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Dozens of area civic and business leaders in Charlevoix County ham it up for the camera after a recent hot dog lunch sponsored by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at Veteran's Park in Boyne City. NLEA president Andy Hayes (far right) enthusiastically encouraged the pose.

NLEA promotes economic growth in Charlevoix County

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - Some three dozen civic and business leaders from throughout Charlevoix County met at Veteran's Park in Boyne City recently for a hot dog lunch sponsored by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance in order to learn

more about what the agency is doing to facilitate economic growth in this region.

Established in 1984, the NLEA is a non-profit public/private organization whose mission is "to serve as a resource to local communities and businesses to retain and create jobs" in Antrim, Charlevoix,

Cheboygan and Emmet Counties.

Andy Hayes, NLEA president, said he and his staff have been hosting hot dog lunches this summer in each of the northern Michigan counties it serves in effort to introduce area business and

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EMMET-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

By Jim Akans

It's an annual tradition that has been thrilling Emmet and Charlevoix county residents and visitors to the area over 100 years, and the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is set to open once again this coming Tuesday, August 23 and continue through the following Sunday, August 28. The midway will soon be bustling with carnival set-up activity, the 4-H livestock barns will be filling up, vendors and exhibitors will begin creating their spaces in the 10,000 square foot Community Building, and the 2,500 seat Grandstand area is being prepared for a week of exciting shows.

Country music fans enjoy the performance of Parmalee & Love and Theft next Saturday evening, August 27, in the Grandstand area. 2016 Academy of Country Music New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year nominee, Parmalee, had three Top 10 songs from their debut album, "Feels Like Carolina," including the title track, "Close Your Eyes," and "Already Callin' You Mine." Love and Theft have scored a number one country hit, "Angel Eyes," and Top 10 hit "Runaway."



The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is set to open once again this Tuesday, August 23 and continue through the Sunday, August 28. Courtesy photo

Tickets for this amazing double bill show are available online starting on August 22 through the www.emmetchaxfair.org web site and are \$55, \$45 or \$35 per adult. Love and Theft will begin their performance at 7pm and Parmalee will take the stage at 8:30pm. Note: The refreshment tent available to those ages 21 and older. Must present valid identification.

Other exciting Grandstand area events will include the first-ever Thumb Tractor Pulls on Tuesday evening (8/23), and a Silent Disco on Wednesday evening. To take part in the Disco, come on down to the Grandstand area, choose your favorite music on wireless headphones (which will be provided), and dance the night away. It's fun for those of every age.

Thursday, 8/25, brings the thrills of the Monster Truck Showdown to the Grandstand area. Kids are invited to create their own Monster Truck Poster and win some very cool prizes. There

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Country music fans enjoy the performance of Parmalee (shown here) & Love and Theft next Saturday evening, August 27, in the Grandstand area. COURTESY PHOTO

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2016

East Jordan considers pay increases for department heads

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan City Commissioners passed a resolution moving the precinct 21 polling place, approved a liquor license for a new restaurant on Main Street and discussed a salary scale for city department heads at the August 16 meeting.

The City Commission has chosen to relocate its precinct polling location to a new location in the front room of the Civic Center located at 116 Main Street. "It's moving from the back of the Civic Center to the front," clarified City Clerk, Cheltzi Wilson.

A liquor license for the new restaurant that will be occupying the Cannonball LLC building, Blue Smoke, was approved. "This is a great thing for the community," said City Administrator Tom Cannon.

Cannon presented the commission with a salary scale for city department heads based on years of professional experience. The suggested wage changes were made because of changes in federal wage requirements that must be in place by December 1. "It has been one of my administrative goals to develop a proper salary scale for department heads anyway," began Cannon. Employers will be required to pay overtime to both salary and hourly employees that are making less than \$47,476 a year. Cannon informed the commissioners that compared to

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OBITUARIES

Karen Kopkau (Swift), 69

(JULY 22, 1947 - AUG. 7, 2016)

Karen Sue Kopkau died Sunday, August 7, 2016 at her home in East Jordan.

She was born on July 22, 1947 in Wyoming, Michigan, the daughter of Arthur and Irene (Robinson) Swift. On September 10, 1972, in East Jordan, she married Dennis Lee Kopkau. He preceded her in death on February 1, 2014.

Karen had worked as a cook at several local restaurants and Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

She enjoyed working on her computer, preparing food for family and friends and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Chris Kopkau of East Jordan; three grandchildren; Tyler Kopkau, Jacob Lavake and Will Lafferty; one great granddaughter, Jacqueline Kopkau; one brother, Larry (Ellen) Swift of Sparta; and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Gloria Posthumus.

A memorial service was held on Friday, August 12, 2016, at the Lighthouse Mis-

sonary Church in East Jordan. Pastor Stacie Nelson officiated.

Memorials may be directed to the Kopkau Family, 9221 Graham Road, East Jordan, MI 49727

Robert W. (Bob) Grunch

Bob entered into Heaven after a short battle with lung cancer.

He was born into this world to Raymond and Helen Grunch in Detroit Michigan. His mother passed away when he was 10 and his father remarried Beatrice Herriman. He lived a full and wonderful life with his beautiful bride of 52 years Ruth.

Bob graduated from St Mary's and Charlevoix High School. He was a member of the 1958 and 1959 State Champion football teams. Bob joined the Air Force and served his country for 21 years. He retired as a Master Sergeant in 1982. He then graduated with a bachelor's



degree in engineering from Northern Michigan University.

Bob was an incredible man. He was the best Dad ever and loved each of his children with all of his heart! Bob was a brother to 8 boys which made for an interesting and active child hood. Bob is survived by his wife Ruth, their four daughters Lorie (Michael), Mona (Mac), Helen, and Nicole, one Son, Christopher (Karen). Twelve grandchildren and four Great grandchildren. Brothers Ron, Rick, Roger, Roy, Russell, and Howard. He had a huge extended family and considered a surrogate dad by a few special loved ones. Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father, Step Mother Beatrice, son Robert, brothers Nate and Duane Herriman.

He is a well-loved man and will be greatly missed. Dad's sense of humor, smile and wit was one of a kind. A Ceremony of life/memorial will be 2pm August 20, 2016 at the Boyne Area Sr. Center, 411 Division Street, Boyne City MI.

Charles Lee Dawson, 88

(SEPT. 10, 1927 - AUG. 11, 2016)

Charles L. Dawson of Kewadin died Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Eastport.

He was born September 10, 1927 in Detroit to Charles and Dessie (Browning) Dawson.

On August 20, 1945, he married Nola Belle Bennett in Central Lake. They lived in Torch Lake Township.

Chuck drove truck for Michigan Milk Producers' Association for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards - especially canasta - and backyard barbecues with family.

Surviving are his wife Nola; children Barbara Dawson of Torch Lake Village, Herb Dawson of Central Lake, Betty Langschwager of Bay City, Bonnie (James) Trojanek of Torch Lake Village, Lucinda "Cindy" (Johnny) Guiton of Lincolnton, NC; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at Lakeview Cemetery with Charlotte Lundy officiating.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the Antrim County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 568, Bellaire, MI 49615.

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

Marolyn E. Hendershott, 83

(JULY 10, 1933 - AUG. 10, 2016)

Marolyn E. Hendershott of Eastport died peacefully at home on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

Marolyn was born on July 10, 1933, in Scotts-bluff, NE, the daughter of James Merle Ewing and Mary Esther (Schrontz) Ewing. She loved being a homemaker, caring for her family and travels around the world.

She is survived by her husband, Richard F. Hendershott; children: Dixon Wragg of Cotati, CA, Jeffrey Wragg (Marie Fitzwilliam) of Charleston, SC, Sheryl Wragg

(Clifford Hodge) of Cardiff, Wales, Mark Wragg (Jude Grant) of Grandville, and Mary (Charles Luttenton) of Grand Rapids, Stephen Hendershott (Liz) of Ortonville, Richard Hendershott (Judy) of Clarkston, David Hendershott (Abby) of Rockford, and Timothy Hendershott (Britney) of Dubai, UAE; 14 grandchildren; 14 grand-children; brothers James M. Ewing, Jr. (Anna) of Alta, CA and Robert Ewing (Peggy) of Gold Run, CA, brother-in-law Raymond Gerow of Schoolcraft; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A service took place at Eastport Baptist Church, Eastport, MI on Saturday, August 13, 2016 with Rev. Jerry Troyer officiating. A private family burial will take place at a later date in Grand Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Eastport Baptist Church, PO Box 2, Eastport, MI 49627.

Gloria Helen Buckmaster (Giordano), 86

(FEB. 21, 1930 - AUG. 15, 2016)

Gloria Helen Buckmaster of Boyne City passed away on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.



Gloria was born on February 21, 1930 the daughter of Joseph and Millie (Fazio) Giordano in Englewood, New Jersey. She worked several years at Hackensack Hospital in N.J. assisting as a housekeeper on the maternity floor. In 1952 Gloria married Richard Buckmaster in Boyne City. She enjoyed looking at the pictures she collected of the Lord and listening to religious music.

Gloria is survived by her children Anna (Douglas) Gilbert, Debra (Martin) Weisler, William (Mary) Buckmaster and Hazel Buckmaster; grandchildren Douglas, Richard, Jennifer, Shawn, Justin, Austin, Jason, Elizabeth, Trisha, Jackson and William; and two great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard on October 15, 2006 and brothers Garry and Victor Giordano.

A Pot Luck for family and friends will be held 3:00 to 5:00 PM Friday, August 19, 2016 at Fall Park in Wilson Township.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or idea are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Rev. Charles L Fowler, 56

(SEPT. 22, 1959 - AUG. 12, 2016)

Rev. Charles L. (Chuck) Fowler of Boyne City passed away peacefully Friday, August 14, 2016, surrounded by family and friends after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Chuck was born September 22, 1959 in McLeansboro, IL. He was the son of Clark and Betty (Park) Fowler. He grew up in Griffith, Indiana and attended Griffith High School, and later attended Olivet Nazarene University. On August 3, 1979, he married



Pamela True in Muncie, IN. Pastor Fowler began his 25-year career as a pastor in South Haven, IN before moving to Boyne City, where he was the pastor of the Boyne City church of the Nazarene for 20 years. He had a true love for serving God and Helping people, and touched countless lives over the years. He was an active volunteer for the Salvation Army and a member of the Boyne City Ministerial association.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Pam Fowler, daughter Sarah Fowler (Zach Crinnion) of Boyne City, MI, Son Andy Fowler, and "favorite" daughter in law Missy Fowler, of Lake City, MI, Grand Daughter Andrea Fowler of Lake City, MI, who he would proudly tell you "lit up his world." His loving Mother Betty Fowler of Griffith Indiana. Brother Craig Fowler, and Sister in Law Sandy Fowler of Crown Point, Indiana, and Nephew Chad Fowler. He was preceded in death by his father Clark Fowler.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 19th, 2016 at 6:00 pm the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp, with Rev. Dan Gilmore officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the Boyne City Church of the Nazarene. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Sherry Jo Reid-Booth, 52

(APRIL 17, 1964 - AUG. 12, 2016)

Sherry Jo Reid-Booth of East Jordan died August 12, 2016 while at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, due to a long and hard fight against cancer.

Sherry was born on April 17, 1964, in Watertown, New York, the daughter of Stan and Greta "Gigi" Antoine. She grew up in East Jordan, Michigan, one of seven children.

Sherry had a wide array of occupations throughout her life. She was part owner of The Flight Deck Bar/Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix for over ten years. She worked as the Safety Director for Victory's Casino in Petoskey, a position she was extremely proud of. She also worked as an EMT and as a paramedic all over Northern Michigan. More than anything, Sherry loved to help people; whether it was through being an EMT and a paramedic, or home health care, helping the elderly or just being a good friend.

She was a talented guitar player, singer and painter. She will be remembered for her gift of cooking; someone that would spend days prepping for one meal. She had an amazing sense of humor, a gift that she passed down to her grandchildren.

On December 13, 2007, Sherry married Bo Booth in Petoskey. Bo remembers Sherry as the most beautiful, loving and compassionate person he has ever met.

Sherry is survived by her husband, Bo Booth, of Alaska; her daughter, Melissa (Nick) Groudiss of Charlevoix; son, John Paul Fiedorek of Charlevoix; step daughter, Jade Booth of Orange County, CA.; grandchildren, Hailey Simons, Morgan Welham, Nicholas Groudiss II, Madison Fiedorek, and Lucas Fiedorek; her siblings, Don (Marilyn) Williams, Guy (Sue) Williams, Cindy Williams, Jackie (Steve) Jenkins and Stanley Antoine. Sherry is preceded in death by her previous husband, Mike Reid; her sister, Tina Williams; her parents, Greta "Gigi" and Stan Antoine; her

parents-in-law, Harriet (Kishigo) and Jacob Booth; and her close friend, Bryan Roloff.

A private family gathering will take place at a later time.

For those wishing to make a charitable donation in memory of Sherry, please consider the American Cancer Society.

Nickcoal Lynn Hughey Solgot, 34

(AUG. 6, 1982 - AUG. 14, 2016)

Nickcoal Lynn Hughey Solgot formerly of Boyne City, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2016 in Flint. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016 in the Walloon Lake Pavilion on M-75, beginning at 1:00 PM. Additional information will follow soon.



Robert Millington, 64

(APRIL 21, 1952 - JULY 30, 2016)

Robert Millington, 64, died Saturday, July 30, 2016, at his home in Charlevoix. No services will be held. Arrangements by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Margaret Marie Murphy (Hebden), 83

(OCT. 31, 1932 - AUG. 10, 2016)

Margaret Marie Hebden Murphy passed away Wednesday, August 10, 2016, surrounded by her family at her home near East Jordan, Michigan.



She was born on October 31, 1932, in Echo Township, Antrim County, Michigan, the daughter of Chris and Catherine (Wiesler) Hebden. She graduated from Central Lake High School in 1952. On November 6, 1954, in East Jordan, she married Maurice R. Murphy.

She enjoyed gardening, canning and taking care of her daughter, Lenore.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Maurice R. Murphy of East Jordan; six children, Dolores Murphy of East Jordan, Terry (Bette) Murphy of North Carolina, Glendora (Wayne) Clary of East Jordan, Bonnie (Rod) Grover of East Jordan, Lenore Murphy of East Jordan and Carmen (Alan) Harrel of East Jordan; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; six siblings, Chris Hebden of Mason, John (Ruth Ann) Hebden of Central Lake, Martha Moore of Bellaire, Betty Chaney of Central Lake, Louise (Doug) Bergmann of Charlevoix, and Dorothy (Larry) Drenth of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy and Jim Hebden.

A graveside service was held on Monday, August 15, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams of the Light-house Missionary Church officiated.

Memorials may be directed to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

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MDOT wants to replace guardrail with split rail fence Melrose Township and County officials do not agree

By Michelle Medjesky

WALLOON LAKE-The Michigan Department of Transportation's decision to replace the metal guardrail at Walloon Lake Beach with a split rail fence has local officials here fearing for the safety of beach-goers and motorists alike.

The Melrose Township Board at its meeting earlier this month voted unanimously in favor of adopting a resolution to oppose MDOT's plan to replace the current metal guardrail at Walloon Lake Beach with a wooden split rail fence because such a replacement would be "unsafe". MDOT notified the township of its plan in a letter dated June 28.

Township clerk Robin Hissong Berry said the current metal guardrail was installed 25 years ago on the Walloon Lake shoreline at the beach across M-75 North from Melrose Township Park. The township has maintained safety of the beach area since 1939, she said.

Berry said the letter came from Jason Bodell, Traffic and Safety Engineer with MDOT in Gaylord, notifying the township of its plan to remove a section of the current guardrail to facilitate a proposed new pedestrian crossing for the evolving Walloon Village streetscape design.

Bodell said in his letter the guardrail also needs shortened to protect the box culvert for the Bear River.

He said the existing guardrail furthermore needs upgraded to meet current MDOT and federal standards and that there are concerns its design lacks a capacity "to absorb and deflect when impacted by a vehicle" in such close proximity to a public beach.

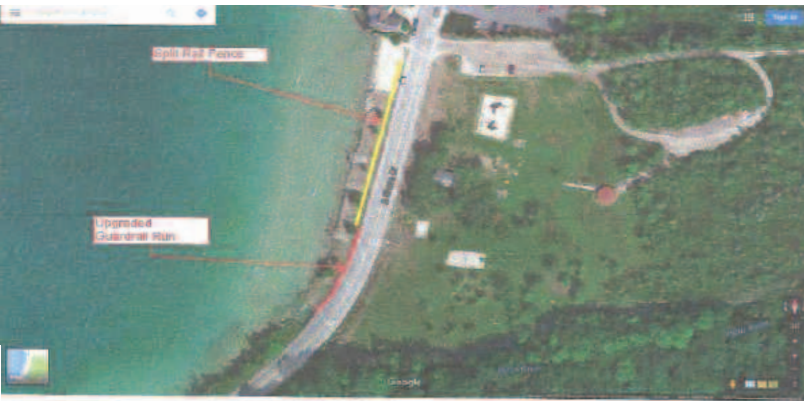
Bodell also cited concerns about the how the current guardrail is "posted and bolts exposed at child's head height", denoting a child could possibly be injured by running into



Area residents along with officials in Melrose Township and Charlevoix County fear this split-rail fence that MDOT has proposed to replace the current metal beach guardrail along M-75 at Walloon Lake Beach won't be as safe as the current metal railing.



Local officials want to keep the current metal guardrail at Walloon Lake Beach because they say it has for 25 years proven a safe and effective barrier between motorists and beach-goers.



it. In light of so many issues, Bodell said MDOT decided to completely replace the existing guardrail with a wooden, split rail fence that will stand 3-foot-high so it won't obstruct the view of Walloon Lake.

Berry said the notification from MDOT came as a surprise to the Melrose Township Board.

"We were just told this is what was going to happen," she said, "So we chewed on it and decided we are not going to accept that."

Berry noted it should be obvious that a wooden fence would in no way offer as much protection as the current metal guardrail, which has proven itself safe and effective on a number of occasions in the past 25 years since it was installed.

She said the township board agreed that a simple and less costly solution would be just to remove a section of the existing guardrail so it would not interfere with the planned pedestrian crosswalk, which was at the top of MDOT's list

of concerns.

Charlevoix County commissioners say they also fear MDOT's proposed replacement plan will threaten the safety of beach-goers and motorists along M-75.

County commissioner George Lasater, who represents Melrose Township in his district, said at the August 10 commission meeting that he is stymied that MDOT could think a split-rail fence would in any way offer more protection to beach-goers than a metal guardrail.

"Common sense has gone right out the window," said Lasater, who is the retired Charlevoix County Sheriff and has been on the scene at countless accidents involving motor vehicles and fixed structures.

Commission chairman Joel Evans agreed.

"The idea of a guardrail there to begin with is to protect the people at the beach," he said, noting that a car will easily "just roll right through" the type of fence MDOT wants to install, "I just don't understand," Evans added.

Berry said it's furthermore hard to understand how MDOT can justify spending taxpayer money on a project that local officials consider not only unsafe, but overall unnecessary.

"How about spending some of that money on all of the roads and bridges we need repaired?" Berry asked, "They (MDOT) are always whining they have no money, but that's because they spend it stupidly," she said.

The fate of the existing metal guardrail at the Walloon Lake Beach has not yet been sealed, however. Berry said the township recently enlisted the help of its 105th District State Representative Triston Cole(R) and that in doing so, MDOT has since "indicated they want to cooperate."

Cole was unavailable to comment by press time.

"We just want to emphasize that we are currently working with MDOT to come up with a solution," Berry said.

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governmental leaders to new staff members and bring them up-to-date about the impact the agency is making in the community.

Since its inception 32 years ago, Hayes said his organization has grown to include a full-time staff and 19 partner organizations, among them the MSU Extension, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Char-Em Intermediate School District, Networks Northwest, North Central Michigan College and Baker College.

Among the many examples of growing area businesses the NLEA has assisted in recent years include Boyne Resorts, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, St. Mary's Cement, Wojan Window & Door, Manthei Development and Harbor Industries.

Hayes said the NLEA has arguably become "one of the best economic development agencies...probably in the state."

Whether it's an existing business or entrepreneurial venture, he said his staff is ready to consult and direct in various business-related matters, from employment attraction and retention to tax abatements and grant funding procurement.

"Individually we're just a bunch of small towns, but collectively we're a lot bigger," Hayes said, "We're here to help."

Women Can/Women Do online auction fundraiser



Women Can/Women Do is an annual fundraising luncheon that supports Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services. Shown here is a painting by Mary Bea McWatters. COURTESY PHOTO

Women Can/Women Do is an annual fundraising luncheon that supports Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services. This year's event will take place at Bay Harbor Yacht Club-Lange Center from 11am to 1:45pm., Wednesday, September 14.

The event features a lovely luncheon, more than 60 elaborately designed tables and a silent auction with a variety of diverse and interesting items. The silent auction is an important fundraising element of the event and features items such as a ride along for two in a City of Petoskey police car, a flower arranging class for eight with William Santos of Monarch Garden and Floral, a five course Italian or French dinner for eight, a dozen Tom's Mom's Cookies each month for a year and many other gift certificates, services and items.

"We've early outgrown our space for the silent auction at this event," said Sarah Matye, WRCNM Fund Development/Grant Writer. "The Women Can/Women Do committee decided to move some of the auction items online to start the bidding earlier and provide a way for those who are unable to attend the event to still be involved."

Online bidding on selected auction items will take place Monday, August 15, until midnight on Sunday, September 11. Items not sold during the online auction will be available at the silent auction held during the Women Can/Women Do luncheon fundraiser. Those interested in viewing and bidding on items may register at www.biddingowl.com/wrcnm.

Also new this year, artist Mary Bea McWatters will create a painting at the Women Can/Women Do luncheon,

which will be part of the silent auction for guests to bid on during the event. Mary Bea is a professional artist from Petoskey, Michigan. Her love for the outdoors along with a passion for creating unique and colorful paintings has guided her through twenty years of professional art experience.

The Women Can/Women Do fundraiser helps support the WRCNM's 24-hour crisis line, domestic abuse and sexual assault program, Safe Home, counseling, educational and employment services and children's educational programming.

For more information about the online auction or fundraising luncheon, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org.



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CHARLEVOIX SUMMER SIDEWALK SALES

August 18-20, downtown Charlevoix. Participating Charlevoix area merchants are pleased to once again offer hot summer deals at their annual end of summer sidewalk sales. Take advantage of substantial reductions on a variety of seasonal inventory that must go. Merchants will be out in force with great sales to reduce inventories before the fall season. Shoppers will find great discounts on gift items, home decor, clothing, books, jewelry, accessories and more. Hours may vary, but most merchants will be on the sidewalk from 9am to 6pm and inside after 6pm. So shop early for the best steals, deals and unbelievable savings.

EAST JORDAN SUMMER PARTY & SIDEWALK SALES

August 19, 10am-5pm. Specials include EJ Shoppe, Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop, Sodalicious, Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques, Books and Things and more. Please get full information on your Sidewalk Sale Specials, Events, Special Menu's, etc. to the Chamber Office - info@ejchamber.org or 231-536-7351

BOYNE CITY FREE AIRPLANE RIDES

August 20, 9am-Noon. Boyne City Airport. Presented as part of the EEA Chapters 560 & 1087 Young Eagles Program. For students ages 8 - 17 to learn about flying and general aviation. In the event of high winds, low clouds, rain, or fog, the event will

be canceled, and there will be no rain date.

BOYNE FALLS KIERSTEN'S RIDE

August 20, Chandler Hills Campground, 2930 Magee Rd North. Horseback/Walk/ATV Ride for suicide prevention programs in Northern Lower Michigan. 10am; Horseback Trail Ride, \$10 pre-registration or \$25 day of event (8:30-9:30am). 10-mile ride, riders provide own horse. 11am; Walk, \$10 pre-registration or \$25 day of event (10-10:30am). 1.3 mile nature walk with optional additional 1.2 miles. 2pm; ATV Ride, \$10 pre-registration or \$25 day of event (12:30-1:30pm). 30 to 40 mile trail ride, gas available at campground or on trail. Must be 14 or older with ATV certification. Prizes awarded for most money raised, free t-shirt for participants raising \$50 and free hooded shirt for participants raising \$250. Camping available by reservation at Chandler Hills Campground. Camp phone; (231) 549-7878.

BOYNE CITY CIVIL WAR ANCESTRY PROGRAM

August 20, 1-3pm, Boyne District Library. The presenter will be Patrick McCleary who has many years' experience with genealogical study and in researching and compiling both Civil War and other historic material for a variety of publications. Mr. McCleary will use local historic images, family history, genealogical facts, and historic references to assist participants in obtaining a better understanding of how to research and locate information pertaining to their own Civil War connections. There is no charge to attend this presentation. The program is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

EAST JORDAN CAKE WALK & FLEA MARKET

August 20, 10am, Bennett

School on Kidder Road, M-66.

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL "NASA IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD"

August 20, 10am-4pm. Raven Hill Discovery Center. NASA Glenn Research Center of Cleveland, Ohio will be presenting at Raven Hill from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 20. Highlights of the day will be the testing of Shoebox Gliders at 11 am, an Eggdrop (from 1000 ft.) at 1 pm and at 1:30 pm a NASA Subject Matter Expert presentation. If you have questions or need more information, please call Cheri or Caitlin at 231.536.3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org

CHARLEVOIX CAR SHOW

August 20, 11am - 2pm, American House, 615 Petoskey Avenue. There will be a 50/50 raffle, entertainment by Night-Blend and even a bake sale. Attendees will vote on the best of show car and prizes will be awarded.

BOYNE CITY ST. MATTHEW SUMMER FESTIVAL

August 21, Noon-2:30pm, St. Matthew Church. Ma's & Brother Bill's Polish dinner will be featured, including Golumpki (stuffed cabbages), sauerkraut & sausage, cream cucumbers, pierogis, dill potatoes, fresh polish sausage, desserts, and more. Admission is \$10 for adults, seniors - \$9, children - \$5, and under 4 years old will be free. From noon to 1 there will be live Polka music. Silent auctions will be held from noon to 2:30 and the live auction will start at 1:30. There will be free children's activities including inflatables, games and prizes. A refreshment tent will have popcorn, soda, hot dogs and more. A \$4,500 cash raffle will be held with the drawing at 2:30.

CHARLEVOIX HAYES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL PICNIC

August 21, 1-4pm, Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull, 08580 Boyne City Rd. Attendees will be invited to participate in disk golf, kayaking, paddleboard and basketball. Recreation equipment for those activities will be provided. The Pine Lake Winds Band will provide music. Attendees may purchase food from the Pigs Eatin' Ribs Food Truck, bring and grill their own food on a provided gas grill or bring brown bag snacks.

BOYNE CITY A GRACE-FILLED LIFE DISCUSSED

August 21, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Give Me a Break! Living a Grace-Filled Life," features conversations surrounding the giving and receiving of breaks in life. During the program, Lifetree participants will be given the opportunity to describe times they have both given and received undeserved breaks and to examine the aftereffects. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

PETOSKEY EMMET-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR

August 23-28, Emmet County Fairgrounds. Carnival Rides, Live Music, Horse Pulls, Horse Show, Livestock Exhibits, Queens Pageant, Grandstand Events and more. Schedule available at www.emmetchfair.org

BOYNE CITY TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER

August 26, 6-8pm. Boyne District Library. Activities will include crafts, games, a movie, and snacks. Children may come participate in all the fun of a sleepover but when it is time to go to bed, only the stuffed animals get to sleep over at the library. Children will come back

on Saturday morning at 9:00 for a special story time and to pick up their friend. Admission is FREE, but registration is required. Please register for this event online at www.boynelibrary.org or call Ms. Alexa at 231-582-7861.

BOYNE CITY LEADER OF THE PACK RIDE

August 27, registration begins at 9:30am, Lake Charlevoix Brewing/Boyne Pub, 220 South Lake Street (star/finish line). Entry fee; \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of event. Proceeds to benefit Charlevoix Area Humane Society. Register at Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce or Charlevoix Area Humane Society. Information at director@charlevoixhumane.org or call Jay at (231) 631-3975.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

August 29, 11am-5:45pm. St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

BOYNE CITY LABOR DAY WEEKEND DRAG RACE

September 4, Noon to 5pm, Boyne City Airport. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne Valley Lions Club. Entry fees; \$25 in advance, \$30 day of the race. Spectator fees are \$10 (ages under 12 free) or \$15 for pit passes. Prizes for Fastest Response Time, Fastest Run Time and Farthest Distance Traveled. For info and registration forms visit www.bcpddragrace.org.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY GRATITUDE DINNER

September 8, 6-8pm. Hosted by Boyne City Main Street and local service clubs.

CHARLEVOIX STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 13, 11:30am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community. Featured presenters: Charlevoix City Manager, Mark Heydlauff, Charlevoix Superintendent of Schools, Mike Ritter, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital CEO, Lyn Jenks, and Charlevoix County Commissioner Chairman, Joel Evans. Tickets for the State of the Community can be purchased on-line or by calling the Chamber office at 231.547.2101. Ticket prices are \$30/pp or \$240/table of 8 and includes Table Sponsorship and Premier Table Placement. General Seating available to all other attendees.

CHARLEVOIX WORKSHOP FOR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

September 23, 10am-12:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Organizations serving Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are invited to attend "How to Effectively Raise Gifts for your Organization". The workshop will focus on crafting the right fundraising plan for your organization, sharpening fundraising skills, as well as developing strategies for approaching individual donors. The cost is \$10 per attendee and the deadline for pre-registration is Friday, September 16, 2016. Please contact Maureen maureen@c3f.org or Laura laura@c3f.org or by phone at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation 231-536-2440.

CHARLEVOIX 33RD COUNTY CROP WALK

September 24, 9am. This years walk will be a 5k and will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe to the Tourist Park in East Jordan, United Methodist Church in Boyne City and Community Reform Church in Charlevoix. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. Organized locally, the Charlevoix County CROP Walk has set a goal of recruiting 100 walkers to raise \$25,000, which will work to combat hunger here in our community as well as around the world. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

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/Charlevoix-FarmersMarket

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

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

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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

US Senate Committee Votes to Eliminate MMAP

The Congressional Senate Appropriations Committee recently voted to eliminate funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for the year that begins October 1, 2016. The Michigan SHIP is called the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, often referred to as MMAP.

If the funding is ended, Michigan MMAP, as well as similar programs in all other states would not be able to continue the free services they provide to seniors. Jim Verville, Regional Coordinator for the 10 North-west Lower Michigan counties, said that his organization helped over 7,000 beneficiaries this past year. The myriad of Medicare and Medicaid plans along with all of the associated requirements and rules can be very daunting for seniors. "Beneficiaries come to us with a lot of anxiety because health insurance is such a huge concern to them", said Verville. Most people served by MMAP are on a fixed income, and want to be sure they have health insurance that has the coverage they want and is affordable. MMAP counselors do a great job explaining the benefits and costs associ-

ated with the wide range of plans available.

About half of the Michigan MMAP team are volunteers. The others work for organizations that provide services to seniors including MMAP counseling. Verville indicated that he has 52 counselors in his region. "Each of them are trained and certified to provide free, local, and unbiased help to Medicare beneficiaries," he said. The savings that MMAP counselors are able to achieve for seniors is substantial. During the 53 day Annual Medicare Enrollment period last year the Region 10 team was able to save seniors a total of \$1.4 million by helping them switch to another Medicare prescription drug plan. "We need to start documenting the other areas where we help seniors save money", he said. MMAP counselors also screen folks for eligibility in the Extra Help program that helps pay for their prescription insurance pre-mium and lower the co-payments for their medications. MMAP counselors also help their clients apply for Medicaid benefits that can pay for their Part B pre-

mium and also help with the co-pay and deductible expenses associated with their health care.

Contrary to the Senate action, the House Appropriations Subcommittee recently voted to continue fund-ing SHIP at the current level for the upcoming program year. The full House budget committee still needs to vote on the program budget. It's not known whether there will be floor debates any time soon. Chances are neither the House nor the Senate funding packages will be approved in their respective chambers until later this year.

If Medicare beneficiaries and others are concerned about the loss of these services, they should contact the Michigan US Congressional delegation. "Personal stories about how MMAP has been able to help can also be important", Verville said.

Counseling services are available anywhere in Michigan by calling MMAP at 800-803-7174.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 18 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling w/Cheboygan	Friday, August 19 11am O.J. Adkins Raffle Rummikub	Monday, August 22 10:30am Line Dancing Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, August 23 9-11am Veterans' Social Gathering & Lunch After— Veterans Eat Free! 11am Walk With Ease 11am Adolph Cwik Mexican Train	Wednesday, August 24 NIGHT DINNER! 5:30-7pm Monty Loper 50/50 Raffle	Thursday, August 25 11am Arthritis Exercise Program Wii Bowling w/Charlevoix
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 18 Turtle Creek Casino Trip 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong	Friday, August 19 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Euchre/Games	Monday, August 22 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, August 23 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, August 24 NIGHT DINNER! BAKED AARP Driver Safety Intro 2-4pm Medication Drop-Off w/Chx Sheriff & HealthDept	Thursday, August 25 Wii Bowling in Boyne City 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 18 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre	Friday, August 19 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something!	Monday, August 22 Exercise Room 8am-1pm Walking M-F Wii Bowling 12:30	Tuesday, August 23 Foot Clinic 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize Mexican Poker	Wednesday, August 24 NIGHT DINNER! 2:30pm Crafts 4pm Sidekicks	Thursday, August 25 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, August 18 COOK'S CHOICE	Friday, August 19 SWISS STEAK	Monday, August 22 BREAKFAST	Tuesday, August 23 TUNA CASSEROLE	Wednesday, August 24 NIGHT DINNER! 5pm BAKED CHICKEN	Thursday, August 25 BEEF CHILI
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Ellsworth Community School climate partnership

New for the 2016/17 school year Ellsworth Community School will be partnering with Camp Daggett Adventure Center to bring Camp Daggett's "Full Value Agreement" to both the elementary and middle/high schools. The Full Value Agreement will form the backbone of activities and classroom lessons in all grades designed to promote positive behavior and encourage student leadership.

"We feel that we have excellent school climate and culture in all of our school buildings," said ECS Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "Our work with Camp Daggett will work to build upon that already solid foundation." Camp Daggett's Full Value Agreement is built upon three simple concepts - Work as a Team, Be Safe, and Speak Up. "The Full Value Agreement helps students and staff find commonalities among one another, make personal connections, and build character," said Camp Daggett Education Director, Karen Marietti. "We feel confident that together we can partner with local schools to help to make them, and ultimately our community, a better place to learn and grow."

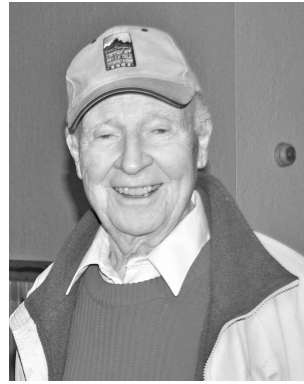
Camp Daggett has successfully brought the Full Value Agreement to other local school districts, including Petoskey and Pellston.

"The overall objective of the program in Ellsworth Community School is to create a district-wide common thread and language that will enhance the welcoming and inviting climate that they have already created in their buildings," Marietti said.

Throughout the 2016/17 school year Camp Daggett staff will work directly with the staff and students of ECS to introduce the Full Value Agreement through classroom lessons, and assemblies by teaching students in grade K-12 to work as a team, be safe, and speak up.

"We're extremely excited about this partnership," indicated Gaffney. "The Full Value Agreement connects perfectly with our school motto, Small School Relationships ... Big School Opportunities. We already have an established positive school culture, and our work with Camp Daggett in developing a common language and understanding will make it even better."

Veteran of the Month



Edward Hugh Hennessey

The "Veteran of the Month" for August 2016 is Edward Hugh Hennessey who was born August 31st, 1920 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. On September 5th, 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, as an Aviation Cadet, and was on active duty, during WW II, from December 28th, 1942 until August 19th, 1943. In 1943 Hennessey married his High School sweetheart Irene Reichlin in Detroit. Following his discharge from the Navy Hennessey joined the Merchant Marines and then served as a Detroit Police Officer for 13 years and was the Polygraph Examiner for the department. Later he opened

his own Investigation Company and worked in corporate security for J.L. Hudson Company and Ford Motor Company. Retiring in 1981 to Boyne City, Michi-

gan, Hennessey became active in the community with memberships in the American Legion, was on the board of directors of Camp Quality and Camp Daggett, was a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Boyne Valley Lions Club, was on the Boyne City Airport Board, the Boyne Christmas Basket Committee, was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and eucharistic minister and was a founding lifetime member of the Michigan Polygraph Examiners Association. The person Hennessey lived to be is to be remembered every bit as much as the things that he did. As one close friend

said of Hennessey "I never heard anyone say anything negative about Ed Hennessey." On May 29th, 2016, Edward Hugh Hennessey answered the final call and is being honored by his family, his many friends and comrades with whom he shared his life.

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.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra opens new season

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will continue its Around the World tour with a Russian themed concert on August 28 at 7pm at John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. In addition to Tchaikovsky's Serenade and Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite, the concert will feature Charlevoix Public School band director and saxophonist Tom Harder as featured soloist in the Glazunov Saxophone Concerto.

Tom Harder is the current Director of Bands at Charlevoix Public Schools. He is a 2014 Summa cum laude graduate of the Central Michigan University School of Music. During his time at CMU, Mr. Harder established himself as a performer of the highest level in concert, jazz, and chamber work: Mr. Harder was principal tenor saxophonist in the prestigious CMU Symphonic Wind Ensemble under John E. Williamson, lead tenor saxophone in CMU Jazz Lab I, principal tenor saxophone in the CMU Saxophone Ensemble, and rank captain in the Chippewa Marching Band.

Mr. Harder had a successful and productive college competitive solo and chamber music career. He presented with his saxophone quartet at State and Regional Saxophone Conferences and Events, and worked toward expanding the saxophone repertoire, collaborating with several composers. One of these collaborations resulted in a five-movement concerto for tenor saxophone and wind ensemble.

He has performed as a featured soloist with the CMU Symphonic Wind Ensemble on two separate occasions,



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's upcoming concert will feature Charlevoix Public School band director and saxophonist Tom Harder as featured soloist in the Glazunov Saxophone Concerto. COURTESY PHOTO

and with the CMU Orchestra as the first place winner of the CMU Concerto Competition. A frequently sought-after musician, Mr. Harder has also performed with the Holland Symphony Orchestra as a jazz soloist, and with the Midland Symphony Orchestra, and has worked in professional pit orchestras and pop groups in central and southwest Michigan, as well as the greater Grand Rapids area.

Mr. Harder is now an active performer in Northern Michigan. He performs regularly with the Up North Big Band and Jazz Combo, the Mitchell Street and Charlevoix Saxophone Quartets, the Charlevoix City Band

and Wind Ensemble. This is his third performance with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Mr. Harder is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, the National Music Honor Society. He studied Saxophone under John Nichol, former President of the North American Saxophone Alliance, and Jazz under acclaimed trumpeter Rob Smith. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education, with a minor in Saxophone Performance.

Tom was raised in Holland, Michigan by a musical family. He has always participated in musical activities including marching bands, jazz bands, and a saxophone quartet. He was inspired by Branford Marsalis, and his professor John Nicol at CMU.

He says of Professor Nicol, "He has taught me so much about the instrument, the profession, and how to teach and inspire others the way he teaches and inspires me."

Tom enjoys playing in pop groups, but in addition likes soccer, the Green Bay Packers, and Harry Potter. He is looking forward to playing with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra again. There will be a pre-concert talk with Music Director, Libor Ondras at 6:15 p.m. at Evelyn Hall (adjacent to John M. Hall) in Bay View.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at area chamber of commerce offices, at the orchestra office located at 438 East Lake Street in Petoskey or at the door. For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, go to www.glorchestra.org

Hayes Township Annual Picnic



Charlevoix County's Hayes Township Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will hold its Annual Picnic at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull on Sunday August 21 from 1 to 4pm. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix County's Hayes Township Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will hold its Annual Picnic at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull on Sunday August 21 from 1 to 4pm. Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull is located at 08580 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix.

Attendees will be invited to participate in disk golf, kayaking, paddleboard and basketball. Recreation equipment for those activities will be provided. The Pine Lake Winds Band will provide music. Attendees may purchase food from the Pigs Eatin' Ribs Food Truck, bring and grill their own food on a provided gas grill or bring

brown bag snacks. The highlight of the picnic will be the cake and ice cream social from 1 to 2pm honoring Ethel Knepp who is retiring from her position as Hayes Township Supervisor. Knepp has served Hayes Township in several appointed and elected positions for forty years.

Attendees are asked to park in the parking area to the right of the park entrance road. Transportation will be provided for those who cannot walk up and down the steep road to the picnic location. For more information, contact Hayes Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee member Anne Kantola by email at assessor@hayestownshipmi.gov.

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union wages the Parks Director and Treasurer's wages are below their starting wages. His suggested scale would include increases that amount to approximately \$6,000 that are not included in this budget

and was asked repeatedly by the commissioners if the wage changes were within the budget. "We're not breaking the bank and we're not breaking the budget," he said. Cannon also stated that because of a smaller budget the staff's wages are lower than surrounding communities but because of less staff the workload is greater and that the wage changes would get

everyone on a level playing field. "To keep things orderly and in line, I think that the department head level should be over the hourly staff," he said. The suggested wage changes are based on years of professional experience: Parks Director \$39,000 adjusted to \$42,000, City Treasurer \$42,864 adjusted to \$44,600, City Clerk \$46,151 adjusted to \$47,500, DPW Superin-

tendent \$48,898 remain the same, Police Chief \$48,960 remain the same. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. "Rather than putting it off until December 1 and throwing it at you at the second meeting in November, I thought I'd present it to you now," said Cannon.

The next East Jordan City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 7 p.m.

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Leadership Charlevoix County seeks Community Service Project proposals

Leadership Charlevoix County is a community leadership training program hosted by the Boyne, Charlevoix and East Jordan Area Chambers of Commerce. The program's mission is to inspire and prepare leaders in the Charlevoix County Area.

Each year, the class is required to complete a Community Service Project (CSP) during the course of their nine-month program. The purpose of the project is to teach the class to work together as a team, to identify a community need and resolve it, to learn basic project development skills, and to give something back to the community.

Projects from past classes have included:
2012 – Community Free Clinic promotion and renovations, Boyne City
2013 – Mobi-Mats fundraising and installation



Leadership Charlevoix County Class of 2016' Community Service Projects were Born Learning Trails in Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. COURTESY PHOTO

at Whiting State Park
2014 – Boyne City Dog Park design and promotion, Boyne City

2015 – Parking Lot/Establishment of an entry to Nature Preserve, East Jordan
2016 – Born Learning Trails in Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan

Not-for-profit organizations that provide services in Charlevoix County are invited to submit proposals for the next Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) Community Service Project. To qualify, the proposed project should start no earlier than Nov. 1, 2016, and be completed by no later than April 30, 2017. The requirements of the LCC Class should be specifically stated. Projects can be hands-on, can include fund-raising, and can involve organization development, public relations campaigns, and/or community activation.

While faith-based organizations are welcome to apply, the project may not be religious in nature. Projects may not be partisan or directed toward a specific political purpose.

To qualify, the applicant must:
- Be an official 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization or public agency capable of

serving as a fiduciary for the project.

- Provide services in Charlevoix County.
- Have a designated staff person work as a direct liaison with the class to provide instruction, direction, and mentorship throughout the course of the project. This person should be identified in the Request for Proposal.
- Be willing to serve as the fiduciary if fund-raising is necessary and/or expenses are required.
- Be willing to accept financial risk in the unlikely case the class does not meet fund-raising requirements.
- Have staff, volunteers, and/or financial resources in place to continue the project beyond April 30, 2017, should this be an on-going program.

Applicants are urged to:
- Include a public awareness component to the project that requires the class to get out and speak on behalf of the organization and the work they are doing.
- Keep fund-raising requirements at \$5,000 or less.

- Supervise class communications in conjunction with the LCC Board of Directors to assure the applicant's organization and LCC are being represented accurately and consistently.
Please submit your RFP in

any format you wish by September 1, 2016 to:

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Or LeadershipCharlevoixCounty@gmail.com (Please write: "CSP Proposal for LCC" in the subject line.)

Please include specific contact information on your application should the LCC class members wish to follow up for more information.

The proposals will then be distributed to the LCC Class of 2016-17 at their opening session in September. The selection of the Community Service Project will be a class decision and subject to approval by the LCC Board of Directors. The selection of the project will be based solely on the application submitted; there will be no opportunities for oral presentations to the class at the September session. However, class members may follow-up at their discretion to seek further information. We expect the final decision will be made by no later than November 15, 2016, but we can't provide a firm notification date.

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County considers license fee for bikes to offset cost of trail maintenance

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX-As the non-motorized trail system in northern Michigan continues to expand, officials in Charlevoix County are exploring legislation that might require cyclists locally-and maybe eventually state-wide- to pay a licensing fee to help offset the cost of trail maintenance.

Charlevoix County Commission chairman Joel Evans said at the August 10 commission meeting that he is in the process of consulting with 105th District State Representative Triston Cole(R) regarding the possibility of requiring cyclists who use the non-motorized trails to pay a license/registration fee. Evans said the money generated would be used to offset expenses the county spends to maintain the trails.

Cole could not be reached for comment before press time.

The commissioner's discussion about the notion of possibly requiring bicycle licensing came just a week after completion and opening of the first leg of the non-motorized trail along C-56 through Young State Park that will eventually link Boyne City to Charlevoix and the

ever-growing network of paved trails that make up the Little Traverse Wheelway.

While in just a very preliminary "idea stage" at this point, Evans said he doubts that imposing a license or registration fee would face much resistance among cyclists.

"Snowmobilers pay (registration/licensing) to maintain snowmobile trails, four-wheelers pay to maintain their trails, so I think most cyclists will be willing to pay, too," Evans said, adding, "I don't foresee a lot of objection."

County commissioner George Lasater agreed that most cyclists won't likely have an issue with paying a reasonable fee to license their bikes to keep the trails rolling. Those who don't use the trails might also find such a fee amenable in just knowing that the cyclists who use them are the ones paying to maintain them.

"It will be a morale booster for them, too," Lasater said.

But Christian Janssens, owner of Latitude 45 Bicycles and Fitness in Petoskey, said he fears that imposing a licensing/registration fee



The growing number of non-motorized trails like this one recently completed through Young State Park near Boyne City has local officials looking into legislation that would require cyclists who use them to pay a licensing fee in order to offset the cost of trail maintenance.

might create angst among cyclists along with "insurmountable" problems in terms of how the funds generated are collected and managed by local or state officials.

"It's not going to be a straight up, easy thing to do because there

would be just so many complicated factors involved," Janssens said, "To me, it would be a very bad idea and the people asked to pay are going to think it's a joke."

Janssens suggested a more feasible idea for trail maintenance fund-

ing would be if Charlevoix County officials considered forming a task force devoted exclusively to that cause and joining with Tip of the Mitt Trails Council to help ensure the job gets done.

Janssens furthermore urged local and state officials to factor in the increase in property values that is being seen among those who own homes along the non-motorized trail routes.

He said some of those homeowners have reported as much as a 10 percent increase in property values, which translates to millions more being paid in property taxes, a portion of which should be earmarked for trail maintenance.

"Just ask the people in Bay Harbor," Janssens said, noting property values have increased in that development just outside of Petoskey since the Little Traverse Wheelway opened through there several years ago.

Commissioner Evans said he is still researching the viability of imposing a local or state license/registration fee on cyclists and plans to bring his findings before the commission in coming months.

COUNTY FAIR

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will be two classes: ages 3 to 7 and ages 8 to 12. The Monster Truck drivers will choose the winners and announce them at 6:45pm just before the show. Winners will receive a free ticket for the carnival rides as well as a treat ticket for carnival concessions.

Of course, carnival rides and games are a staple every year at the fair. Skerbeck Carnival will open their rides on Tuesday, August 23 at 2pm and at noon every day for the rest of the week. For those who love to spend several days coming back again and again to enjoy the rides, a Mega Ride Pass is also available, which allows rides all week long, as many times as they wish. The price of the Mega Pass is \$60 if purchase at the fair office by Monday, August 22, or \$70 thereafter.

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Sunday 8/28: Noon to 6pm, \$15 Armband

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Sunday, 8/21: 3pm - Pony Pulls, 5pm - Draft Horse Pulls, \$5 admission, 12 and under Free.

Tuesday, 8/23, 6pm - Thumb Tractor Pulls, \$10 admission (ages

13 and up), \$5 (ages 5-12), Free for ages 5 and under.

Wednesday, 8/24, 6-9pm - Silent Disco. \$10 admission (ages 13 and up), \$5 (ages 5-12).

Thursday, 8/24, 7pm - Monster Truck Shootout. \$17 admission day of show or \$25 for two (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 2-12), Free for under 2 years of age.

Friday, 8/26, 6pm - Autocross. \$10 admission (ages 13 and up), \$5 (ages 5-12), Free for ages 5 and under.

Saturday, 8/27, 7pm - Country Music by Parmalee & Love & Theft. See article above for ticket pricing.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

NOTE: Schedule for 8/25 - 8/28 will appear in the 8/25 edition)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Open Class Registration 1-6 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Open Class Registration Noon-6 pm (All Classes)
Pony Pulls 3 pm

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MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Open Class Swine Show 4 pm
4-H Market Livestock Swine Show 6 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Carnival Rides Open at 2 pm!
Senior Citizen & Handi-Capable Citizen Day: Free Gate Admission til 6 pm

Community Center opens 10 am-9 pm

4-H Horse - Fitting & Showing and English Classes 11 am

MUSIC "Second Time Around" 3-6 pm

4-H & Open Class Lamb Show 4 pm

4-H Market Livestock Lamb Show 6 pm

THUMB TRACTOR PULLS 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!
Kids' Day: Ride One Price!

Community Center open 10 am-9 pm

4-H/Open Rabbit & Pocket pets 9

am

4-H Western Horse Show 11 am

Dog Agility Show Noon

Pedal Pulling by the barns Noon

4-H Goat Show 1 pm

Home Depot free Kids' Build 1-4 pm

Exotic Animal Show following Goat Show

Open Beef & Dairy Show 3 pm

4-H Market Livestock Dairy Feeder 4 pm

and Junior Beef Show

4-H Market Livestock Steer Show 6 pm

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!

Kids' Day: Ride One Price!

Community Center open 10 am-9 pm

4-H Horse Trail-Reining & Patterns 10 am

Market Livestock Auction 3 pm

MONSTER TRUCK SHOW 7 pm



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Herbert L. Tainter and Robert V. White. Taken in Boyne City- 1895. COURTESY PHOTO

Library to host Civil War Ancestry Program

The Boyne District Library has chosen Karen Abbott's "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War," for the Boyne Reads 2016 title. To help the community connect with the book, the Boyne District Library will be sponsoring a program to assist those who are hoping to learn more about their own Civil War ancestors.

This presentation will be held on Saturday, August 20th from 1-3 PM in the Boyne District Library Community Room, 201 E. Main Street. The presenter will be Patrick McCleary who has many years' experience with genealogical study and in researching and compiling both Civil War and other historic material for a variety of publications.

Mr. McCleary will use local historic images, family history, genealogical facts, and historic references to assist participants in obtaining a better understanding of how to research and locate information pertaining to their own Civil War connections. The program promises to be both fun and informative.

Those attending are encouraged to bring along the names and any currently known information on their own Civil War connections. Time will be allotted for discussion within a "question and suggestion" format. There is no charge to attend this presentation. The program is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Anyone who cannot attend the program is still encouraged to read the book and come to Karen Abbott's author presentation on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.

The Boyne Reads program is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyne District Library, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and the Dolle-Loesel Foundation.

For more information on the Civil War Ancestry program, or the Boyne Reads program, please call or email Assistant Director, Monica Kroondyk, at 231-582-7861 or kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

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