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## St Mary's Cement workers picket for unsafe working conditions



Travis Eastman of Northern Michigan Building Trades of Traverse City walks forward to explain the presence of protesters standing outside the St. Mary Cement plant sign on US 31 as they hold "Honk for Workplace Safety" signs. In an attempt to bring awareness to the recent workplace accidents at the plant, the group organized this rally Monday in Charlevoix. "Its a dangerous job site. We are willing to stand here in support, as some employees are not wanting to be whistlers," says Eastman. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX-If the sounds of countless honking horns from passing motorists were any indication, the picket signs that dozens of building and construction trades workers were holding as they stood along U.S. 31 earlier this week were indeed getting support: "Honk for Workplace Safety", their signs read. And honk people did. From dawn until dusk, some 50 building and construction trades workers with picket signs manned the corner of U.S. 31 and Bells Bay Road in front of St. Mary's Cement plant in effort to draw

awareness to their simple message: "EVERY WORKER deserves protection against unsafe working conditions." At issue is the safety of the men and women who have been working on the \$150 million expansion at St. Mary's Cement plant and the out-of-state-contractor and its subcontractors overseeing the project. Workers claim that the contractor, Vezer Precision Industrial of Suisun City, California, and its subcontractors have had "numerous accidents and other safety violations" on job sites that have not been adequately addressed. Jeff Eastman, president of the Northern Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, said

there have been many job site accidents at St. Mary's-some reported and some not-since the project began. Some allegedly resulted in serious injuries-broken arms or broken legs, he said. And then there have been the "near misses" as well, Eastman added, with reports of iron beams or steel sections falling and narrowly missing workers below that could have resulted in injury or even death. But the incident that generated workers to take affirmative action and draw awareness to their work site safety with picket signs this

See St. Mary's Cement...5A

## National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City is this weekend

Now in its 57th year, the 2017 National Morel Mushroom Festival promises to be better than ever!

By Michelle Medjesky  
 Mother's Day for most people brings with it thoughts of flowers and gifts or celebrating mom at Sunday brunch. But for those living in Boyne City, Mother's Day also signals the soon-to-follow celebration of a fungal kind-the National Morel Mushroom Festival-which the city hosts each May on the weekend following Mother's Day. Now in its 57th year, the 2017 National Morel Mushroom Festival promises to be better than ever,



While it's generally believed that morel mushrooms are found only in forests and fields, it's not unusual to find them right outside your own back door, like these few fungi that were found last week growing alongside a garage at a top secret location in northern Michigan. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

with more opportunities to taste, explore and discover the tasty and elusive "marvelous morels" in a four-day-long event that will also feature carnival rides and countless other fun and family-friendly activities. Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Ashley Cousens said she's looking forward to her inaugural year as director during the popular mushroom festival, which brings thousands to the city over the four day-long weekend. "This is my first Mushroom Festival in Boyne City and I'm excited to experience it all!" Cousens said, "There is going to be a lot to do for everyone who attends. The Chamber is again hosting our annual Craft Beer Block Party to kick off the event...with over 20 brewers, live music from the Galactic Sherpas, plus wine, mead, ciders and a kid's craft corner; so there's really something for everyone!" The 2017 festival begins on Thursday, May 18 at 3pm with the opening of Schmidt Amusement Carnival

rides in downtown Boyne City's Veteran's Park, where the heart of the festival will be staged throughout the weekend. Other events scheduled for the 2017 National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City are as follows:  
**THURSDAY, MAY 18**  
 4-11 p.m. Open Mic Competition in Veteran's Park Festival Tent  
 Entry fee \$35  
 First place cash prize: \$500  
 Second place: \$250  
 Third place: \$150  
 Fourth place: \$75  
 Fifth place: \$25  
 5-9 p.m. Craft Beer Block Party on South Lake Street, downtown Boyne City. Featuring live music and offerings from numerous area craft beer breweries, wineries and restaurants. This year's live band will be the Galactic Sherpas. Admission is \$15 per person and includes a souvenir tasting glass and tasting tick-

See Mushroom Festival...3A

## Heatherwoods Golf Course at Charlevoix Country Club to reopen soon



Charlevoix Country Club, now under new management, is thrilled to announce the reopening of Heatherwoods Golf Course and Charlevoix Fitness Center soon. COURTESY PHOTO

By Jim Akans

Charlevoix Country Club, now under new management, is thrilled to announce the reopening of Heatherwoods Golf Course and Charlevoix Fitness Center soon. It has recently been purchased by the owners of A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort, with two courses on Torch Lake and a third at Antrim Dells. They have now added Heatherwoods Golf Course at Charlevoix Country Club to their stable of area links. Michael P Brown, General manager, states, "We have just finalized the purchase from Fred Taylor, the previous owner of Charlevoix Country Club. The course was closed for the season two months ago as the result of a fire at the clubhouse in June 2016." The Golf Course is expected to be open by Memorial Day weekend. "We will also be rebuilding the clubhouse at the Charlevoix Country Club and plan to reopen that in 2018," he adds. "We will have a wedding bar open at the Country Club this summer, and already have 26 weddings booked." Please check their website, www.chxcountryclub.com, or Facebook pages https://www.facebook.com/thecharlevoixcountryclub/ and https://www.facebook.com/charlevoixfitness/ for updated information as it becomes available.

The Golf Course is expected to be open by Memorial Day weekend.



Experts are saying this year's morel mushroom crop looks to be abundant, with bags and baskets quickly being filled, like this one Megan Osier packed with morels she plucked recently at an undisclosed spot in Emmet County. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



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## weather

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 66  
LOW: 42

SATURDAY



HIGH: 62  
LOW: 54

SUNDAY



HIGH: 59  
LOW: 47

MONDAY



HIGH: 63  
LOW: 45

TUESDAY



HIGH: 64  
LOW: 45

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 59  
LOW: 46

## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAY 18	.41°	...70°	.25°	(1981)	.87°	(1998)
MAY 19	.41°	...71°	.24°	(2002)	.88°	(1975)
MAY 20	.41°	...71°	.27°	(1954)	.91°	(1977)
MAY 21	.42°	...72°	.25°	(1967)	.89°	(1975)
MAY 22	.42°	...72°	.22°	(1967)	.88°	(1964)
MAY 23	.42°	...72°	.26°	(1963)	.87°	(1964)
MAY 24	.43°	...72°	.22°	(1956)	.89°	(1975)
MAY 25	.43°	...73°	.25°	(1992)	.88°	(2007)

## OBITUARIES

### Cloyd Gilbert Ramsey, 78

(DEC. 12, 1938 – MAY 6, 2017)



Cloyd Gilbert Ramsey of Gaylord, died on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at home. He was born in East Jordan, Michigan on December 12, 1938, the son of Truman and Mary (Cargill) Ramsey. Cloyd spent a number of years growing up on Beaver Island with his parents who were involved in the logging business at the time.

Cloyd's family moved to Marlette, Michigan area where Cloyd graduated from high school. Cloyd attended Michigan State University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in the field of Economics in 1960. Cloyd married Norreta Dorman prior to graduating. Upon graduation he accepted a position with the Alpena Medical Arts Clinic as the Clinic Manager. After 10 years with the clinic, Cloyd decided to pursue a building/ construction interest that he had, opening Ramsey Builders.

The business was a successful residential and commercial business in the area. Prior to moving from Alpena he built the Best Western Motel which he and Norreta operated. Cloyd moved back to the Marlette area after a number of years in Alpena and established a residence in Sandusky, MI where he continued his construction interests. One of his projects in Sandusky was building the West Park Motor Inn which they operated for a number of years prior to moving to Gaylord. Upon moving to Gaylord Cloyd built the West Park Apartments and the Random Lane Apartments with his son Tim. Together the two managed the apartments.

Cloyd's interest and love of horses started in his youth with his father. Over the years he moved from trail riding to the driving of horse and buggies. Cloyd would build the buggies that he drove. While in Florida he competed in the Live Oak Dressage Competition. His interest in horses took him into the lives of other horse enthusiasts establishing many friendships. He was a part of the Southwest Michigan Buggy Club. On a number of occasions he organized and hosted weekend drives in Gaylord.

Cloyd's gift of music, his interest in "old time music" and Blue Grass touched many lives that enjoyed playing or listening. He would spend as much time as he could playing music with

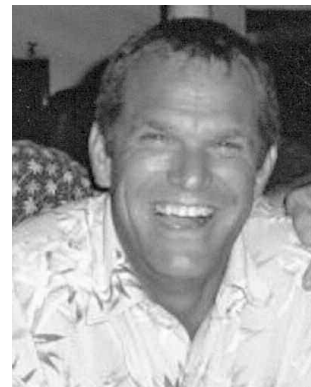
dear friends around the area and on Beaver Island. Cloyd was a member of the Community of Christ church in Gaylord and Ocala Florida where he spent his winters with Norreta. Cloyd shared his gift of music and leading adult study on many occasions in church.

Cloyd is survived by his wife of 59 years Norreta, his sister Patricia Davis of Southern Pines, North Carolina, daughter Denise (Matthew) Kinsinger, son Timothy (Theresa) Ramsey; six grandchildren, Kelly Kinsinger, Lisa Kinsinger, David (Jenna) Ramsey, Jennifer Ramsey, John Ramsey, Julia (Jacob) Armstrong and was awaiting the arrival of his first great granddaughter, Ahliya Armstrong.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cloyd's memory can be made to the Community of Christ Church, P.O. Box 81, Gaylord, MI 49734. Arrangements have been entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

### Douglas W. Jones, 55

(MARCH 20, 1962 – MAY 11, 2017)



Douglas W. Jones of Charlevoix unexpectedly passed away at his home on May 11, 2017. Doug was born on March 20, 1962 in Columbus, OH to Bradley and Shirley (Small) Jones.

He was a supervisor for Harbor Industries and was close with all of his work family. He was a fan of sports especially golfing and was an avid Detroit Red Wings Fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends particularly his trips to the Caribbean and weekends at the cottage.

He is survived by his parents, Bradley and Shirley Jones of Charlevoix, brothers, David (Karen) Jones of Loma Linda, CA, Steve (Terri) Jones of Perry, MI, nieces and nephews, Brad (Holly) Jones, Jamie (Chris) Nelson, Michael (Sheree) Jones, Courtney Jones, Brent Jones and 4 great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Petoskey with Pastor George Dronen officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please visit his online guestbook at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com).

### Steven Jay Sitzema, 60

(OCT. 19, 1956 – MAY 9, 2017)

Steven J. Sitzema passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at his home in Banks

Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

He was born on October 19, 1956, in Charlevoix, the son of Ronald and Wilma (Thorp) Sitzema. Steven graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1975.

Steven worked for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as E.J. After working 35 years, he retired in 2012.

He married Cynthia Stalard on December 8, 1984, in Lansing, Michigan.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, farming, going to the casino and woodworking. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Cynthia Sitzema; six children, Douglas M. (Ruth) Sineway, Jr., Suzanne R. (Derrick) Sineway Bailey, Steven J. (Colleen) Sitzema, Jr., Robert M. (Tracy) Sineway, Kammie M. (Matt) Sitzema Krueger and Benjamin R. (Brandy) Sitzema; fifteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his parents, Ronald, Sr. and Wilma Sitzema; brother, Greg (Patti) Sitzema; sister, Dawn (Tim) Sitzema Shufflin; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Sitzema, Jr.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Craig Pahl of the East Jordan United Methodist officiating. Interment in Ellsworth Cemetery, Banks Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and/or the East Jordan United Methodist Church.

### Merrilee Ann Bailey, 72

(SEPT. 29, 1944 – MAY 10, 2017)



Merrilee Ann Bailey of Charlevoix passed away on May 10, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Merrilee was born on September 29, 1944 in Ludington, MI, the daughter of Arthur and Mildred (Bunke) Pirtle. She always had a smile on her face that showed her loving and caring nature that she will be remembered for. She was a breast cancer survivor who enjoyed antiques and animals especially dogs.

Merrilee is survived by her husband Kenneth Bailey of Charlevoix, children, Chris Samuelson of Charlevoix, Kelli Bailey of Georgia, Ken Bailey of Traverse City, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Kerri Samuelson and her brother David Pirtle.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guest-

book at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com).

### Martha H. Strawbridge, 96

(MAY 27, 1920 – MAY 3, 2017)



Martha Hartman Strawbridge passed into eternal bliss in the late evening of May 3, 2017, where she joined her husband Robert, her parents, Sarah Nelly and Albert Hartman, sisters Mary Ellen Kile and Betty Hartman, and daughter-in-law Marilyn Strawbridge.

She is survived by her sons Robert, David (Deb), and Terry (Stephanie). Former daughter-in-law and cherished friend, Beth Strawbridge. She is also survived by grandchildren Kevin Strawbridge (Sarah), Andrew Strawbridge (Kim), Amy Strawbridge, Katy Allen (Zac), Darren Strawbridge and Anne Strawbridge, and Kris Strawbridge, Amie Haag and Steven Haag (Jayda) and great grandchildren, Zoe, Lucy, Theo, Soren, Milo and Griffin.

Martha was born May 27, 1920 in Geneva, Ohio and raised in Evansville, Indiana. She graduated from Evansville Bosse High School. She attended Indiana University and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority where she met and married the love of her life, Robert Strawbridge.

She not only raised three sons, Robert, David, and Terry, but also modeled her mother as a devoted English and Creative Writing teacher, a gracious hostess and mentor to innumerable students. She finished her distinguished teaching career of 45 years at Sturgis High School in Sturgis, Michigan. Shortly after retiring, she moved to Charlevoix, Michigan. She continued to enjoy working with students and volunteered as a tutor at Charlevoix Elementary School. She was a member of the First Congregational Church, Zonta Club, and supported the Charlevoix Pool effort. She was an avid supporter of the Charlevoix Public Library and enjoyed her weekly bridge games. But most of all, she enjoyed being with her family. They always came first.

Her lifelong curiosity was reflected in her passion for literature, philosophy, and politics. She met weekly with a group of friends for lively discussions. She always looked for the positive in people and events. She will be remembered with abiding love as a shining example of the Greatest Generation.

"Mother Straw, friend to all."

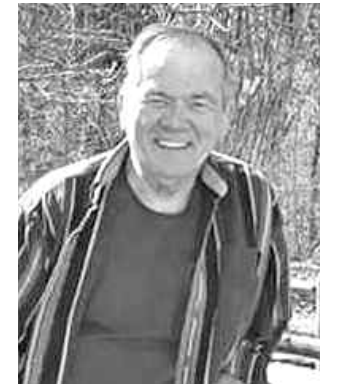
There will be a service at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 am Monday, June 26th, followed by a celebration of Marty's life in Fellowship Hall until 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to ei-

ther Hospice of Michigan ([www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org)) or to the First Congregational United Church in Charlevoix in memory of Martha Strawbridge (Marty).

Please share memories and condolences with the family at Mortensen Funeral Home in Charlevoix, Michigan. ([www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com)).

### Willard E. Patton, 74

(AUGUST 6, 1942 – MAY 10, 2017)



Willard E. Patton of Boyne Falls passed away on May 10, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Willard was born on August 6, 1942, in Bellaire, the son of Herman and Mary (Nickerson) Patton. Willard loved spending time with his family, traveling, truck driving and playing practical jokes on people.

On January 22, 1966, in Central Lake, he married Mary McCall who survives.

Also surviving are four children, Dana Patton of Boyne Falls, Willard II (Mary) Patton of East Jordan, Jason (Laura) Patton of Pellston, Jenny (Bud Radle) Anthony of Elmira, 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 5 siblings, Jim (Diane) Patton of Kingman, AZ, Karen Frohriep of Boyne City, Sharon (Mike) Murphy of Fayetteville, TN, Randy Patton of DeSoto, IL, Chris Patton of Pikeville, TN, and a sister-in-law Norma Patton of East Jordan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, George and Tom Patton and a brother-in-law Butch Frohriep.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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## 8th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway



Find lots of great treasures during the 8th annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway event on May 26 & 27. COURTESY PHOTO

Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of "Garage Sales Across the Breezeway" on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27 from 9am to 4pm. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, attractions and restaurants.

A list of garage sale locations are available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, at mailboxes at each end of the Breezeway and local businesses along the Breezeway. Also, downtown East Jordan businesses will be holding Sidewalk Sales during the event.

Discover the C-48 Breezeway...26 miles of rural scenic beauty. For additional information, as well as a list of garage sale locations, visit [www.ridethebreezeway.com](http://www.ridethebreezeway.com) or [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org). Contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.

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#### FRIDAY, MAY 19

1-6 p.m. Craft Show, Veteran's Park

Featuring displays from numerous unique crafters and their hand-made items for sale.

1-6 p.m. M.O.R.E.L. Show- "Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences & Living" Show in Boyne City's Sunset Park, located at the corner of Water and Lake Streets, adjacent to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce office.

3 p.m. Schmidt Carnival Rides open in Veteran's Park

4 p.m. Morel Seminar, Veteran's Park. Local morel mushroom hunting expert Anthony Williams will offer free tips on finding morels. Beer and wine will be available.

5 p.m. Guided Morel Mushroom Hunt, buses Depart Veteran's Park; this event is SOLD OUT

5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Morel Wine and Dine gourmet event, two seatings with both including entertainment. Reservations limited. Contact the chamber office at (231) 582-6222

8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Music and Dancing in the Festival Tent. This year featuring two live performances by "The Vintage", a Detroit-based rock band playing classics from the 60s 'till today and the alternative pop/rock band 3Hearted. Admission is \$5 per person at the door to the heated tent with beer and wine available.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 20

7-10 a.m. Morel Breakfast at VFW Post 3675, located at 1108 Boyne Avenue

8 a.m. "Run For Their Lives" Boyne Area Humane

#### SOCIETY 5K RUN

Registration at Sunset Park starting at 7 a.m.

8 a.m. National Morel Mushroom Hunt. Registration from 8-9 a.m. at the former Carter's Store parking lot, 1315 Boyne Avenue (M-75). Buses leave promptly at 9 a.m. Winners announced at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the festival tent. Registration after May 17 is \$25, payable by cash or check only between 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, May 19.

10-6 p.m. Craft Show, Veteran's Park

10-6 p.m. M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show, Sunset Park, corner of Water and Lake Streets, adjacent to chamber office.

11 a.m. Schmidt Carnival Rides Open

12-3 p.m. "Taste of Morels", the festival's "Premier Event", this year featuring 13 area restaurants and chefs who will prepare and offer their favorite morel-themed recipes for tasting. Beer and wine will be available.

Among the many tasty treats on the tasting menu this year are: creamy morel mushroom risotto, morel mushroom soup, Beef and venison morel mushroom sliders, morel fricassee with chicken, morel pizzas and taquodillas and smoked duck and morel tacos.

8:30 p.m.- Live music and Dancing at the Festival Tent, featuring two bands, including the premier Michigan band, Scarkasm and Project 6, Northern Michigan's hottest new acoustic group. Admission \$5 at the door to heated tent. Beer and wine will be available.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 21

11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Craft Show, Veteran's Park

11 a.m.-6 p.m. M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show in Sunset Park, corner of Water and Lake Streets, adjacent to Chamber office.

12 Noon-Schmidt Carnival Rides Open, Veteran's Park

1-4 p.m. Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders sponsor live music, auction and food at Veteran's Park. All proceeds go to local families.

### National Police Week honors those who have fallen in the line of duty

By Jim Akans

This year, National Police Week is being recognized the week of May 14 through the 20 across the nation. Law enforcement officers, government officials, and citizens will pay tribute to those officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives in the line of duty while protecting and serving the public. Since the first recorded line of duty death back in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the U.S. have lost their lives while protecting the lives of the citizens they serve. Currently, more there are over 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the United States, with about 12-percent of those being female.

The roots of National Police Week reach back to 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week following as Police Week. In August 1981, the Fraternal Order of Police National Auxiliary Board voted to hold the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service on Capitol Hill at Senate Park the following May. The



Plaque at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.

event, which was initially attended by approximately 120 supporters and survivors, has grown to become National Police Week, offering a series of events that draw up to 40,000 attendees to our nation's Capitol from across the world.

President Ronald Regan sign legislation into law in October 1984 that established the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, created to raise funds for what became the National Law Enforcement

Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, DC. The Memorial was dedicated in October 1991 by President George Bush, and currently bears the names of over 21,183 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. In 2016, 143 law enforcement officers lost their lives in service to the public.

The 29th annual Candlelight Vigil was held in Washington, D.C. on May 13 at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The service included a reading of the names of 394 officers. Those names include the 143 officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2016 and 251 officers who were killed in prior years but had been forgotten by time until the Memorial Fund's research staff and a team of dedicated volunteers found record of their law enforcement service. This year's Vigil will also be dedicated to 75 officers who have died from illnesses related to the search and recovery efforts after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Through a link on the NLEOMF website ([www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)) people will be able to view this moving service from anywhere in the world.



### "Book Tasting" event held at Boyne Falls Public School

Mrs. Meier's 3rd Grade class at Boyne Falls Public School celebrated their reading success at a special event. The "Book Tasting" event was held this week. Students invited a special guest to visit their classroom and enjoy books together. Mrs. Meier read Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco aloud to the group. Polacco is a Michigan born author who writes rich stories about her own life. In the book, she talks about her struggles as an early reader. Each student in 3rd grade was presented with 4 new books that were graciously donated by Boyne Falls LEO (Logger Enrichment Organization). Many of the student's special guests also gifted them with a book. The group celebrated reading and Mrs. Meier promoted the importance of reading over the summer. COURTESY PHOTO

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## CHARLEVOIX NAVIGATING THE ARTS CONCERT

May 18, 6pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts proudly presents its sixth bi-annual Navigating the Arts Concert. Involving all age levels, from preschool to high school, the performance will feature dance, music, slide shows, poetry recitations, and a performance art piece inspired by South American poetry. Come one and all to support the arts. Suggested donation of \$5. For further information call the school at 231-347-9000.

## EAST JORDAN JORDAN RIVER BIRDING

May 18, 5:30-7:30pm, Rogers Family Homestead Preserve. This preserve near East Jordan offers a strong mixture of habitat that is sought by both migrating and breeding birds. Darrell Lawson, current president of Petoskey Regional Audubon Society (PRAS), will identify birds seen and heard. For those who wish, we will plan on dinner in East Jordan afterwards. Loaner binoculars are available. No charge, but pre-registration is requested by calling 231.347.0991 or online at www.landtrust.org.

## BOYNE CITY MUSHROOM FESTIVAL CRAFT BEER BLOCK PARTY

May 19, 5-9pm, downtown. Featuring two dozen craft breweries, plus wineries, food trucks and live music from the Galactic Sherpas, the block party has drawn a crowd of 800 people in each of the first two years. It's all held in the middle of downtown Boyne City with the 100 block of South Lake Street blocked off for all the festivities. Admission is \$15, which gets you a souvenir glass and four tasting tickets; extra taste tickets are \$1.50.

## CHARLEVOIX INTRODUCTION TO RAW FOODS CLASS

May 19, 5 - 7pm, Join us for a fun, hands-on introduction to the benefits of a "high-raw" diet. Prepare and eat a variety of healthy, flavorful raw food dishes. Learn about the benefits of eating foods in their natural, most useful form. Leave with recipes and resources

to continue your path to a healthier you. Presented by Rachel Sytsma Reed. Rachel will share her passion for eating foods in their natural and most useful forms as well as sharing her personal journey to healthier eating. Classes are held at the Munson Charlevoix Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Cost is \$35/person per class. Call to reserve your spot for one or more class, space is limited. (231) 437-3482.

## PETOSKEY NLEA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 19, 11:30am - 1:30pm, Petoskey Northmen Stadium. The NLEA is excited to present this year's Annual Lunch in the new Petoskey Northmen Stadium. This state of the art facility will play host to our tailgate style gathering of over 700 of our closest friends and colleagues from across the state and region for the celebration and recognition of economic development projects and people in Northwest Michigan. Lunch Networking Keynote Address Awards & Recognitions Live Entertainment. Football great, broadcaster and entrepreneur Jon Jansen will be the keynote speaker. Tickets \$20 per person, Group Rate; 10 tickets for \$180. Information at www.northernlakes.net

## BOYNE CITY RUN FOR THEIR LIVES 5K

May 20, Fundraiser for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society Benefit during the Boyne City Morel Mushroom Festival, raising funds for the shelter and animals cared for there. Runners of all ages are invited to attend, as well as friendly canines. The event starts at 8am with registration from 6:30-7:25 a.m. behind the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Runners can also register in advance by filling out this form and emailing it to pets@charlevoix-humane.org. The form can also be dropped off at the Humane Society office at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City. Registration is available 6-7 p.m. Friday, May 13 at the Mushroom Festival tent in Veterans Park. Cost to register is \$20 for early registered runners, \$25 on race day and \$10 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 231-582-6774.

## CHARLEVOIX

## LITERARY DELIGHTS - A WOMEN AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON

May 20, 11am-3pm, Charlevoix Public Library. The Zonta Club of Charlevoix hosts its annual Literary Delights - a Women Author's Luncheon. Two notable women authors, Melissa Grunow and Amy S. Hansen, will speak at the event. Proceeds from Zonta's Literary Delights supports projects which advance the status of women locally, nationally, and internationally. Reservations are required; \$40 per person. Tickets include a delicious luncheon, silent auction, and gift basket raffle drawings. For more information and/or to purchase a ticket, contact Linda DeGrow at 231.547.4109, or any Zonta Club Member. Zontacharlevoix.org

## ELLSWORTH FRONT PORCH MINISTRIES MEXICAN BUFFET FUNDRAISER

May 20, Mexican Buffet, Salad Bar - Dessert - Drink, Featuring the Bergmann Center. Tickets are sold in advance: at the door, or by staff or clients of the Bergmann Center. \$10 Adults, \$6 Children 11 and under. Saturday, May 20, seating is 4 - 5:30pm or 5:30 - 7pm. For more information call 231-588-2000

## PETOSKEY UNION APPRECIATION PICNIC

May 21, Noon-3pm, Bear River Valley Recreation Area Pavilion. A complimentary lunch will be served. The menu includes chicken, ribs, pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, wings, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, pop, lemonade, ice tea and desserts. Vegan selections will also be served. The union appreciation picnic is also sponsored by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 951 and the Michigan Educational Association representing the local education associations and support personnel in Emmet and Charlevoix County Public Schools. The Recreation Pavilion is located off West Lake Street across from the Petoskey City Hall, south of the Mitchell Street bridge on the west side of the Bear River.

## BOYNE CITY CROOKED TREE YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

May 21, 2:30pm, Boyne City

Performing Arts Center. Join the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program as they perform their annual Spring Concert. Admission is free. In this final performance for the season, over 400 students from 22 schools throughout northern Michigan join together on stage to perform for their families and communities. For more information about the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras, Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, or our Summer Strings Programs, visit www.crookedtree.org or call (231) 347-4337.

## BOYNE CITY MORMON BELIEFS EXPLORED

May 21, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program—titled "Mormons: Christian? Cult? What do they really believe?"—includes a filmed interview with someone who has left the Mormon church and also someone who has joined it. In addition, a filmed interview with a theology professor will be shown and discussed. The Lifetree event will encourage various views from the community, according to Cable. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S. Park St., Boyne City.

## EAST JORDAN SPRING CLEAN-UP & COMMUNITY PICNIC

May 25, 4 - 6pm, Memorial Park. For additional information email amanda@northernlakes.net

## EAST JORDAN BREEZEWAY GARAGE SALE

May 26 & 27, 9am-5pm. Residents, businesses and organizations all along the C-48 "Breezeway," from Atwood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls are participating in our 8th annual Breezeway Garage Sale. Visit www.ridethebreezeway.com for additional information.

## ELLSWORTH FRONT PORCH CAFE CONCERT

May 26, 7-9pm, Banks Township Hall. Horton Creek Band with special opening band "The Pine Lake Winds." Tickets are sold at the Front Porch Cafe. \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. No food or beverages will be provided. Proceeds to benefit the Front Porch Ministries.

## BOYNE CITY ED SULLIVAN'S REALLY BIG SHOW

May 27, 8pm, Boyne City Performing Arts Center. Direct from Toronto, this Las Vegas quality show features some of Canada's top professional tribute artists backed up by a six-piece band with no pre-recorded music and a great Ed Sullivan impersonator. You'll know every song performed by Cher, Roy Orbison, Rod Stewart, and Tom Jones Tribute Artists. This will be a "Really Big Show." Tickets are available at Tix.com and by phone at 231-582-6532, and all tickets are returnable for a full refund up to 48 hours before the show. All seats are reserved. This show is a fundraiser for the Boyne Country Community Center. Details at www.boynecc.com.

## CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX AREA GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

May 27, 8:30am - Noon (or until plants are all sold), Ferry Beach pavilion. Club members are looking at their emerging perennials, ready to dig and divide. These local plants, then, form the primary inventory for the plant sale. From the homes of local gardeners the plants are accustomed to the northern Michigan soil and weather — a real plus as we look toward a fresh growing season. Monies raised from the plant sale, like those from the Town & Country Garden Walk on July 12th, support the club's education, beautification, and conservation efforts. For further information look to the Charlevoixareagardenclub Facebook page or website.

## CHARLEVOIX ROUND LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 27 & 28, East Park. Free concerts and Fun! Enjoy a cold beer in the Beer Tent while listening to the following: Saturday: 1PM - Don Middlebrook and the Pearl Divers, 4PM - Kari Lynch, 7PM - The Journey. Sunday: 1PM - Galactic Sherpas. 4PM - Mid-Life Crisis Band, 7PM - Drew Hale Band. Beer Tent Saturday and Sunday 12noon - 10PM

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NO. MICHIGAN HEARSE CRUISE

May 27, 9am-5pm. The Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise will

be hosting their fourth annual car show and cruise. Saturday May 27th features a car cruise, traveling from Gaylord to Boyne City. Stopping for two hours in the towns of Boyne Falls (Boyne Mnt), East Jordan, and Boyne City. No cost to the public. Donations accepted on behalf of the Charlevoix Humane Society.

## BOYNE CITY CURES FOR HEALTHCARE EXPLORED

May 28, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Curing Healthcare: Practical Help for an Ailing Nation," features a filmed interview with healthcare insider Joe Flower, author of Healthcare Beyond Reform. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S. Park St. Please use the entrance off Pine St.

## EAST JORDAN 20TH ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

June 2, Great fellowship, golf, food and fun! Golfer door prizes also needed. Please drop your door prize off at the Chamber Office or call/e-mail us to make arrangements for someone to pick it up at your business. 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org.

## ATWOOD 8TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

June 3, 9am, Antrim Dells Golf Course. The Ellsworth Fireworks 8th Annual Golf Scramble. 9 holes, teams of 4. Luncheon immediately after at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. Questions contact Eric at 231-676-2051

## CHARLEVOIX IMAGES OF YOSEMITE

June 6, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library community room. Presented by Mike Schlitt. In late October, the Charlevoix Photography Club coordinated a photo-shoot with Yosemite National Park and hired a local guide to take them to some of the same locations where Ansel Adams recorded his iconic images. Twelve photographic artists from both the Charlevoix and Petoskey Photography Clubs attended this event in an attempt to mirror the images of the master Ansel Adams. It would be unfortunate not to share these works of art with the public.

## CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY POOL FUNDRAISER

June 15, 11:30am - 3pm, Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Lange Center. You are invited to attend the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Annual Fundraiser, NOMI STYLE: Sports Gear & Fashion Expo. We have vendors, runway, shopping, lunch, and silent and live auctions. Vendors include: The Clothing Company, Boyne Country Sports, Bearcup Outfitters, Revolution Bike, High Gear Sports, Webster's Sports, The Clothes Post, J Phillips, Northwoods Yoga, Elements and Susan Norris. Proceeds benefit programs and general operations of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. To reserve your spot, call the Pool at 231.547.0982. Visit charlevoix-pool.org for more information

## CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Summer Hours; Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. "Dog Days of Spring" event on May 25. Wiener dogs and dinky dogs race at 10am. Please enter your pooch so the children on field trips can enjoy watching the silly races emceed by Scott MacKenzie of the Humane Society. Lots of prizes for the racers and fun for all. Other activities include a Kissing Booth, picture with a pooch, games and more. Sponsored by Best Friends Pet Spa & Walgreen's of Charlevoix. Benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. For more information call 231-330-0968.

## BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market has over 35 vendors in Veteran's Park. Market hours are Wednesday's and Saturday's, 8 am - Noon. During peak season the market features more than 65 regular vendors, all local, serving seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs; gourmet baked goods and preserves; eggs and cheese; honey and maple syrup; proteins, fish, potted annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, and cut flowers; plus a juried craft market with unique hand-made items for your home or a special gift.

## BOYNE CITY CITY WIDE LEAF PICK-UP

May 1st - June 2nd, (Monday and Fridays only). The City will pick up leaves during the above scheduled times only. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags on Monday and Fridays only. If your bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify City Hall at 582-6597. Biodegradable paper bags are available at Boyne City Co-Op and Ace Hardware. Please put only leaves in bags as they are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting. Brush will not be picked up curbside, but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site. You may haul your own leaves, either bagged in biodegradable paper bags or unbagged, to the compost site on Robinson Street, open seven days a week for your convenience. City Ordinance prohibits depositing leaves or other yard waste in the street.



# 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."

## AREA MAY HAPPENINGS!

**17, 24, 31, Wednesdays, 8am - 12pm**  
**20, 27, Saturdays, 8am - 12pm**

**BOYNE CITY FARMERS' MARKET**  
Outdoor market in Veteran's Park, 207 N. Lake Street.

**5/18, 25, Thursdays, 8am - 12pm**

**EAST JORDAN FARMERS' MARKET**  
At Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge Street.

**5/18, Thursday, - 5/21, Sunday**

**57TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL**  
The festival features a competitive hunt, guided hunt, a beer/wine tent with live music, a gourmet Taste of Morels, carnival rides, the Craft Beer Block Party, and much more including the Wine & Dine gourmet dinner & wine tasting in Veterans Park.

**5/18, 25, Thursdays, 8am - 1pm**

**CHARLEVOIX FARMERS' MARKET**  
East Park, 408 Bridge Street, Downtown Charlevoix

**5/26, Friday, 9am - 5/27, Saturday, 5pm**

**9TH ANNUAL BREEZEWAY GARAGE SALES**

26 miles of garage sales and events. Take the scenic trip across the C-48 Breezeway stopping at the many, many garage sales, yard sales, and events, as well as the local shops, restaurants, and hot spots. Maps of the registered sales will be available at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Office at 100 Main Street.

**5/27, Saturday, 8:30am - 12pm**

**CHARLEVOIX AREA GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

The plant sale will be held at Ferry Beach. Plants are grown in this area and are dug from our members' and friends' gardens. The plants find new homes in gardens to further beautify our area. Your support will help the Garden Club maintain 11 civic gardens.

**5/27, Saturday, 8pm - 10pm**

**ED SULLIVAN'S REALLY-BIG**

**SHOW**  
Direct from Toronto, Ontario, we have booked a 10-person cast that, with our local Ed Sullivan impersonator, will recreate a 1970 two-hour variety show with absolutely no pre-recorded vocals or music. Tribute artists will portray Cher, Roy Orbison, Rod Stewart, & Tom Jones, all backed up by a 6-person band including two backup singers. \$35 reserved seating. Tickets sold at www.boynecc.com or Boyne City Ace Hardware. Event will be held at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center.

**5/29, Monday, 9am - 5pm**

**LOCAL APPRECIATION DAY AT CASTLE FARMS**

Explore Castle Farms for free! All residents with a valid driver's license from Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim, Otsego, or Cheboygan counties can tour for free. All others, just \$5. Snowbirds - just bring in one piece of mail addressed to you in one of the above listed counties.

## BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER

411 DIVISION - Boyne City

**COME JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FROM 5 TO 6pm**

*MUSIC from 5:30 TO 7:00pm*

Dinner on MAY 17 WILL BE A SELECTION OF PORK

*MUSIC will be by \*\*\*\*BRAD HERSEY\*\*\*\**

*MAY 24 MEATLOAF WILL BE SERVED*

*MUSIC IS DONATED BY \*\*\*\$ IN A JUKE BOX\*\*\**

*MAY 31 MENU IS "COOKS CHOICE"*

*MUSIC IS DONATED BY \*\*\*LUCKY STARS\*\*\**

*A 50/50 DRAWING WILL BE HELD EACH WEEK*

*DRAWING AT 6:00PM*

*SUGGESTED DONATION: \$3.00 FOR 60 AND OVER/\$6.00 FOR UNDER*

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 18 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program 1pm Wii Bowling	Friday, May 19 11am O.J. Adkins Raffle wear Watches 1pm Rummikub	Monday, May 22 1pm Rummikub Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, May 23 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 9-11am Veterans Social 11am Concord Academy Choral Group 12pm Great Lakes Nat'l Veteran Cemetery	Wednesday, May 24 NIGHT DINNER! 2:30pm Wii Practice & Cards 5:30-7pm Dollar In a Juke Box 6pm 50/50 Raffle	Thursday, May 25 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program 1pm Wii Bowling
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 18 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice	Friday, May 19 DAY PARTY! 9:30am Craft Class	Monday, May 22 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, May 23 FOOT CLINIC 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, May 24 NIGHT DINNER! 2:30pm Crafts 2:45 pm Bingo	Thursday, May 25 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 18 11am KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Texas Hold-em 1pm Ceramics Wear a bow tie	Friday, May 19 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something! Wear Red	Monday, May 22 8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F 10am Daily Devotions 12:30pm Wii Bowling RUMMIKUB	Tuesday, May 23 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 10:30am Craft Class Mexican Poker	Wednesday, May 24 NIGHT DINNER! 2:30pm Crafts 4pm Live Music 6pm Euchre	Thursday, May 25 11am KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Texas Hold-em 1pm Ceramics
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, May 18 STUFFED CABBAGE	Friday, May 19 APPLE BBQ CHICKEN	Monday, May 22 BEEF CHILI	Tuesday, May 23 BREAKFAST	Wednesday, May 24 5-6pm MEATLOAF	Thursday, May 25 CHICKEN POT PIE
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## \$10.8 Million school bond proposal approved

By Michelle Medjesky

EAST JORDAN - Voters in East Jordan have approved a \$10.8 million school bond proposal that will bring numerous much-needed upgrades and improvements to the East Jordan district.

East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson said he is "thrilled" with this month's election results that showed the community's "traditionally supportive" vote towards school im-

provements with 615 in favor and 382 opposed to the bond proposal.

The anticipated millage rate to fund this approved \$10.8 million debt over the next 15 years is 2.46 mills, with one mill equaling \$1 in property tax for each \$1,000 in property value.

The approval comes after a similar proposal in which the district asked to borrow a slightly higher amount-\$11.5 million-failed in the August, 2016 election-and by only one vote.

Stevenson said approval of the

bond proposal in this month's election demonstrated "positive energy and momentum" in the community.

"The efforts of the City, the Chamber of Commerce and the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) have all contributed to a new way of thinking and revitalization of the community," Stevenson said, "We could not be happier with the results and the resounding message that the final vote tally sent. We are extremely happy...and busy."

The bond proposal will pay for a

laundry list of upgrades and improvements within the East Jordan Schools district, including upgrades to buildings, buses, and technology.

Strengthened school security will also be afforded through new entrances fitted at the elementary/middle and high school buildings.

Stevenson said he and his staff are now focused on turning the many newly-funded improvements into reality, with plans for work to begin on some of the projects as

soon as this fall. He said work on other projects covered by the bond proposal are expected to begin in Spring, 2018.

"Since the bond passed we have been working tirelessly to put into motion the next steps that need to take place...we are just happy to be part of this revitalization and the synergy that is happening here..." Stevenson said, "We have a lot to be thankful for in East Jordan."

### Boyer Falls Public Schools Student of the Week



#### Daniel Powers

Grade: 7th

Parent's Name(s): John and Kathleen Powers

Future Plans: Planning on attending college

Favorite Book: Hunger Games Series

Hobbies and Interests: Art and Drawing

School Activities: Baseball and Basketball

Staff Comments: "Daniel has done a great job in the classroom this year. He works well with his peers and has a very entertaining and clever sense of humor. Daniel is polite, respectful, and a pleasure to have in class. He is a student/athlete who represents Boyer Falls Public School in a positive way. Great job Daniel." — Jason Stolarski

## Lauren Duski in "The Voice" finals

By Jim Akans

America has voted Northern Michigan native Lauren Duski into the "The Voice" finals. Next Monday, May 22, she will be one of the four contestants who will perform to vie for the title of NBC Season 12's "The Voice" vocal competition winner.

A 2009 Gaylord High School graduate who went on to earn a degree at the U of M, Duski began her journey on The Voice earlier this year. After auditioning, she was selected by a panel of four celebrity judges to join 48 talented vocalists from across the country to compete for this year's top spot on the show. Over the following weeks the field of contestants narrowed to 24, 20, 12, 11, 10, 8 and on Tuesday, May 16, Duski was voted by the show's viewers to join the final four for next Monday's show.

Duski performed a passionate rendition of Shenandoah's "Ghost in This House" on this past Monday evening's show. During rehearsals, Duski's team coach Blake Shelton remarked that he can see her "selling out stadiums" with her extraordinary "voice, stage presence and personality."

After her performance on Monday night, Shelton proclaimed that what Duski did was "monumental" in taking on a much revered country song with her pure voice and genuine delivery



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and bringing the audience to their feet.

Now Duski heads to the final "Voice" showdown, with one of the final four contestants being named this seasons "The Voice" on Tuesday, May 23 after their

Monday, May 22 performances. That decision will be made by viewers across the nation casting their votes. For voting information and to download a special voting app, visit [www.nbc.com/the-voice](http://www.nbc.com/the-voice)

Northern Michigan fans can join Duski supporters on the "Lauren Duski Gaylord Fan Club" Facebook page, and follow her journey on The Voice at [www.laurenduski.com](http://www.laurenduski.com) or on Facebook at LaurenDuski.

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## ST. MARY'S CEMENT

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week came after a crane at the St. Mary's expansion site tipped over earlier this month.

"Once the crane fell over, that was like the cherry on the cake," Eastman said, "We knew we had to do something, because does someone have to die before this project is finished? We're tired of hearing that this is a big scale job site and that accidents will happen."

John Coleman, an organizer with the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 7, agreed. "Accidents don't just happen; accidents are made, and the near misses were just a little too close for comfort," Coleman said, "When iron falls out of the sky and legs get broken or arms get broken, something is wrong."

Coleman said he and his fellow workers want to see stronger safety standards on the job site and want the contractor



(L-R) John Coleman, organizer with the Sheet Metal Workers International Union Local 7 and Travis Eastman, with the Northern Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, were among dozens of workers who held "Honk for Workplace Safety" picket signs throughout the day on May 15 in front of St. Mary's Cement plant on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix. The picketers dwindled to a handful by late afternoon during the event, which started early that morning. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

to consider perhaps "taking a step back" and slowing the pace and demands of the project so those standards can be more readily followed.

"Nobody needs to die to get this job done," Coleman said. A comment from Vezer Preci-

sion Industrial could not be obtained by press time.

Randy Pryor, St. Mary's Cement plant operations manager, released a statement regarding the workers' picket line in front of the plant entrance on Monday:

"We respect the rights of Local Union No. 7-SM to gather peacefully and conduct an informational picket on Bells Bay Road. For St. Mary's Cement, our focus remains on providing a safe environment for our employees and for outside contractors to work together to complete their work and supplying our customers with a quality product."

But for Eastman and Coleman, the countless horns that honked in support of their signs throughout the day confirmed what they've known all along: people believe that worker safety should be top priority on any job site, wherever that may be.

"This is not a union thing or a non-union thing. We want the guys to go to work and make money and we want the plant to make money, we're just out here to stand for safety," Coleman said, "This is not about unions, it's just about keeping guys safe."

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# News

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more research, writing and completion. "This should be a very fun event at the Circle of Arts" explains DeMeyere, "Fiber people understand that being in a room of knitting enthusiasts is an infectious time where each new stitch pattern evokes oohs and ahhs and people share stories of knitting successes and disasters". On hand will be several examples of sweaters and knitting patterns that were included in the book. The event is free and open to the public. There will be delightful tidbits to eat and beverages to toast all of the fun and memorable stories that are sure to fill the gallery. For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street, in the heart of downtown Charlevoix, call (231) 547-3554 or go online at [www.charlevoixcircle.com](http://www.charlevoixcircle.com)

# Sports Expo fundraiser for Charlevoix Pool

Each year the Charlevoix Area Community Pool holds an annual fundraiser to support pool programming and general operations. This year the event is NOMI STYLE: a Sports Gear and Fashion Expo on Thursday, June 15th at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Lange Center. The event will include shopping, a runway, seated lunch, and both silent and live auctions. You can expect a little something for everyone, men and women.

"We are excited to have a variety of retailers from Charlevoix, Petoskey and Bay Harbor participating," says Carissa Mullaney, Coordinator of Marketing & Development at the Pool. "A majority of our patrons live within a 30-mile radius of Charlevoix, so it's nice to have the same geographic representation at our fundraiser."

Revolution Bike, Boyne Country Sports, Bearcub Outfitters, High Gear Sports, The Clothing Company, J. Phillips, Webster's Sports and The Clothes Post will be featured at the Expo and will be on the runway showing off their latest sporting gear and fashions for biking, golfing, swimming, hiking and more. Northwoods Yoga, Elements Gallery, Susan Norris One-of-a-kind Garments and the Pool will also round out the vendor shopping.

Several items will be auctioned off including Detroit Tigers tickets, a boat rental, sky diving trip, sunset charter, youth bike, and golf package.

"We continue to be amazed by all the local businesses and their support through donating special items," Mullaney says to expect to see a few familiar faces on the runway. "As the Pool is temporarily closed for renovations, it has freed up several staff to participate this year with a handful on board



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to model. It should be a lot of fun." Event sponsors include Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Shuman Motors, Fletch's GMC Buick, The Law Offices of Daniel J. Harris P.C., Jay Balasz DDS, St Marys Cement, Subaru By The Bay, Fox Charlevoix, Monarch Garden & Floral Design, and Cr8tive Cupcake / Beacon Dental Center. Through fundraising and community support received each year, the Pool works to provide quality programs that meet the changing needs of both children and adults through a

safe, professionally managed aquatic facility that is affordable and accessible to all. Patrons utilize the Pool for fitness, recreation, therapy, training and more. In March and April alone of this year, over 500 children from area schools received group lessons and water safety instruction at the Pool. Contact the Pool today to place your reservation for the NOMI STYLE: Sports Expo, 231-547-0982. More information can be found on the pool website at [www.charlevoixpool.org](http://www.charlevoixpool.org).

## East Jordan Mother of the Year 2017

Lion president, Terry Graham, presents flowers to Michelle (Shelly) Reid, Lions Club 2017 Mother of the Year. Shelly has six children and 4 grandchildren. She attends a lot of their sporting events and is a very active member of the community stating her mother has been a wonderful role model for her. She has been chairperson of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and has worked on many fundraisers at basketball and baseball games to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Courtesy photo



# Horton Creek

Opening Band: The Pine Lake Winds

**Friday May 26, 2017**  
7-9 P.M.

**At the Banks Township Hall**

Tickets sold at Front Porch Cafe'  
\$10.00 advance \$12.00 at the door

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Cook Family Farm, Meat, Egg, Cheese	North Country Critters - Pet Treats	Watta Cookie - Breakfast Bars, Pies
Lottie's Bagels - & Bagel Sandwiches	SoapBox Kitchen - Soaps & Ointments	Long Day Coffee, Hot; Nitro cold or Beans
Mike's Mustard - 5 Flavors	Rocky Top Farms - Fruits & Preserves	International Eats - Asian Spring Rolls
Interwater Farms - *if product avail.	John Cross Fisheries - Fish, sausage, pate'	Royal Farms Wine Cellar - Wine Tasting
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## Char-Em United Way's "Next Generation of Volunteering"

Char-Em United Way continues to match volunteers with local non-profits through the use of Volunteer Connections. The site was redesigned on May 10 so volunteers and agencies alike can post and find needs in the community. Currently, there are 611 people registered as volunteers and 90 active agencies on the site. We would love to see the number of users on the site grow. Find it by visiting [www.charemunitedway.org/volunteer](http://www.charemunitedway.org/volunteer) or text "VC" to 51555 for mobile access.

Volunteer Connections is a free resource that benefits the entire community. First introduced in late 2009, Volunteer Connections, a virtual volunteer center, is a tool Char-Em United Way uses to match available volunteers with needs that meet their skills and interests in our region. There are projects available for all ages and talents. Local volunteer needs are also served by providing additional resources for volunteer recruitment, recognition, and management. Volunteer Connections is one of the

strategic initiatives developed by Char-Em United Way and is supported through donations to the United Way campaign. Nonprofit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties list their volunteer needs on the Volunteer Connections website. Volunteers then help with these requests, based on their skills, interests, and availability. By logging on and becoming a "Fan" of an agency, volunteers receive an email whenever a new need is posted. This way volunteers can connect to agencies they have a

passion for and would like to support through their volunteerism. Organizations certainly benefit from the volunteers but the volunteers can gain much from their volunteer experiences as well. Job seekers can find opportunities to gain valuable experience, high school students can explore career possibilities, and retirees can share their knowledge and remain active in the community. Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way Executive Director, believes that volunteering is an inte-

gral element of citizenship. "This United Way program is helping to harness community spirit. Volunteer Connections continues to grow and serve the communities of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties," said Manary. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer connections, or would like help joining the site, please call the Char-Em United Way office at (231) 487-1006 or email [vista@charemunitedway.org](mailto:vista@charemunitedway.org).

## A-2-Z Resale & Homespun Antiques & Crafts join in new location

By Jim Akans

Gaylord's A-2-Z Resale shop and Homespun Antiques & Crafts are now combined in one fantastic new location, offering northern Michigan shoppers a huge range of gently used as well as vintage items. Now located at 1961 South Otsego Avenue next to the Gaylord Ace Hardware, the store is owned Sue Nowak and her husband, Larry, and daughter Mary also assists with the daily operations.

This new resale shop opened in February after the Nowak's purchase the inventory from the former A-2-Z Resale and moved their Homespun Antiques & Crafts store from downtown Gaylord to this new South Otsego location. The result, as Sue Nowak points out, is "lots of great inventory and we are adding even more great inventory all the time!"

The new location is bright, cheery and well-organized making shopping for terrific bargains a breeze. The resale shop offers just about everything under the sun...or across every letter in the alphabet, including books, dvd's, record albums, men's and women's clothing, furnishings, dishes, cookware, glassware, costume jewelry, lamps, pictures and other household items, shoes and a large array of evening gowns and wedding dresses priced at \$99 or less.

The new A-2-Z Resale/Homespun Arts & Crafts store hours are 10am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday. They are accepting donations during normal business hours. They can be reached by calling (989) 731-4305.



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### B.C. POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT

#### Monday, May 1, 2017

0845 Bag of aluminum bats found on E. Main St.  
1635 Retail Fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1905 Unlocked t-ball field restrooms  
2215 Citizen's assist in the area of Veterans Park.  
2240 Assist Citizen/Animal rescue in the 300 block of E Water St.

#### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

0237 Assist EMS in the 400 block of Silver St.  
0635 Assist EMS in the 500 block of E Main St.  
0805 Harassment complaint over the phone  
1150 Unlock vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
1335 Assault reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
1600 Found phone turned in to the PD. Returned to owner.

#### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

0014 Assist EMS on Fall Park Rd.  
0736 2 vehicle property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St.  
1206 Report of a scam phone call received in the 300 block of E Division St  
1311 Report of missing wallet.  
1516 Report of possible domestic assault in the 700 block of Vogel St  
1714 Request for No Trespass Order on W Main St.  
1813 Barking dog complaint in the 400 block of McKinley.  
1922 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter.  
1948 Large dog running at large in the 500 block of Hannah St.  
2155 Arrested subject for Violation of license restriction, as well as speed and no cycle endorsement Front St. and Second St.  
2247 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division at Parkview.

#### Thursday, May 4, 2017

0118 Civil dispute on W Main

St. 1303 Report of tackle box stolen from vehicle while parked in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1404 Water main break at Lake and Vogel.  
1429 Civil dispute over belongings in the 100 block of S Park St  
1630 Report of lost wallet on M-75 S  
1634 Disturbance in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1739 Driving complaint in the 700 block of S Park  
1714 Report of stolen cell phone from the 100 block of N Park St. Phone was located.  
2024 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

#### Friday, May 5, 2017

0542 Civil standby on Adams St.  
0831 Abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of N Park St. Owner contacted and arrangements made  
1039 Driving complaint in the area of Vogel and Union.  
1050 Found key at the small boat launch.  
1137 Report of subject on motorcycle travelling 80-90 mph headed into town. Stopped bike on N Lake St and cited for registration violations.  
1235 911 cell hang up from the area of Brockway and Boyne Av.  
1422 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah St.  
1646 Report of possible animal abuse in the 200 block of Vogel.  
1857 Juvenile complaint from Groveland St.

#### Saturday, May 6, 2017

1108 Civil complaint originating in Kalkaska  
1440 Alarm in the 800 block of State St.  
1530 MDOP to street sign at Jefferson St. and Spring St.  
1905 Suspicious vehicle at North Boyne. Was utility worker  
1951 Found a Reese hitch at North Boyne.

#### Sunday, May 7, 2017

1026 Noise complaint in the 600 block of N East St  
1300 EMS assist in the 300 block of E Division St (purple beams).

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<p><b>CHARLEVOIX</b></p> <p><b>Bergmann Center Resale Shop</b> 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix 231-547-9624 <a href="http://www.bergmanncenter.org">www.bergmanncenter.org</a></p> <p><b>Kelly's Antiques &amp; Furniture Barn</b> 06176 Old US 31 S., Charlevoix 231-547-0133 <a href="http://www.dkellyantiques.com">www.dkellyantiques.com</a></p> <p><b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 402 Petoskey Avenue Charlevoix 231- 437-6176</p>	<p><b>CHEBOYGAN</b></p> <p><b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 982 S Main St., Cheboygan 231-445-9300</p> <p><b>EAST JORDAN</b></p> <p><b>Crossroads Resale Shop</b> 205 Water Street., East Jordan 231-536-7606 Open Tuesday thru Saturday</p> <p><b>ELLSWORTH</b></p> <p><b>Good Samaritan Furniture &amp; More Store</b> 6519 Center St., Downtown Ellsworth 231-588-2208 <a href="http://thegoodsam.org">thegoodsam.org</a></p>	<p><b>ELLSWORTH</b></p> <p><b>Good Samaritan</b> 9746 Main Street, Ellsworth 231-588-2208 <a href="http://thegoodsam.org">thegoodsam.org</a></p> <p><b>FREDERIC</b></p> <p><b>Pineview Military Surplus</b> 7328 Old 27 North Frederic 989-348-8300</p> <p><b>GAYLORD</b></p> <p><b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 1361 Pineview Dr. (near Lowes), Gaylord 989-705-1747 <a href="http://www.goodwillnmi.org">www.goodwillnmi.org</a></p>	<p><b>GAYLORD</b></p> <p><b>A-2-Z Resale</b> NEW LOCATION - 1961 South Otsego, Suite A (next to Ace hardware). Gaylord 989-731-4305, 989-370-3677 Hours: 10am - 6pm, Mon. - Sat</p> <p><b>Salvation Army Family Store</b> 919 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord 989-448-2357</p> <p><b>Homespun Antiques &amp; Crafts</b> 230 West Main, Downtown Gaylord 989-731-4305 <i>Closed until May, 2017 when the Sugar Bowl re-opens</i></p>	<p><b>GRAYLING</b></p> <p><b>The-Brickery.com</b> <i>Two floors of treasures</i> 107 Ottawa, Grayling, One block north of the light 989-348-8999</p> <p><b>HARBOR SPRINGS</b></p> <p><b>New Beginnings Thrift Shop</b> 650 W Conway Rd., Harbor Springs 231-348-2980</p> <p><b>PETOSKEY</b></p> <p><b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 1600 Anderson Rd., Petoskey 231-348-6947 <a href="http://www.goodwillnmi.org">www.goodwillnmi.org</a></p>
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