It's too monumental a task to deal with let alone predict.

But what happens is that security measures step in to oppress the rest of us who are not terrorists or mass murderers. We have to pay for those few who are. They know this, these assassins; they're winning by default. There may have been warning signs before 9-11 as suggested in various reports but supposedly scrutiny was cancelled prior to the Orlando massacre. Therefore surveillance actually does nothing to stop these acts.

Let's face facts: Federal investigators will now presumably monitor Middle Easterners who register for jet plane flight training but those fanatics are not about to go that route again, too obvious. So government security measures focus on ordinary American citizens for shoe bombs, underwear bombs and so on through full-body scans, pat-downs, metal detectors &c as if that's going to improve the chances of catching terrorists before they terrorize. It doesn't work that way; all it does is oppress Americans the more. After-the-fact investigations are mostly a waste of time, money and energy in terms of prohibiting future occurrences.

The terrorist attackers are not the masterminds behind all this; they're only the foot soldiers, expendable and replaceable. All that's needed is indoctrination to recruit those hara-kiri fanatics who're already inclined to radicalism, virgins in heaven and so on. It has been elucidated in minute detail how this homeland security buildup cannot work because of the needle-in-the-haystack syndrome ever present. The masterminds, even the wackadoodle

loners, are random variables stochastically always one step or more ahead of the game, legal assault weapons, US citizenship and all. Precaution does not make for security. They rarely catch the bad guys before the fact, only after; then they proceed to catch the good guys. Retaliation is neither security.

It is reported that the Orlando massacre did actually have a hired off-duty cop on hand who was powerless to react in time and that the SWAT boys took some three hours to clear the scene because the bad guy took refuge in a bathroom with block walls. How can you predict something like that? You'd have to have armed troops and tanks at every venue where people congregate for any reason, school, entertainment, church, press, practically anywhere anytime. There is no Lone Ranger or Spiderman on the scene - ever. That's fantasy; it just doesn't work that way. And if someone dresses up like a superhero he's arrested for interfering with police work anyway no matter how righteously inept he might be.

The way it really works is as said

the attacks happen for multifarious reasons, security is then stepped up to no avail, the country is less free with every occurrence. And the attacks continue, a fatal cycle and getting more vicious with each passing event. Though the wisdom of Sun Tzu might avail here it's unlikely to happen. The ancient Chinese way of détente, like the ancient Grecian way of Trojan horse tactics, is not in the vocabulary of modern warfare or prevention thereof. Military "Intelligence" is not about to stop anything from happening except what happens on its own account, planned terrorism as it were, terrorism against regular US citizens by official US citizens. This can only get worse, the modus operandi being repetitive.

America looked pretty good at times despite inconsistencies, not so good anymore. As with medicine allopathic treatment attacks the problem whereas homeopathic treatment works with the symptoms via causes, preferably preemptively. Police and courts have been taking a more preemptive stance via stop-and-frisk &c but this is aggression against a per-

ceived possible problem, not working with the actual catalysts. Confrontation in lieu of integration creates animosity. Community leaders may not be able to cope with crime amongst their neighborhoods so police, usually racially segregated, take up the task and like Darren Wilson and Michael Brown the result is often predictable. And of course overreaction and outright corruption by law takes its toll too. When people see cops overstepping their responsibilities the game takes on a desperado thug against desperado officer in a crooked cops and robber's game. We can't unmake the situation, we can only try for a more holistic approach for the future, i.e. look at the whole problem and solution. If the USA can't fix itself how can it possibly fix anything else? The enemy is indeed within. That which the Colonists fought for has been deeply eroded and contaminated. Nobody can/will fix this, no incentive, no profit in the balance. This is now the American Way.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

### BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

#### MONDAY JULY 4, 2016

- 0005 Assist Sheriff Dept with traffic stop at N. Lake St. and Vogel St.
- 0827 Alarm on S Lake St
- 0843 Dog bite at Front and Water
- 0900 Report people moving the picnic tables out from the pavilion
- 0943 Parking complaint on Lake St near the river
- 0945 Report of missing juvenile from Jersey St. Was at the parade.
- 1324 Report of horses defecating on Tannery Beach.
- 1352 Report that a person in the raft race hit car with a water balloon at Water and East.
- 1333 Dog lodged at shelter.
- 1503 Assist EMS at Park and Pine.
- 1556 Dog locked in vehicle in the 200 block of N Lake St.
- 1700 Fireworks complaint in the 500 block of S Lake
- 1748 Report of people cooking with open flame. Turned over to Fire Dept
- 1850 Disabled vehicle at Water and Lake
- 1913 Suspicious situation on Boyne Av
- 1942 Assist EMS in the 100 block of N Park St
- 2044 Sea-Doo washed up on shore. Owner contacted to secure it.
- 2143 Report of subject setting off mortars at the open space park on Lake.
- 2229 Subject parking in the construction zone/emergency vehicle exit. Removed.
- 2231 Removed a vehicle that was parked across North St. along the barricades.
- 2322 Report of subjects setting off fireworks in the 300 block of E Division St

#### TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

- 0240 Intoxicated subject standing in the middle of Lake and Main with his arms up in the air. Eventually went home with friends.
- 0805 Missing phone re-

- ported. Subject also turned in key she found in park. Key was returned to owner.
- 0810 Report of missing cell phone
- 0817 Report of missing canoe from State St.
- 0845 Found cell phone. Was returned to owner.
- 0846 Gasoline drive off reported from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 0855 Report of second gas drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Was false.
- 1001 Fraud complaint from the 900 block of Pleasant Av
- 1255 Waivable ticket at the PD. Verified defect had been corrected.
- 1427 Assist Sheriff Dept and Fire with a brush fire on Kuzmik Rd near N Camp 10.
- 1550 Report of missing debit card
- 1836 Report of missing items from Ray and Park St.
- 1944 Report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of Jefferson.
- 2153 Lodged a dog at the shelter
- 2244 Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 1100 block of N lake St.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

- 0750 Littering complaint in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
- 1203 Subject missing from the 700 block of Vogel St. Was located with friend.
- 1309 Dogs locked in car in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1344 Report of stolen swim platform from Bay St. Not stolen, had been found adrift and towed in.
- 1350 Found debit card at the Farmer's Market turned in to PD. Was returned to owner.
- 1450 single vehicle bicycle crash in front on Lakeshore
- 1507 harassment complaint in the 100 block of E Pine St
- 1511 Report of dog in distress in vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St. Dog not in distress. Vehicle running with AC on
- 1804 Request for civil stand by in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.
- 2041 Assist EMS in the 400 block of Elm St
- 2158 Citation issued for Careless Driving on a moped at

Lake and Water

#### THURSDAY JULY 7, 2016

- 0559 Assist EMS in the 300 block of McLean St.
- 0723 Report of dogs running off leash at Avalanche trails.
- 1110 Report of missing wallet
- 1249 Assist EMS in the 500 block of Groveland.
- 1425 Civil complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
- 1458 Report of 2 young skateboarders coming down Park St hill from Court St headed for Vogel. Swerving all over the road
- 1606 Domestic violence situation reported in the 400 block of W Michigan
- 1747 Domestic violence situation reported in the 500 block of Boyne Av.
- 1933 False report of house fire at Pleasant Av and Ann.
- 2010 Larceny reported from the 100 block of E Water St

#### FRIDAY JULY 8, 2016

- 0812 Report of lost wallet downtown last night
- 1215 Report of extension cord running across the 1200 block of Lakeshore
- 1305 Report of lost wallet
- 1510 Vehicle unlock on W Main St
- 1915 CPL violation in Veteran's Park.
- 1916 Private property damage accident in the 100 block of N Park
- 2037 Citation issued for Handicap parking violation in the 300 block of E Water St
- 2323 Assisted MSP with OWI at Water and Lake.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016

- 0011 Request for civil standby in the 500 block of Boyne Av.
- 0143 Suspicious activity on W Main St
- 0207 Disturbance at Front and Pine.
- 0239 Suspicious subject reported on W Main St.
- 0324 CDA at State and Call.
- 0955 Unlock in the 600 block of State St
- 1200 Found I-Phone turned in at marina. Returned to owner

- 1241 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Prospect
- 1259 Citation issued for Fail to yield for Pedestrian in cross walk Lake and Boyne River
- 1325 report of lost key at Stroll the Streets
- 1523 Assist Fire Dept in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 1544 Civil dispute in the 1100 block of Pleasant Ave.
- 1827 Private property damage accident in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 2017 Fireworks complaint at West and Division.
- 2153 Report of 3 missing children at River and Lake. They returned home.
- 2218 Suspicious subject in the 700 block of Spring St. Located juvenile that was turned over to parent.
- 2218 Larceny of bicycles from the 700 block of E Pine St
- 2227 Fireworks complaint in the area of Jefferson and Arthur.
- 2324 Suspicious situation at Lake and Water.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016

- 0033 Located a large leak in the sprinkler system in the 100 block of River St. Notified a key holder.
- 0057 Assisted Sheriff Dept at a crash on Old State Rd.
- 0253 Assist citizen in the 100 block of River St.
- 0418 Assisted EMS in the 800 block of S Park St.
- 0948 Assist EMS in the 500 block of W Michigan.
- 1514 Found property reported at the Marina
- 1707 Suspicious subject in the 400 block of Pearl St
- 1846 Driving complaint on Pleasant near Division.
- 1900 Found bike at the Maple Lawn Cemetery garage. Was returned to owner the next day.
- 1911 Report of lost bike somewhere between Boyne City and Brevort
- 2006 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver.
- 2048 Disturbance in the 500 block of N lake St.
- 2150 Report of a lost bag with beach towels and some clothing while launching their boat age.

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# It happens... Septic Failure



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It's part of country living, the part we would love to forget about... the septic system. For the most part things work most of the time, but every now and again that unmistakable 'whiff' reminds us that a process is going on underground not far from the serenity of the house, deck and yard.

Over time there is an inevitable fact, the system will age & fail as the ground becomes saturated. Ever notice a soft spot or liquid pooling where it shouldn't be... or that odor? If the alarms don't go off in your mind when this happens, they should... your drain field or mound is sending you a clear message "I'm FULL".

Septic fields have a life span, period. In Northern Michigan the average is around 20 years. The failure of over 95% of systems is a result of the ground pores and leach lines clogging with a thing called biomat. This heavy sludge is secreted by anaerobic bacteria in the system that is carried through the lines resting in the field. At this point the ground is saturated and cannot take any more liquid. When this happens the effluent only has two alternatives - come up through the ground or go backwards into your house. Neither has positive results and will be very expensive & inconvenient while posing serious health risks to the family.

So when the system fails (or is about to) traditionally there has been only one sure fix: replace the field. It's simple to understand; bring in large equipment and dig up a new area running new lines from the septic tank.

With recent changes to health standards & building permits, septic 'fields' are often not permitted so a 'mound' may be the only option. It's part of country living, the part we really don't want to hear about - thousands in cost and extensive property disruption.

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