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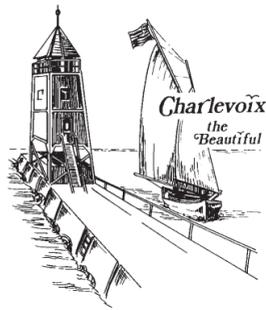
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**City of Charlevoix Plan forum for area seniors**

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and the City of Charlevoix are joining forces to co-sponsor a special event for area seniors. Focused on gathering broad input regarding elements of an "age-friendly city", the event will provide a comfortable, fun format for seniors to share their thoughts and ideas.



The Charlevoix Library (Rooms A&B) will be the site of the event to be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 1pm. An opportunity to vote on what components are the most critical needs for our city will be part of the afternoon's program and results of the forum will be shared widely. This will act as the basis for a planning process involving the Health Department, City, Hospital and many others throughout the community.

"Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital has long been a champion of our area's senior citizens. The opportunity to work together with the City of Charlevoix in co-sponsoring this exciting initiative is another way that we are

able to lend our support to the well-being of our seniors," said Lyn Jenks, CEO of the hospital.

The goal of the forum is to collect valuable feedback from area seniors in order to help create improved programs and opportunities for seniors, making the City of Charlevoix an even more "age-friendly" city.

"The City of Charlevoix is committed to providing high-quality public services to all of our residents. The number of retirees settling here is growing and the City Council and I are seeking to understand this community which has varying ages and mobility needs," said Mark Heydlauff, City Manager. "This forum will be a way to see how we are doing, where we need to improve, and understand the needs we are addressing well. Partnering with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and our community partners at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and the Charlevoix Public Library is a logical choice as we seek to provide holistic services in our community."

**Time to get the clubs out**



The hills and distant ski slopes at Boyne Mountain were alive with the sound of golfing last weekend at Springbrook Golf Club in Boyne Falls, which was among the first course to open in Charlevoix County for the 2017 season.

**Local golf clubs are open for the season**

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - For most folks here in northern Michigan, sure signs of spring are the emerging flowers, returning migratory birds and greener trees and grasses. But for countless others, the first sign of spring comes when another kind of green comes alive

with sounds of swooshing putters and the gentle purring of carts on this area's many golf courses.

In Charlevoix County, an abundance of both public and private golf courses are available to accommodate golfers of any skill level and spending ability.

Among the first public course to open in the county this season was Springbrook Golf Club, an 18-hole course nestled in the hills near Boyne Falls overlooking the slopes of Boyne Mountain, not far from Walloon Lake.

Easily one of the most cost-friendly golf courses in northern Michigan, Springbrook opened last weekend to sunny skies and temperatures pushing the 60s, welcoming dozens of golfers eager to get their swing back in shape for the upcoming summer season.

Located at 6151 Springvale Road in Boyne Falls, the Springbrook course is also arguably one of the most scenic and easily accessible public golf courses in Charlevoix County.

Rates for the month of April at Springbrook are \$10 for 9 holes walking or \$15 for 9 holes with a golf cart. Cost for 18 holes walking is \$15 or \$25 with golf cart rental. Springbrook also sponsors leagues and features a full-service bar and restaurant called "Grill on the Hill" that is open year-round and serves lunch and dinner daily during the golf season. It can also be booked for weddings and other events. For more information call Springbrook at: (231) 535-5155.

Another golf course open to the public is Charlevoix's Municipal Golf Club, located just north of downtown Charlevoix at 400 Fairway Drive. This 18-hole course has been a Charlevoix attraction since it opened in 1896 after being designed by legendary Scottish architect Willie Watson. The Charlevoix Golf Club opened on April 10 this week and will be open daily, weather permitting, through the season. Current cost to play this course is \$12 for 9 holes and \$18 for 18 holes through May 26. A five-round punch card is available for \$50 and children under age 18 can play all day for \$10. Golf carts are not available, however, at the Charlevoix Golf Club.

For more information, call (231) 547-3268.

See Golf Courses Open...8A

**East Jordan Rotary Club plans 11th Annual Variety Show**

The East Jordan Rotary Club is at it again...putting their creative heads together to plan the 11th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 28th and 29th. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7pm each night, and doors open at 6pm.

Rotarian Chip Hansen will be the show's Master of Ceremonies again this year. "We've got another great, all-American show planned this year," he noted, adding, "with our trademark slapstick comedy, and great musical numbers too."

The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, as well as a live pit band. "The chorus and the band headline the show," Hansen said. "Our musicians come in from all over the country, and together they form a powerhouse swing band!"

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort, too. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the show's Production team, which selects the chorus medleys, writes the skits and crossover acts, manages the rehearsals and, in general, plans the entire show. "We've got a lot of ultra-creative people that develop the show," Aenis said, noting, "the planning meetings are lively and the show always reflects the fun and enthusiasm of the group." Penzien agreed, saying, "the show really brings out the best in our club members, we



Rotarians (l-r) Dick Hartrick, Paul Keyser and Cal Shooks during a patient skit at the 2016 Rotary Variety Show. COURTESY PHOTO

enjoy working together and creating a great show for the community to enjoy."

The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bud Bechtold, Bob Bryan and the rest of the Rotary Swing Band. Tickets are priced at just \$10 each, and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and from any member of the Rotary Club. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities.

According to Chip Hansen, the show always sells out. "The show has a following," he said, "so it's important to get your tickets early."

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of all the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

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THURSDAY



HIGH: 59  
LOW: 38

FRIDAY



HIGH: 64  
LOW: 49

SATURDAY



HIGH: 69  
LOW: 51

SUNDAY



HIGH: 56  
LOW: 34

MONDAY



HIGH: 47  
LOW: 32

## snowfall

DATE	2015-16		DATE	2016-17
3/21/2016	...52.6	ATLANTA	3/20/17	...55.1
3/21/2016	...74.5	BOYNE FALLS	3/20/17	...111.4
3/21/2016	...60.1	CHARLEVOIX	3/20/17	...67.3
3/21/2016	...80.7	EAST JORDAN	3/20/17	...117.1
3/21/2016	...107.6	GAYLORD	3/20/17	...177
3/21/2016	...121	KALKASKA	3/20/17	...144
3/21/2016	...56.9	MIO	3/20/17	...52.4
3/21/2016	...107.4	PETOSKEY	3/20/17	...121.1

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 13	...30°	...54°	...6° (1950)	...75° (1977)
APR 14	...30°	...54°	...18° (1975)	...81° (2003)
APR 15	...30°	...55°	...19° (1950)	...81° (2003)
APR 16	...31°	...55°	...19° (1966)	...88° (2002)
APR 17	...31°	...56°	...20° (1978)	...90° (2002)
APR 18	...31°	...56°	...17° (1949)	...84° (1976)
APR 19	...32°	...57°	...16° (1983)	...82° (1987)
APR 20	...32°	...57°	...16° (1981)	...86° (1987)

## Former church youth director pleads guilty to sex charges

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man and former church youth director has admitted to secretly videotaping two teenage sisters when they took showers while visiting his home earlier this year.

Benoni "Jon" Enciso recently pleaded guilty in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court to five charges, among them having child sexually abusive material and surveilling an unclothed person.

Enciso was arrested by Boyne City police in February after an 18-year-old girl reported finding an iPhone recording her while using the shower at 49-year-old Enciso's home.

The girl and her family had been visiting Enciso from downstate, where he had been their former church youth pastor and years-long family friend.

The girl told police she not only found the iPhone recording of herself showering, but also discovered a similar video on the iPhone



Former church youth director Benoni Enciso, 49, of Boyne City, has pleaded guilty to secretly videotaping two teenage sisters using the shower while visiting his house earlier this year.

of her 15-year-old sister showering from the day prior.

The girl promptly showed the videos to her parents, who turned them over to police.

Enciso, who had been employed as the youth director at Stutsmanville Chapel in Harbor Springs at the time of his arrest, is scheduled to be sentenced in Charlevoix Circuit Court in May.

# DAVE Says

(Family and Business)

Dear Dave,

My husband and I own a small business. One of our relatives asked for a job recently, and we both have reservations about hiring him because there are several dysfunctional relationships and personalities within our extended family. Are we being mean? We're not sure how to respond.

Becky

Dear Becky,

Having a small business doesn't give relatives a free pass to employment. As entrepreneurs, you have the right and responsibility to do what's best for your company. And you don't have to hire anyone — even a relative — who's not a good fit.

There are situations where hiring a family member can actually be a plus. If a relative is qualified and the kind of person who understands they'll have to



Dave Ramsey

burst it every single day and perform at a level equal to or above your other team members, that can be a special and productive thing. A relative who is a problem child, however, can be a nightmare in both your professional and personal lives.

Ask yourself a few questions: Would you hire this person if they weren't part of the family? Would you hire this person because they would make a good team member? If the answers are no, then you don't hire them — period.

Be kind about the situation, because there may be some bruised feelings. But the bottom line is you have to do what's best for your business, your immediate family, and your team.

—Dave

(Don't be house poor!)

Dear Dave,

I read where you recommend having your house payment or rent at an

amount that's 25 percent or less of your monthly take-home pay. Does this figure include property taxes and insurance too?

Mark

Dear Mark,

Yes, it does. I'm trying to keep you from being "house poor." Did you know you can qualify for a house payment, with taxes and insurance, that's close to half of your take-home pay? That's ridiculous! When you don't have room in your budget to do anything else that matters because your house payment is so large, that's what we call house poor.

When your income minus your basic living expenses equals almost nothing, it means your basic living expenses are way too high. Being in this kind of situation keeps you from saving for really important stuff like investing, retirement, and college for your kids. I'm trying to position you where you can get the house and everything paid off so you can become wealthy. Remember, your most powerful wealth building tool is your income.

When we talk about driving a crappy car, not going out to eat, or not going on vacation — those are temporary things. It's all about living like no one else, so that later you can live and give like no one else!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

## OBITUARIES

### Raymond Bernadyn, 72

(JUNE 16, 1944 ~ APRIL 9, 2017)

Raymond Bernadyn of Boyne Falls died April 9, 2017 at The Villa at the Bay in Petoskey.

Raymond was born on June 16, 1944 in Boyne Falls, the son of Frank and Anna (Kondrat) Bernadyn.

Raymond is survived by two sisters, Pauline Kudla of Warren, MI, and Rose Mary Dawson of Warren, MI; and by many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by nine siblings, Mary Washevski,

Joe Bernadyn, Peter Bernadyn, Josephine Rauzer, Walter Bernadyn, John Bernadyn, Frank Bernadyn Jr., Michael Bernadyn and Chester Bernadyn.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday, April 12th at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Fr. Frank Partridge will be serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery.

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

Blue Smoke

To the Editor,

Blue Smoke. That's the name of a new restaurant in town, East Jordan, Michigan. It's owned and built with money from the Malpass family who own and operate the East Jordan Iron Works recently renamed ej" with a round grate illustration beside it for logo to indicate that manhole covers were a staple for years. Sons and/or daughters and maybe grandkids too of the reigning foundry management built this weighty building on the corner of Main and Mill Streets, the project taking about a year because some water table problems existed there, huge cranes being trucked in to bore holes for support system. It had to be a multi-million dollar task. But this family is ranked in the billions if not more. They're involved in worldwide trade and the leading cast iron producer in the world.

Son of founder William Malpass, also William, was the most instrumental in building up the company through traveling to cities to arrange for contracts and was reportedly friendly with the iron workers, walking around the foundry to chat with the men and women whereas the younger generation reputedly did not do so readily. The following generations are apparently the ones pursuing this corner building establishment replete with elevator, lake view and obviously upscale spaces for lease. A restaurant tavern looks out on the marina harbor and a coffee shop holds the front corner location. It blends with the recently renovated double building known as Main Street Center which was completely gutted and rebuilt. There is thereby an unmistakable aura of gentrification which does not blend successfully with the rest of the town due to empty storefronts and

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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general merchandise and services for working folk. The Malpass family has other scenarios in mind. They long ago instituted a trust fund toward civic projects locally, the health center, the new cop shop, EMS and Fire dual building, with an eleven million dollar account which gathers interest for such projects. They also over the course of their 134 years bought up properties surrounding their foundry, partly for expansion and partly to insulate themselves, and as everyone recognizes to clear lakefront property for eventual development, i.e. condos and the like.

In the past before huge filtering mechanisms were installed per regulatory agencies such as the EPA, black soot would discolor the white snow each morning but civic projects and the fact of ej being the largest workforce in the area seems to have dissuaded any real admonishment. They are in every real sense the Big Daddy boss. Consequently they don't associate with most townsfolk, remaining rather aloof. The younger generations behind this downtown project clearly have access to this fortune. Suddenly a few months ago came the news headline that the foundry is moving out of town.

Conspicuously a tract of land is being cleared near Larry's Seven Ski Inn bar and grill and car sales on US-131 highway at M-32 at which point 83-year-old Larry Sevenski was mauled by state troopers staked out there recently for an unknown reason. Though Larry was charged with assault, he sustained a broken arm and nose; everyone who knows Larry as I have for fifty years scoffs at the idea of him attacking anyone. Coincidence might be negligible though this kaleidoscopic puzzle seems to have some mosaic potential. One can speculate on the devious traits of mankind in conspiracy theory mode.

The iron works spokesman said the foundry was moving no further than 20 miles to retain the workforce conveniently. They intend to have a new foundry up and running by 2018 with full electric power instead of water-cooled coal-fired cast iron parts, then dismantle the old one and proceed with...what? Well, we all know but no one's talking yet. They've been perched on the harbor for all of those 134 years, an anachronism on the waterways which beget inflated prices compared with the rest of the habitats. Coincidence has its way of causing suspicion.

As the old saying goes "blowing smoke up one's arse", which I as a writer immediately interpreted as "Blue Smoke" in facetious fanciful homonym irony. We don't know the entirety of what's going on here but enough coincidences exist to arouse some cynicism. The interconnectedness is intriguing. For instance not two days after I signed a bill of sale for our lake view house in town that headline about the ej foundry was published. The buyers claim they like the ambience of the old house but I see condos and apartment complexes as being more lucrative since a lot more space can be created, more income and a burgeoning lake view. In fact they're just renting out apartments there as I was doing so they're not intent upon living there whereas we did, just couldn't climb those stairs anymore. That procedure of blowing smoke was a reality in the 1700s, a quack remedy that did nothing for near-drowning victims and other maladies, now though it means false sycophantic flattery. The play on words is satirical and rather titillating. I wonder if anyone else has noticed it.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan*

## GOLF COURSES

FROM PG. 1A

The Belvedere Golf Club, located at 05731 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix, is a semi-private championship golf course with public access. Open since 1927, this 18-hole golf course was also designed by Scottish architect Willie Watson and has played host to the Michigan Amateur Championship 40 times.

The Belvedere Club was furthermore named 2016 "Course of the Year" by the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association.

The Belvedere course will open later this month with costs varying throughout the season from \$28-\$43 for 9 holes, walking, and up to \$79 for 18 holes during peak season. Cost for golf cart rental at this course is between \$12-\$20.

Another popular area public golf course is Dunmaglas, an 18-hole course located at 09031 Boyne City Road just outside of Charlevoix.

Ranked by Golf Digest as one of the Best 50 Upscale Courses in the United

States, Dunmaglas also features a driving range and clubhouse that is available to rent for various events.

Rates at this course vary seasonally and according to the weekly calendar and times of day from between \$25 and \$50 for 9 holes and between \$45 and \$99 for 18 holes.

All rates do include golf cart rental and ages 15 and under qualify for half off.

For more information or to book tee times, call (231) 547-1022

Ye Nyne Olde Holles is located near Advance between East Jordan and Boyne City. This is another reasonably priced public golf course that is open already this season and aptly named for its 9-holes.

Open since 1923, Ye Nyne Olde Holles is located at 6386 Ferry Road and features tees for two separate skill levels. Known for its undulating greens and beautiful mix of forest and lake views, this course also features a driving range and rents both clubs and carts.

Costs to play here are also among the most reasonable in Charlevoix County, starting around \$20 for weekdays. Tee time reservations are recommended, however, especially during peak season. For more information or to reserve a tee time call Ye Nyne Olde Holles at: (231) 582-7609

Also in East Jordan, the Mallard Golf Club is yet another 9-hole, regulation size, Par 36 golf course featuring a driving range and available golf carts. Located at 9569 Baily Road, the Mallard Golf Club opened in 1997 and has a clubhouse/dining room with a full bar.

Open now, Mallard Golf Club will let golfers play 9 holes for \$12 walking or \$20 with cart or \$20 for 18 holes walking, \$27 with a cart. The course also offers 9 holes of "Twilight Golf" with a cart for \$15, seven nights a week after 6 p.m. For more information, call: (231) 536-3636

Boyne Mountain Resort at 0450 Deer Lake Road is yet another popular Charlevoix County golf venue that's open to the public and features two 18-hole courses, The Alpine and The Monument.

Both courses offer panoramic and breathtaking views of Boyne Mountain and surrounding lakes and forests. The Alpine is slated to open April 28 and The Monument on May 5.

Costs to golf at each Boyne Mountain Resort range around \$45 pre-season with prices varying at each Boyne-owned location. Seasonal rates can be bundled with access to other Boyne golfing destination properties with package passports and other options are also available. For more information contact Boyne Golf at: (855) 688-7025.

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## U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for April 2017 is Annalane Marie Groenink. Born on April 29th, 1918 on the family farm on Peebles Road, Banks Township, Antrim County, Mich. She attended and graduated from Bentley Hill Country School on Doctor Road in 1932 and worked for a couple years at home helping her mother with daily tasks and quilt making. She then attended high school in Ellsworth, Mich. graduating in the class of 1938.



**ANNALANE MARIE GROENINK.**

Groenink worked a year for Reid, Murdoch and Company canning factory as a food inspector in Ellsworth before going to Kalamazoo, Mich. in 1939 and graduating from Western Michigan's College of Education with a teachers certificate in 1941 and taught at a country school near Muskegon, Mich. Then on August 9th, 1943 she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps taking basic training at Daytona Beach, Fla. From there she was reassigned to Fort Sill, Okla. and then to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. to prepare for overseas duty. On January 4th, 1945 she was reassigned to the Ordnance section of the 5th Army, departing the USA aboard the USS West Point arriving in the European Theater of Operations, Naples, Italy on January 14th, 1945 and in Florence on the 19th serving with 6716th WAC Headquarters Company, 5th Army as a clerk-typist recording munitions inventory from the ammunition dumps each day. On September 25th, 1945 Groenink departed the European Theater of Operations arriving in the USA on October 4th, 1945 and on October 8th, 1945, at the Separation Center, Fort Dix, N.J. she received an Honorable Discharge having attained the rank of Technical Sergeant 5th Class and received the following decorations and citations: The Good Conduct Medal; The WAC Service Ribbon; and The European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars. Groenink attended Bob Jones University for a semester and moved to Cal. for work, but instead reenlisted on September 20th, 1946 and on November 7th, 1946 she

sailed to Occupied Japan on the Army hospital ship Comfort. She had the same job as before, but this time in Tokyo, Japan. Following a medical problem she was returned to the USA arriving on June 23rd, 1947 and on June 27th 1947 was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. where she worked until the hospital was disbanded and was reassigned to the Pentagon where she worked until June 8th, 1948 when she received Honorable Discharge at Fort Myer, Va. and was awarded the following awards: The European Theater of Operations Ribbon; The WW II Victory Medal and The Army of Occupation (Japan) Ribbon. Returning to Battle Creek, Groenink met and married Bernard Maurer, raised three children and worked many years as a secretary in a hospital laboratory and did substitute teaching. The family enjoyed many car/camping trips to National Parks across the U.S. and she also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, an adopted tomcat and friendly dogs. On October 29th, 2016 Annalane Marie (Groenink) Maurer answered the final call and is being honored by her family.

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.

## On to "The Voice" live rounds for Northern Michigan's Lauren Duski

By Jim Akans

During her final "Knockout Round" competition on Monday evening's "The Voice" NBC television program, Gaylord native Lauren Duski faced fellow contestant Andrea Thomas of Texas. Duski sang a powerful rendition of Alison Krauss's "When You Say Nothing At All," dedicating it to a friend who has been diagnosed ALS that she is a caretaker for. Thomas, who has performed as a backup singer for Carrie Underwood, sang "Cry" by Faith Hill.

Both singers did an incredible job, with Duski impressing the panel with her emotion filled version of the Krauss classic. Team judge Blake Shelton chose Duski to move to the upcoming "live round" competitions on the show, keeping her on a path with the remaining 20 contestants vying to be named this year's "Voice."

Duski commented on twitter after Monday's show, "This is all I've ever wanted to do. Sharing my voice with all of you is a dream. I am still in shock over here..."

Duski's parents, Dr. Edward and Janis Duski, gathered with other enthusiastic supporters at Gaylord's Alpine Tavern and Eatery to watch Monday nights show. Those supporters, many wearing "Team Duski" t-shirts, didn't have to wait long as the Duski/Thomas knockout round was the first of the evening.

The next step on Duski's journey on "The Voice" will be the live rounds, which start next week. Performances during these rounds are voted on by viewers. After the results are tallied the field narrows. The top two vote getters on each of the four teams, plus one additional contestant "saved" by each of the four team judges, proceed to the finals.

Voting during the live rounds can be accomplished by calling, texting, on-line (an official app is available at



"Team Lauren" t-shirts abound at the "watch party" held on Monday evening. Join Duski's fans on Facebook at "Lauren Duski Gaylord Fan Club." PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



Fans gathered at Alpine Tavern and Eatery in Gaylord on Monday evening to watch as Northern Michigan native Lauren Duski performed and won her final "Knockout Round" to advance to the "Live Round" competitions on "The Voice" NBC television program. Lauren's parents, Dr. Edward and Janis Duski (at bottom left), joined the "watch party" event. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

www.nbc.com/the-voice). Voting information is provided on the television screen during the show.

Fans can join Duski supporters on the "Lauren Duski Gaylord Fan Club" Facebook page, and follow her jour-

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## BOYNE CITY MEET THE NEW MAIN STREET DIRECTOR

April 13, 4-6pm, Main Street Office, 120 Water Street. Meet the new Main Street Director, Kelsie King-Duff, who started in her new position on January 30. Fustini's will be providing snacks, featuring an array of their different products

## EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY DANCE

April 14, 7-9:30pm, East Jordan Civic Center. Presented by the Jordan Valley All-Stars Band. Dance lesson at 6:30pm. Band plays from 7-9:30pm. \$10 per person. Snacks and water available for purchase.

## BOYNE CITY GREAT LAKES SWIMMERS IN CONCERT

April 15, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. Tickets: \$30. Call (231) 582-2588 to reserve.

## BOYNE CITY EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15, 11am, Young State Park. For children ages 10 and under. State Park Recreation Passport required to enter the park.

## EAST JORDAN EASTER FUN & GAMES

April 15, 10am-noon, East Jordan High School Gymnasium. Prizes, candy, and games. Two bikes given

away. Easter bunny will be there. Hosted by the East Jordan Lion's Club.

## CHARLEVOIX EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15, 11am - 1:30pm; Easter Bunny Luncheon (photos with East Bunny) at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Call 547-4311 for reservations. 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown in East Park at 2pm. Bring your Easter Basket to hold your share of the 4500 prize filled eggs. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. 2-3pm Charlevoix State Bank will offer face painting and balloon animals by Twister Joe, northern Michigan's favorite balloon artist. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa and cookies.

## ELLSWORTH EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 15, 1pm, Ellsworth Community Park pavilion. Join us for this free event for families with children ages birth through 6th grade. Activities include a telling of the Easter story, age division egg hunts, candy, prizes, food and more. Please come dressed for the weather. In case of inclement weather (snow or rain), the event will relocate to Ellsworth High School Gymnasium. The event is sponsored by the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

## IRONTON EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

April 16, 9:30am, Ironton Congregational Church, 3805 Washington Street. The Ironton Congregational Church invites you to join us for Easter morning breakfast of French toast with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice, and fellowship. Our Easter morning service will follow at 11:00. Come and celebrate the risen Christ with us.

## BOYNE CITY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION MEETING

April 18. Residents of Boyne City are invited to attend a meeting on April 18 to discuss options for purchasing the approximate 4.5-acre lakeshore site, known as the "Open Space," located at 475 North Lake St. across the street from the Family Fare Shopping Plaza. City Commissioners and staff will be at the Open Space, weather permitting between 6:30 to 6:50pm. and then move to the temporary City Hall for the April 18 work session with public discussion starting at 7pm.

## ELLSWORTH FRONT PORCH CAFÉ FUNDRAISER

April 18, 4:30-6:30pm, Front Porch Café, 9235 Main Street. Meatloaf Plated Dinner with Salad Bar - Dessert - Drink. \$10 for Adults, \$6 for Children (11 and under).

## EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 19, 5-7pm, Tilted Skillet. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Free for E.J. Chamber Members, \$10 for Not-Yet-Members.

## CHARLEVOIX ENHANCED CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 19, 5-7pm, East Park Tavern. Summer BBQ foods, Cash bar with a special "island drink." Contests, Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt, Multiple Door Prizes, Live music from Dave Cisco. Sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Beaver Island Boat Company, \$5 for Chamber members, \$10 non-members.

## BOYNE CITY CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 20, 5:30-7:30pm, En Vogue Salon, 105 Water Street. Business people are invited to this monthly networking event. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are complimentary.

## EAST JORDAN 97TH ANNUAL FATHER & SON BANQUET

April 22, 6pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. Featuring the Flying Aces professional Frisbee team. Event also includes Kentucky Style Derby Races and the 2017 Father of the Year award presentation. Adults; \$10, Students; \$5 and free to pre-

school ages. Tickets available from East Jordan Rotary members, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For additional information contact Gary Roberts, (231) 675-7859.

## EAST JORDAN AMERICAN GIRL DOLL TEA

April 23, 2-3pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. Drinks, snacks, tea cups optional. Bring any doll to the party to share with friends. Bring a camera. Door prizes include two American Girl Dolls and more (2017 Doll of the Year - Gabriela or 2015 Doll of the Year - Grace). Must be present to win. Admission \$5 for children and \$2 adults (children must be accompanied by an adult). Hosted by East Jordan Girl Scouts. For more information call Connie Roberts (231) 675-4332.

## CHARLEVOIX SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SMALL BUSINESS

April 25, 8-9:30am, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. The program is designed for business owners and employees that use social media to promote their business and would like to learn new tips and techniques. "Social Media should be a consideration for every business' marketing mix. The training is free, and underwritten by the four planning organizations. Light refreshments will be served. To register for the training, call

the library at 231-237-7340 or visit the calendar registration at www.charlevoixlibrary.org .

## CHARLEVOIX CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PLAN FORUM FOR AREA SENIORS

April 26, 1pm, Charlevoix Library Rooms A & B. Focused on gathering broad input regarding elements of an "age-friendly city", the event will provide a comfortable, fun format for seniors to share their thoughts and ideas. An opportunity to vote on what components are the most critical needs for our city will be part of the afternoon's program and results of the forum will be shared widely. This will act as the basis for a planning process involving the Health Department, City, Hospital and many others throughout the community.

## EAST JORDAN CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE WORKSHOP

April 27, 8:30 - 10:30am, East Jordan EMS/Fire Bldg. The Chamber is pleased to sponsor this training session featuring Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, who is the co-founder of Hospitality the Little Traverse Way. Employers and team leaders are strongly encouraged to send their team members, as well as attend themselves. The workshop is directed to front-line staff, along with management level staff members. Attendees will learn about the culture of excellent customer service that they can utilize in your business or organization. \$10 for East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Members and \$25 for not-yet-members (checks payable to East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce or call with your credit card info 536-7351)

## EAST JORDAN ROTARY VARIETY SHOW

April 28 & 29, 7pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. All tickets are \$10. Tickets sold through April 20 at Charlevoix State Bank or any Rotarian. Beginning April 21, remaining tickets sold at Charlevoix State Bank or at the door.

## BOYNE CITY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HUMAN SOCIETY AUCTION EVENT

April 29, Historic Boyne Cinema. Auction starts at 10am. \$5 bidder fee. Partial Estate liquidation, consignment, and donated goods and services to benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. Food and beverage provided by Lake Charlevoix Brewery. Also included in the day event is the grand reveal for the restoration of the Boyne Cinema. For more information or to consign or donate items, call the Humane Society at 231-582-6774 or email director@charlevoix-humane.org.

## EAST JORDAN FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

April 29, East Jordan Civic Center. Come and play your fiddle, accompany the fiddlers with your acoustic instrument, call your favorite dances, enjoy the music and/or dance to the calls. Everyone is welcome. Admission by donation at the door. Jamboree is from 12 noon to 5pm and the Dance (Including Rounds, Squares & Contras) is from 7 to 10pm (with some instruction for beginners from 6:30 to 7pm). Registration for musicians and callers opens at 11:30am. You will perform in the order in which you sign in. Fiddlers from around the state, ages 5-95 will play 3 of their favorite tunes. The Gaylord Youth violin group will perform at the following times: 1:30pm. Open Mic from 5 to 6:30pm.

Light refreshment, including pizza, available on site. Restaurants are nearby and you may bring your own food. Contact: Ron Fowler email: fowronlaer@aim.com. Phone: 231-526-9924. Sponsored by Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree, Inc.

## BOYNE CITY VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

May 10, American Legion Post 228, 302 S. Lake Street. An open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by our members to the guests through a hands on learning experience. We encourage all schools to participate in this unique experience that your students and faculty will never forget. For information contact Veterans Appreciation Day Chairman at (231) 588-6067 or



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## AREA APRIL HAPPENINGS!

4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, SATURDAYS, 9AM - 12:30PM

**Boyne City Farmers' Market**  
In the Red Barn, next to the Boyne City District Library.  
www.boynechamber.com

4/1, SATURDAY - 4/2, SUNDAY, 12PM - 5PM

**Wineshoeing**  
Enjoy snowshoeing the woods & vineyard at Crooked Vine Winery, then warm up with a glass of mulled wine, soup, and cocoa. Bring your own snowshoes or rent locally and bring your receipt for a free glass of mulled wine. For more info, call 231-881-6582.  
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4/8, SATURDAY, 6PM - 12AM

**Paint the Town Red**  
A night of silent and live auctions, appetizer stations and cash bar from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. From 8:00pm to midnight, you can dance to the sounds of "Main Street Soul." Proceeds will provide funding for programs and activities in

the Arts, Athletics, and Academics for the students of Boyne City Public Schools. Event will be held at Boyne Mountain Resort. For more info, you may contact Cathy Wonski at (231) 675-2031.  
www.boynechamber.com

4/15, SATURDAY, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

**Easter Egg Hunt - Charlevoix (East Park)**  
Easter Bunny Luncheon at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant from 11:00am - 1:30pm. Enjoy a delicious meal, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:00pm sharp, followed with face painting, hot cocoa, cookies, Twister Joe, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Area shops and restaurants invite you to enjoy a special Easter Open House event at participating businesses.  
www.charlevoix.org

4/20, THURSDAY, 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Petoskey Business Expo (Business After Hours)

This great event takes place in Ovation Hall of the Odawa Casino. Over 70 exhibitors will be featured. 8 restaurants will offer a "Taste of Petoskey."  
www.petoskeychamber.com

4/20, THURSDAY, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

**April Swirl @ Crooked Tree Arts Center**  
Swirl is a delicious blend of culture, libations, and fun! Mingle in our galleries while enjoying live music and sample fine wines and food from local restaurants. Tickets may be purchased on-line, telephone, or at the door.  
www.crookedtree.org

4/23, SUNDAY, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**East Jordan Rotary Father/Son Banquet**  
Dinner, awards, and fun. Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles and friends are all welcome to attend. Event will

be held at the East Jordan High School. www.ejchamber.org

4/28, FRIDAY, 7:00PM & 4/29, SATURDAY, 9:00PM

**East Jordan Rotary Variety Show**  
This annual show brings people from near and far as it is one of East Jordan's signature events. You will want to get your tickets early. Shows will be in the East Jordan Community Auditorium at the East Jordan High School.  
www.ejchamber.org

4/29, SATURDAY, 11:30AM - 10:00PM

**Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree**  
Jamboree (11:30am - 5pm), Open Mic (5pm - 6pm), and Dance (7pm - 10pm) will be held at the East Jordan Civic Center. Many of the best fiddlers and musicians from around the state will be present. Admission by donation.  
www.ejchamber.org

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 13 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, April 14 CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!	Monday, April 17 Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, April 18 Wii Bowl & Lunch: Petoskey @ BASC Mexican Train	Wednesday, April 19 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	Thursday, April 20 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 13 11:30 Kevin Johnson Music 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice	Friday, April 14 CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!	Monday, April 17 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, April 18 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, April 19 1pm Bingo	Thursday, April 20 FOOT CLINIC 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 13 Foot Clinic 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics	Friday, April 14 CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!	Monday, April 17 8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F 10am Daily Devotions 12:30pm Wii Bowling RUMMIKUB WEAR PINK	Tuesday, April 18 Foot Clinic 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker	Wednesday, April 19 Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs, John Hess 1pm Texas Hold-Em	Thursday, April 20 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics WEAR POLKA-DOTS
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, April 13 TURKEY TETRAZINI	Friday, April 14 CLOSED... HAPPY HOLIDAY!	Monday, April 17 CHICKEN HARVEST STEW	Tuesday, April 18 BAKED FISH	Wednesday, April 19 CHICKEN ENCHILADA	Thursday, April 20 HAMBURGER w/BUN
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## Boyne Falls Public Schools **Student of the Week**



### Madison Pickering

**Parent's Name(s):** Jean and Kathy Pickering  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?:** A Veterinarian  
**Favorite Book:** "Tony Baloney"  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Girl Scouts, Softball, and singing  
**School Activities:** Favorite subject- Math  
**Staff Comments:** "Madison is a very hard working student. She is always encouraging and helping her fellow classmates. Madison has an excitement for learning that is contagious and she is always ready to learn something new! She is a wonderful friend to her peers because she is very kind and considerate. Madison is an exceptional reader and continues to challenge herself in math." – Mrs. Mallory

## Knights of Columbus Michigan State Spelling Bee Championship



The Michigan Knights of Columbus State Council held their State Spelling Bee Finals on April 1st in Essexville, Michigan. The Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus proudly announce that Sarah Snyder of Boyne City Middle School achieved First Runner-Up in this year's State Championship Competition. Courtesy photo



### What are the elements of an "Age-Friendly Charlevoix Area"?

Join us for a fun afternoon, giving broad input and voting on the elements of an age-friendly city that you think are the most critical needs for us. Results will be shared widely and will act as the basis for a planning process involving the Health Department, City, Hospital and many others throughout the community.



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## American Girl Doll Tea on April 23



Door prizes include two American Girl Dolls (must be present to win). Displaying those dolls are Maddy Guerriero (at left), with the 2017 Doll of the Year – Gabriela, and Sydney Guerriero (at right) with the 2015 Doll of the Year – Grace. COURTESY PHOTO

An American Girl Doll Tea event will take place on April 23 at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria. From 2pm until approximately 3pm, attendees can enjoy crafts, snacks and prizes. Door prizes will include two American Girl Dolls and more (2017 Doll of the Year – Gabriela or 2015 Doll of the Year – Grace). Must be pres-

ent to win. Bring any doll to the party to share with friends. Don't forget to bring a camera. Admission is \$5 for children and \$2 adults (girls must be accompanied by an adult). Hosted by East Jordan Girl Scouts. For more information call Connie Roberts (231) 675-4332.

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## Boyne City Weekly Residential Rubbish-Collection Program Schedule

The City will begin its weekly residential rubbish collection program starting on May 31. This collection will serve all 3 unit or less residential properties in the City. It does not serve commercial properties.

Main Street and the areas South of Main Street: Pick-up service will begin on Wednesday May 31. Items for collection should be placed out after 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and before 7 a.m. Wednesdays. Collection dates are - May; 31st, June; 7th & 14th, August; 23rd & 30th, September; 6th.

North of Main Street: Pick-up service will begin on Thursday, June 1. Items for this collection should be placed out after 5 p.m. on Wednesday and before 7 a.m. Thursday. Collection dates are - June; 1st, 8th & 15th, August; 24th & 31st, September, 7th.

This program is in addition to, not a replacement of, your existing residential household garbage collection.

It is still your responsibility to properly dispose of your garbage separately.

Below are lists of materials that may be placed out for collection and those that are excluded from collection under this program. Materials must originate from the residence, and not from elsewhere or from residents' contractors. Materials for collection must be placed within the curb-lawn areas of right of way - that is between curbs and sidewalks; or just behind curbs where there are no sidewalks; or at street shoulders where there are no curbs.

The total volume of all items that may be placed out for collection per house each week is limited to two cubic yards (think of filling an area the size of a short bed pick-up truck). Because this program is not limited to 1 week, you have plenty of time to have your items collected and do not have to have them all out for the first collection or all at once. Please do not place materials out at the street for collection before 5 p.m. the day before your pick-up. In addition, the pick-up will start at 7 a.m. so have any items out by then.

For more information or program updates visit us on the web at [www.cityofboynecity.com](http://www.cityofboynecity.com) or call City Hall at 582-6597.

### Program Criteria

Services provided to residences with 3 or less residential units. Item parameters as follows:

Furniture and household furnishing, such as sofas, chairs, mattresses, tables, lamps, floor coverings, and carpeting (carpeting must be rolled and secured in diameters of no greater than two feet and in lengths of no greater than four feet)

Appliances, such as, but not limited to, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners, dehumidifiers and radios (Freon must be removed from all refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers and dehumidifiers by a licensed contractor and removal certifications must be attached)

Toys, bicycles, sporting goods, hoses and outdoor furniture  
Clothing and similar materials  
Remodeling and construction debris generated by the resident; roofing shingles must be placed within containers weighing less than 50 pounds

Boards up to four feet in length and secured in bundles

Earth, sod, rocks, and concrete (in reusable containers weighing less than 50 pounds)

NOTE: No televisions, computers or microwave ovens will be picked up

NOTE: The total volume of all items is limited to two cubic yards per week (the volume of a short bed truck)

NOTE: Do not put any items in any plastic garbage bags, as they will not be picked up

Material excluded from collection:

Household garbage (residents must make arrangements with private refuse-disposal firms)

Any item that will be accepted for recycling such as newspapers, magazines, cardboard, plastic, glass, etc. (The recycling drop off point is located in the rear of the Road Commission building on Boyne Avenue) visit [www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp) for information on what is accepted.

Scrap metal (these items should be recycled)

Trees, brush and grass clippings (these items may be dropped off at North Boyne, at the end of Robinson Street, but commercial contractors are excluded from using this drop off area)

Vehicle parts  
Manufacturing or trade wastes  
Remodeling and construction debris not generated by the resident

Containers weighing more than 50 pounds (except for furniture and appliances)

Tires and electronics including televisions, computers and microwave ovens. Hazardous products, such as paints, chemicals, solvents, motor oil, and batteries (visit [www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp) for household hazardous dates and information, or watch for flyers for the dates and locations)

Questions.....contact Andy Kowolski 231-582-0375

## Boyne Villa plans are under revision

The Boyne City Housing Commission is revising the plans for the new Boyne Villa development to include suggestions made during the Boyne City Planning Commission's public hearing in January 2017. As a part of the process for redesigning the plan the Housing Commission has withdrawn the current rezoning application. A conditional rezoning will be resubmitted after new plans for Boyne Villa are completed. The proposed Boyne Villa development is located off of Division Street in Boyne City.

Jane MacKenzie, Executive Director for the Boyne City Housing Commission stated "We have listened to the comments and concerns that local residents had with the plans for the future development. We are working to revise the plans based on the comments at the public hearing. After the plans are drafted we will hold a community meeting to explain the project and get further feedback from the community. We hope to have new plans ready in 2 to 3 months."

The Boyne City Housing Commission

tion purchased the 13.6-acre site in 1997 with the intention to develop it for housing for Boyne City residents. Deer Meadows apartments were built on a portion of the site in 2001. Another part of the site was given to the Boyne Area Seniors to develop the Boyne Area Senior Center in 2003. In December 2016 the Boyne City Housing Commission submitted a conditional rezoning application to the City of Boyne City to develop Boyne Villa on the remaining 7.8-acre site.

## Customer Service Excellence workshop

Are you in the business of serving customers and clients? Of course you are! Are you in the habit of exceeding your customers' expectations? Learn how at a seminar offered by the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce presented by Hospitality the Little Traverse Way. This proven program is based on the principles of Bill Quiseng of Bill Quiseng—Deliver the World's Best Customer Experience and is a fast-paced, interactive program designed to teach the fundamentals of quality service. The session is perfect for front-line staff and management

level staff and is designed to be a low-cost way to train your team and to begin to build a culture of service excellence in your business or organization.

The facilitator will be Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, co-founder of Hospitality the Little Traverse Way, and self-described disciple of Bill Quiseng. Carlin has presented this program around the state and interjects some humor and personal examples as he engages his audience to participate in a fun learning experience.

The session will be held Thursday, April 27 at the East Jordan EMS/Fire Department Building, 555 S. Maple Street, East Jordan. The workshop will run from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM. Space is limited so please RSVP to the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce 231-536-7351 or [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org). There will be a fee of \$10 for East Jordan Area Chamber Members and a \$25 fee for not-yet-members of the chamber for each individual attending the event.

This workshop is proudly presented by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Adopt-A-Highway in Michigan begins with year's first litter pickup

Highway roadsides across lower Michigan get their first cleanup of the year beginning Saturday. Volunteers in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program will pick up litter from April 15 to 23. Due to snow still on the ground in some areas, the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup for the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula will be later, from April 29 to May 7.

"Adopt-A-Highway volunteers take great pride in keeping Michigan roadsides clean," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We have tremendous appreciation for their hard work. Please be alert and drive with caution when you see

the crews picking up."

Volunteers pick up litter three times each year. Statewide, there will be a summer pickup from July 15 to 23 and a fall pickup from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1.

Dedicated AAH volunteers collected about 65,000 bags of trash last year, an estimated \$5 million value for the state. Volunteers wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway right of way. MDOT provides free vests and trash bags, and arranges to haul away the trash.

The AAH enters its 27th year in 2017 with more than a quarter century of accomplishments behind it.

There are 2,887 groups currently active in the program, and they've collected more than 2 million bags of litter the state's roadsides since 1990. Currently, 6,400 miles of highway are adopted.

Current volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses, and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Groups are asked to adopt a section for at least two years. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing a group's name are posted along the stretch of adopted highway. There is no fee to participate.

## Free online child support calculator

Parents now can calculate child support payments using a new online tool. The Office of Child Support within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services developed the public calculator. The calculator, which previously has been used by child support staff, is now available to parents, attorneys, judges, court referees and others.

"By making this calculator accessible to the public, the Michigan child support program is allowing parents and others to gain a better understanding of how child support is calculated in Michigan," said Erin Frisch, director of the Office of Child Support. "This will strengthen

customer self-service and help us deliver consistent and innovative services so that children can receive the support they need and deserve."

Public users will obtain the same results as those obtained by child support staff, as long as they input the same information. People may be interested in using the public calculator if they want to:

- Calculate a possible monthly support amount without the need to open a child support case or order.
- Calculate child support prior to requesting a review and modification of a current child support order.
- Compare results provided to them by child support staff.

- Agree to a fair support amount with the other parent based on the Michigan Child Support Formula.

Michigan's child support program partners with Friend of the Court and prosecuting attorney offices to establish, collect and enforce child support obligations. Child support staff calculate support obligations for recommendations to the court and for order entry using the Michigan Child Support Formula that considers parents' income and other factors.

Anyone may access the public calculator through the MiChildSupport portal at [www.michigan.gov/michildsupport](http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport).

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# Distracted driving legislation introduced

Jim Santilli, chief executive officer of the Transportation Improvement Association, and State Rep. Martin Howrylak (R-Troy) today announced distracted driving legislation they've designed with the goal of reducing fatalities, injuries, and traffic crashes in Michigan.

"When operating a motor vehicle, we all have a personal responsibility to protect our life and the lives of the innocent people traveling around us at all times," said Santilli. "No text message, social media update, internet search, or any other distraction is worth putting a life in jeopardy. I commend Representative Howrylak and the bipartisan co-sponsors for their commitment to ensuring all people return home to their loved ones each day."

House Bill 4466 was introduced by Howrylak and co-sponsored by Reps. Jim Ellison (D-Royal Oak), David LaGrand (D-Grand Rapids), Frank Liberati (D-Allen Park), Peter Lucido (R-Shelby Township), and Michael Weber (R-Rochester Hills). The bill states that a person may use a portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle if the portable electronic device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and is being used in that manner by the person while operating a motor vehicle.

"The number of distracted drivers continues to rise and we must take action to make our roadways safer," said Rep. Howrylak. "House Bill 4466 seeks to ensure Michigan drivers have their attention focused on the road at all times, instead of a mobile device."

If this legislation is signed into law, a driver may use a portable electronic device in hands-free mode as long as the driver can activate or deactivate a function on the portable electronic device with a single swipe or tap of their finger. The portable electronic device must also be safely mounted on the windshield, dashboard, or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road.

The bill calls for violators to receive a civil infraction, beginning with a \$250 fine for the first violation. A second violation would result in a \$500 fine and 1 point. A third or subsequent violation carries a \$500 fine and 2 points.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, drivers who use a hand-held device are 4 times more likely to get into a crash serious enough to cause injury. Texting drivers are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash.

"Traffic crashes are preventable and can be avoided when drivers keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel," said Chief Eric Hawkins of the Southfield Police Department. "The entire law enforcement community remains dedicated to keeping all motorists safe through education and enforcement initiatives."

The bill defines a portable electronic device as a wireless telephone, electronic wireless communication device, personal digital assistant, device that has mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband personal communication device, 2-way messaging device, electronic game, portable computing device, a navigation or GPS device, or any other electronic device that is used to conduct a search or to input, write, send, receive, or read text for present or future communication. A portable electronic device does not include a two-way radio, or amateur radio equipment used by a licensee of the Federal Communications Commission.

Use is defined as holding a portable electronic device while conducting a search; viewing, taking, or transmitting an image or video; playing games; or for the purpose of present or future communication, performing a command or request to access an internet page or composing, sending, reading, viewing, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving, or retrieving an e-mail message, text message, instant message, or other electronic data.

The movement for a hands-free law began after Santilli attended the funeral for Ally

Zimmerman, a 16-year-old Romeo High School student who was hit by a distracted driver while traveling as an innocent passenger on December 28, 2010. He immediately joined forces with Ally's family and friends to create the "Remembering Ally: Distracted Driving Awareness Campaign."

The award-winning campaign reached people in more than 90 countries. Santilli and Ally's mother, Laurel Zimmerman, both agreed that Michigan's current texting law is too specific and a hands-free law would be easier to enforce. After communicating with public safety leaders throughout the nation to determine the best language for a bill, Santilli officially announced a plan to send a hands-free recommendation to the Michigan Legislature during a press conference on March 30, 2016. Shortly after the announcement, Howrylak reached out to Santilli and offered to sponsor the bill.

"I commend Representative Howrylak for introducing a hands-free bill," said Zimmerman. "Too many families have experienced a loss due to distracted driving. Ally loved to help others and would want this bill passed."

According to Santilli, California enacted a ban on hand-held cell phone use in July of 2008.

"Based on traffic crash records two years before and two years after the hand-held ban went into effect, overall traffic deaths declined 22% and hand-held cell phone driver deaths went down 47%," said Santilli.

Jim Freybler, who lost his son to texting and driving, supports the ban on hand-held cell phone use.

"As drivers, we all have the ability to save lives and prevent injuries through the choices we make," Freybler. "A brief distraction can take away a loved one forever. Please remember my son, Jacob, and don't drive distracted."

TIA is currently creating www.handsfreemichigan.com. The webpage will feature updates and a list of supporters.

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