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Boyne Falls man saves wife's dog from bear attack



Mary and Rick Klekotka and their beagle Maggie May are sitting on the back porch steps where a mama bear weighing more than 400 pounds attacked their dog and then forced its head inside this back screen door. Rick punched the bear in the face as it tried to get into the house and it fled back into the woods near Boyne Mountain Resort in Charlevoix County. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE FALLS - It was around 4:30 a.m. one day earlier this spring when Maggie May decided she needed to get up and go pee. So the 4-year-old beagle, called "May-May" by family and friends, did what any well-trained dog would do when she felt the urge to go: she woke up the nearest human to let her outside to do her business.

But the dog's human "mom", Mary Klekotka, to whom May-May is especially bonded, is a deep sleeper and not easily awakened. That left this day's pre-dawn task of getting up to let the dog outside up to her human "dad", Rick



Trailcam images of the bear's two cubs taken at the Kekotka's home days after their mother's attack on May-May and photo of the bear's paw print found in the snow at the Klekotka's home the day after the attack on their beagle earlier this spring. A DNR conservation officer estimated the bear likely weighed between 400-450 pounds. PHOTO/VIDEO IMAGE COURTESY OF RICK KLEKOTKA

Klekotka. The couple has been married 37 years and May-May shares their bed.

Rick, a 66-year-old former U.S. Marine Corps corporal and Vietnam veteran, dutifully got out of bed and took May-May around to the back side of the house, where he hooked her collar

to the long, cable tie-out attached to the porch rail, which is their daily routine.

As the sun had yet to rise, Rick said ordinarily he would have switched on the back yard light, but because of a late season snow reflect-

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RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Area Students Receive Top Honors

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BY JIM AKANS

It is an exciting time for high school seniors throughout Charlevoix County, as graduation celebrates their many years of academic achievement and ushers in the next chapter of their lives. Graduating from high school is a milestone that all gradu-

ates and their families can be proud of.

The Charlevoix County News congratulates and commends each of these graduating students and to those achieving the level of academic excellence demonstrated by being named class valedictorian, salutatorian or senior scholar. Attaining this recognition is a reflection of each of

these students dedication to their studies, and their steadfast commitment to their goals.

We wish all graduating Class of 2018 students continued success as they pursue their dreams.

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Football star arrested in Boyne City schools bomb threat

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - A standout running back on Boyne City High School's varsity football team has been arrested and charged with making a false bomb threat that targeted three schools in the district earlier this year.

Boyne City Police said Joseph Baugh, 18, was arrested at the high school before classes ended on Friday, June 1, just two days before his graduating class had scheduled commencement exercises.



Boyne City High School senior Joseph Baugh, 18, was arrested last week and charged with making a false bomb threat at Boyne City Schools earlier this year. COURTESY PHOTO

Baugh was charged in Charlevoix's 90th District Court with false report of a terrorist act, which is a 20-year-felony offense, and malicious destruction of a building (\$200-\$1,000), a misdemeanor offense that carries up to a one-year sentence.

According to a media release issued by the Boyne City Police last week, Baugh was arrested in connection with a bomb threat that was made January 24 when a rock was found thrown through a window at a Boyne City High School classroom. The rock had a written note attached that stated a bomb threat was aimed at the high school, middle school and elementary schools, the three of which are situated on the same campus.

The threat resulted in the evacuation of students and staff at all three schools. Boyne City police and Charlevoix County sheriff's deputy were joined by Michi-

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HIGH: 78
LOW: 54

SATURDAY



HIGH: 69
LOW: 51

SUNDAY



HIGH: 75
LOW: 51

MONDAY



HIGH: 78
LOW: 52

TUESDAY



HIGH: 76
LOW: 55

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 76
LOW: 58

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUN 7	...47°	...76°	...35°	(1960)	...91°	(1968)
JUN 8	...47°	...76°	...28°	(1949)	...91°	(1950)
JUN 9	...47°	...76°	...32°	(1977)	...91°	(1959)
JUN 10	...47°	...76°	...30°	(1966)	...91°	(1968)
JUN 11	...48°	...77°	...29°	(1966)	...93°	(1956)
JUN 12	...48°	...77°	...36°	(1979)	...95°	(1949)
JUN 13	...48°	...77°	...35°	(1965)	...96°	(1956)
JUN 14	...49°	...77°	...31°	(1978)	...93°	(1988)
JUN 15	...49°	...77°	...33°	(1961)	...97°	(1954)
JUN 16	...49°	...78°	...31°	(1964)	...95°	(1952)

OBITUARIES

Roy Thomas Grunch, 67

(FEB. 11, 1951 - MAY 26, 2018)

Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday morning, May 30, 2018 at the St. Christopher Catholic Church. Following the service, Mr. Grunch will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to assist with final expenses.

Roy Thomas Grunch of Dickson, TN died on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at his home. He was born February 11, 1951 in Highland Park, Michigan. He was a son of the late Raymond Joseph Grunch and the late Helen Burgel Grunch.

Roy was a gifted, industrious and multi-talented man. He was a mechanic, artist, builder, repairer, truck driver, master baby sitter, and buyer and seller of just about anything you can think of. He was well liked by one and all and loved to interact with anyone willing to talk about anything that comes to mind. He built all the homes with his own two hands that his family lived in over his 46 years of marriage to Midge the love of his life. He repaired all their cars, tools, appliances and small engines. He had a knack for arranging and turning ordinary items into highly desirable treasures for one and all. Roy was always making homemade wood furniture, and whirly-gigs in his shop that he also built with his own two hands. He enjoyed taking machines that everyone else had given up on and breathing new life into them.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Grunch; and 2 step-brothers, Dewayne and Nate Harriman. Mr. Grunch is survived by his wife, Midge Grunch; his 2 daughters, Tracy Miller and Wendy Sullivan (Danny); 4 brothers, Ron Grunch, Rick Grunch, Roger Grunch, Russell Grunch; 4 grandchildren, Taylor Miller, Fox Miller, Dakota Sullivan, Gabe Sullivan; great grandchildren, Kennadi Miller, Paizlee Miller, Jackson Hooper, Blakelee Hooper; several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Barbara Jean (Deming) Kerr, 84

(JULY 28, 1933 - MAY 29, 2018)

Barbara Jean Kerr of Ellsworth & Boyne City passed away on May 29, 2018 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 28, 1933 to Maude Webster Deming.

Barbara is survived by her husband Donald (Pete) Kerr & Precious Pup. Children: Wayne Wilson, Connie (Rick) Fitch, David (Annette) Wilson, Cindy Kerr, Kay (Martin) Kirk and Brenda (Steve) Mayhew. Brother Cal Deming, and sister Florence Kominski. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother Maude Webster Deming, father Silas Deming, siblings Ronald Deming, Cora Brooks, Albert (Bud) Deming, Ralph Deming, Edith Deming, Mary Towne, and Joanne Sloop.

A memorial service was held Monday, June 4, 2018 at Stackus Funeral home in Boyne City. Pastor David Behling officiated.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to McLaren Home Care and Hospice, 722 South Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

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

Karen Marie Pruitt, 77

(APRIL 18, 1941 - JUNE 02, 2018)

Karen M. Pruitt of Central Lake died June 2, 2018 in Traverse City.

She was born April 18, 1941 in Central Lake to Joseph Franklin and Sarah Ellen (Boyer) Barraw.

On March 14, 1969 she married Larry Pruitt in Central Lake. They lived in Gaylord, Michigan and Aurora, Colorado before moving to Central Lake in 2010.

Karen worked for Aurora Public Schools in Colorado and was a member of the Church of Christ in Aurora. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, canning, baking and spending time with her many grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband Larry; children Joseph (Theresa) Barraw of Gaylord, Cindy Turpin of Chandler, AZ, Annette Sharpe of Eloy, AZ, Alrik Oslund of Petoskey, Larry Pruitt Jr. of Mesa, AZ; sister Beverly (Keith) Mort of Jesup, GA, and brother Harold (Fay)

Barraw of East Jordan; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister Irene McConnell and brothers Charles Barraw, Robert Barraw, Kenneth Barraw, Howard Barraw, one grandson Joseph Barraw Jr. and one great-grandchild Zachary Dunham.

The funeral service was Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Hastings Funeral Home with Pastor Matthew French officiating. Burial in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Vicki Miller, 63

(MARCH 9, 1954 - DEC. 25, 2017)

Vicki M. Miller of Charlevoix died December 25, 2017 at Bay Bluffs Medical Care Facility in Harbor Springs, MI, surrounded by her family and friends.

Vicki was born on March 9, 1954 in Petoskey, the daughter of John "Bud" and Nelda (McDonald) Murray. She grew up in Bayshore and graduated from Charlevoix High School. On May 10, 1986, Vicki married Mike Miller of Elgin, IL and he survives.

She enjoyed playing softball, listening to music, and was an avid NASCAR fan. Growing up on a farm, Vicki spent most of her time working alongside her father in both the barns and fields. Although life presented numerous challenges, Vicki always found a way to make the best out of her situations. She will be remembered for her vivacious personality and ability to make others laugh.

Vicki is survived by her husband, Mile Miller; mother, Nelda Murray; daughters, Melissa (Joel) Robinson and Ashley (Mark) Cook; brothers, Terry (Sandy) Murray and John (Debbie) Murray; grandchildren, Shelby and Kelsey Robinson and Trevor and Brayden Cook; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John "Bud" Murray.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Greenwood Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at Melissa Robinson's home.

Those wishing to honor Vicki's memory are asked to make a donation to Bay Bluffs medical Care Facility or the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Rex A. Bartholomew, 71

(DEC. 22, 1946 - APRIL 10, 2018)

Rex A. Bartholomew, Sr. of East Jordan died Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

He was born on December 22, 1946, in Charlevoix, the son of Emmanuel F. and Helen (Hammond) Bartholomew.

Rex grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965.

On August 13, 1997, in Indiana, he married Nancy Ann McKinnon. She preceded him in death on February 8, 2014.

Rex had worked for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as E.J. USA, Inc. in East Jordan. He retired in 2009, after forty four years. He enjoyed farming, hunting, bowling, playing pool and playing cards.

He is survived by four children, Rex A. (Christine M.) Bartholomew, Jr. of Ellsworth, Roxann

Bartholomew of East Jordan, Teresa Bartholomew of Traverse City and Virginia Murphy of East Jordan; two step children, Kim McKinnon of Grosse Pointe Woods and Karla Rosendall of Alto; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, David (Cathy) Bartholomew of East Jordan; and one niece, Kelly (Drew) Bartlett of Haslett. Rex was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Michael Murphy on January 15, 2014.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. at Morehouse Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County, MI.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Heartland Hospice, 4020 Copper View Suite 113, Traverse City MI 49684.

Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Julie H. Farmer, 47

(OCT. 16, 1970 - JUNE 4, 2018)

Julie H. Farmer of Charlevoix passed away on June 4, 2018 at the Georgia House.

Julie was born on October 16, 1970 in Charlevoix, to James (Tina) Zeitler Sr. and Carol Richards.

In 1989, she graduated from Charlevoix High School. Julie worked for many years at both Michigan Scientific as a technician and Harbor Industries as an engineering assistant.

Julie enjoyed spending her free time, running, skiing, golfing, shopping, going to the beach to lay in the sun, gathering with friends and going on adventures. She was always planning a new trip and what she was going to see next. Her biggest joy in life came from her three children.

Julie is survived by her 3 children, Brooke (Cam) Canupp of California, Brandon Farmer and Bree Farmer both of Charlevoix, father, James (Tina) Zeitler Sr. of Charlevoix, mother, Carol Richards of Charlevoix, 2 brothers, James Zeitler Jr. of Bay City and Todd Carpenter of Charlevoix, sister, Jacqueline Zeitler of Charlevoix, aunt and caretaker, Darlene Bolser of East Jordan, best friends Heather and Holly Matheny of Grand Rapids. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by both her paternal and maternal grandparents.

A celebration of Julie's life will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions in Julie's name may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Roberta "Bobbie" Lee Albright, 78

(OCT. 9, 1939 - JUNE 2, 2018)

Roberta "Bobbie" Lee Albright passed away on June 2, 2018 at Hiland Hospice Cottage in Petoskey, MI.

She was born on October 9,

1939 in Charlevoix to Hugh W. and Catherine L. (Smith) Mayne.

Bobbie grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1957. After high school she attended Davenport Institute in Grand Rapids, MI.

On June 21, 1958 she married Robert "Bob" Albright in Charlevoix. Following their marriage, they spent the next 21 years as a Navy family living near U.S. Navy facilities in Groton, CT, Portsmouth, NH, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Monterey, CA, Key West, FL and Athens Greece. After Bob retired from the Navy they settled in San Diego, CA where Bobbie worked as a commercial property manager for 18 years. In 1993 they moved to Tucson, AZ where they resided until 2007 when they moved back home to Charlevoix. Bobbie enjoyed bowling, quilting, reading, Mah Jongg, genealogy (she was a descendant of two Mayflower passengers), and sipping a glass of wine on the front porch on a summer afternoon.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Catherine Mayne, her sister, Lynette Mayne Holtz, and grandson Reed Kelly Albright.

She is survived by her husband Bob, daughter, Shelly M. Albright of Singapore, son, Richard J. (Julie) Albright of San Marcos, CA and grandson Austin Albright of Vista, CA, brother-in-law, Russell (Sherrrie Klein) Holtz of Centerville, OH, niece, Laura (Mark) Ryan and children of Centerville, OH, and nephew, Andrew (Alexis Wolff) Holtz and children of Arlington, VA, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jerome (Jean) Albright and their three children and grandchildren, Charles (Marge) Hanshaw and their two children and grandchildren, and special cousin Mark (Heather) Sape and their daughters of Charlevoix.

At Bobbie's request there will be no viewing and a private interment will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to Lungevity, 228 S. Wabash, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60604 or lungevity.org.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Sharon P. Greimel, 74

(APRIL 6, 1944 - JUNE 1, 2018)

Sharon P. Greimel of Charlevoix passed away on June 1, 2018 at her home.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Charles W. Adams, 73

(OCT. 17, 1944 - MAY 31, 2018)

Charles Wentworth "Chuck" Adams slipped peacefully away on May 31 at home in Charlevoix, MI, attended by his loving family, to whom he left a legacy of a life well lived.

Chuck was born in Ypsilanti, MI, on October 17, 1944, to Georgia Hope Severns Adams and George Everett Adams.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 41 years Mary, daughter Angela Marie Adams and her partner Jesse Sweet; step-sons Rob Schoenberger and Todd (Erica) Schoen-

berger; honorary son Michael Herc; grandchildren Jumong Bacani and Tashi and Hudson Schoenberger; brothers-in-law John Lober, George (Shirley) Schlicht, Michael (Shirley) Schlicht, Gary (Chris Demo) Schlicht and L. Jack (Carol) Connell; sisters-in-law Lynne A. Smith and Theresa Connell; nieces[MA1] Myra Zyburt, Ginny (Jim) Conricode, Anne (Jerry) Lafayette, Lisa (Mark) Ashley, Tacy (Jeremy) Johnson, Megan Schlicht-Smith, Gail Connell-Wernette and Marissa Connell; nephews Donald Smith, Robert Butterfield and James Butterfield, Trevor Schlicht, Joe Lober, Jeff (Beverly) Connell and Michael (Nina) Schlicht; and several generations of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Julia Adams Lober, brother Herbert E. Adams, brothers-in-law Dennis B. Connell and Mark Schlicht, cousin Christie Ross, and cousin and close friend Ralph W. Adams III.

As Chuck moved into the last phase of hospice care, family and friends streamed in from near and far to say goodbye. It was clear that Chuck's vision and hard work had come to fruition: a community and family enriched and strengthened for future generations.

Chuck is remembered for many things, including his laughter, his pranks, burning chicken on the grill, running gallons of gas up and down the cliff to keep watercrafts filled, and his fatherly advice.

Cremation, as he wished, has taken place. A Celebration of Life is planned for summer next year. For those who wish, donations in Chuck's memory to Bay Area Substance Education Services or Lewy Body Dementia Association are appreciated. www.basesrecoverycenter.org/donations-main.html or www.facebook.com/donate/17558779751858/

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Larry James Zimmerman, 59

(JULY 24, 1958 - JUNE 1, 2018)

Larry James Zimmerman of Boyne City passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Born on July 24, 1958 in Petoskey, Larry was the son of William Edward and Shirley Ann (Inman) Zimmerman Sr.

A 1977 graduate of Boyne City High School, Larry had worked in the area at United Technologies, CSP and Essex. He enjoyed fixing old tractors and saws, and he was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Larry is survived by his children, Muriel (Joe Nelson) Zimmerman of Pound, WI, Seth Zimmerman or Boyne City and Christopher (Felicia) Zimmerman of Alanson; grandchildren, Adrianna and Ryker; his father, William E. Zimmerman Sr. of Atwood; a brother, William (Christine) Zimmerman Jr. of East Jordan; a sister, Debbie May of Jacksonville, FL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother.

In keeping with his wishes, Larry's family will remember him privately.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

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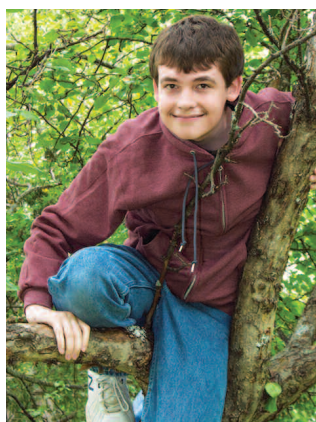


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BOYNE CITY HONORS GRADUATE
ANNA HARMELING



BOYNE CITY HONORS GRADUATE
KENDRA KRUGEL

CHARLEVOIX



CHARLEVOIX SENIOR SCHOLARS

(BACK L-R); ANNA ZAHNER, GRACE OCHS, OLIVIA JEAKLE, DANNY NESBURG, HUNTER JENSON, LAUREN HOUSE, PHIL CONWAY. (FRONT L-R); HANNAH OCHS, ALEX SNABES, MARGARET PURVIS, ABIGAIL NOIROT, RACHEL NESBURG, JULIA HUMBLE, SUSAN DONG, NAOMI BATDORFF.

ELLSWORTH



ELLSWORTH VALEDICTORIAN
ALLY KENDAL HATFIELD



ELLSWORTH SALUTATORIAN
WHITNEY ELIZABETH DRENTH

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Auriana Leismer
GPA: 4.079
Plans After Graduation: Attending the University of Michigan to study English and Psychology and to work towards a Master of Arts in Elementary Education degree.

CO-SALUTATORIAN

Madison Bates
GPA: 4.061
Plans After Graduation: I plan to pursue a public health major and eventually find a career in humanitarian assistance, whether through government or international N.G.O's.

CO-SALUTATORIAN

Annika Bergquist
GPA: 4.061
Plans After Graduation: Attain my Associates Degree of Science at the end of next year through the NCMC Early College Program. Transfer to a four year university to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering to eventually work with high-performance wake boats.

HONOR GRADUATES

Elizabeth Dickinson
GPA: 4.0
Plans After Graduation: Pre-med-Psychology Degree, Northern Michigan University - Honors Program at NMU.

Anna Harmeling
GPA: 4.055
Plans After Graduation: Attend Stanford University

Kendra Krugel
GPA: 4.019
Plans After Graduation: Biology at University of Michigan-PA in Pediatric Oncology

BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Jordan Robert Herman
Hometown: Elmira
GPA: 4.0
Plans After Graduation: University of Michigan/Environmental Science

SALUTATORIAN

Michael D. Whennen II
Hometown: Boyne Falls
GPA: 3.48
Plans After Graduation: North Central Michigan College/Nursing Program

CONCORD ACADEMY - BOYNE VALEDICTORIAN

Christopher Witt
Hometown: Gaylord
GPA: 3.96
Plans After Graduation: Eastern Kentucky University/Mathematics
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "As we go forward in life I remember the words of Walt Disney; "Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever.""

SALUTATORIAN

Kimberly Vieau
Hometown: Gaylord
GPA: 3.64
Plans After Graduation: NCMC/Art, History
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "My words of wisdom for the future generations is, "Our life is shaped by our mind, we become what we think," Buddha. Keep our chin up and charge the mountain. You'll get there one day."

CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL

Rather than name a valedictorian and salutatorian, Charlevoix High School has named six members of the class of 2018 as "Senior Scholars."

CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARS:

Anna Zahner, Grace Ochs, Olivia Jeakle, Danny Nesburg, Hunter Jenson, Lauren House, Phil Conway, Hannah Ochs, Alex Snabes, Margaret Purvis, Abigail Noirot, Rachel Nesburg, Julia Humble, Susan Dong, Naomi Batdorff.

EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Owen Calvin Diller
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.18
Plans After Graduation: Michigan State University/Applied Engineering Science

SALUTATORIAN

Joshua Ziebarth
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.05
Plans After Graduation: Oakland University/Biology and Mathematics

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Ally Kendal Hatfield
Hometown: Ellsworth
GPA: 4.0
Plans After Graduation: Central Michigan University, Actuarial Science
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "Don't ever, ever, ever give up because you're here for a reason, even if it's just to laugh at the cats on the internet." - Jenna Mourey

SALUTATORIAN

Whitney Elizabeth Drenth
Hometown: Ellsworth
GPA: 4.0
Plans After Graduation: Lake Superior State University, Accounting
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine." - Eeyore (Winnie the Pooh).



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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundellus

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

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

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded. Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehrhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fac-Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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

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“Kick Off to Summer” Open House in East Jordan June 7

Participating businesses throughout East Jordan will be hosting a “Kick-Off to Summer Open House” on Thursday, June 7 from 5 to 7pm. The businesses will be showcasing their products and services. Many will offer special sales and refreshments throughout the evening. Visit your community, enjoy dinner at one of our restaurants and discover all of the great shops, services and opportunities that are available!

“Find the Hidden Swan Scavenger Hunt,” a fun activity for all. Grab a list of participating businesses, find the hidden swan in the

business and get their signature and return your completed form to the Chamber Office to be entered. No purchase necessary. The lucky winner will receive \$100.00 in East Jordan Chamber Checks. Don't forget to bring your summer guests to East Jordan. Let's share our wonderful community with others!

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Charlevoix Summer Open House June 14

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating the arrival of the summer season with the 7th Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Thursday, June 14 from 4 to 8pm. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, giveaways, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more.

Come see what's new! Merchants invite you to check out their new, summer merchandise and the many fantastic brands and services they have available. Check out the exciting selection of Antiques, Art, Bicycles, Books, Clothing, Gifts, Home Accents, Jewelry, Padle Boards, Purses, Shoes, Specialty Foods, Sunglasses,



Enjoy live music, sales, specials, giveaways, snacks, activities and more at the 7th Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Thursday, June 14. COURTESY PHOTO

Toys, Wine, and so much more!

Stroll the streets and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 6 to 8pm, including special performances by Charlie's Root Fusion, 45 North, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chapdelaine, Paul Gelderblom and more!

You won't want to miss the Charlevoix Summer Open House, an evening of great shopping, dining, and entertainment for the entire family! For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

Aerial patrols of transmission lines in North Michigan mid-June

ITC will be conducting its semi-annual aerial patrols of high-voltage transmission towers and lines in north Michigan from approximately June 11-15, weather permitting. The helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system that is operated by ITC's Michigan operating entities, ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC).

The aerial inspections will cover the northern part of the state, including all or parts of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanua, Manistee, Mason, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford Counties.

These patrols are a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirement for ITC's vegetation management program, support proactive maintenance objectives, and are in line with the company's model for operational excellence. They include inspections of steel towers, wood poles, conductors (wires), insulators and other equipment. Crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment for lightning damage, wear or other potential problems. This is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines. The flights began in southwest Michigan on May 7 and will cover nearly all of the Lower Peninsula, concluding in northern Michigan approximately June 15.

For further information visit www.itc-holdings.com.

BEAR ATTACK

FROM PG. 1A

ing off a high moon, there seemed plenty enough light to keep a good eye on May-May.

There was also plenty enough light for Rick to spot a bulky, dark presence ambling up his driveway. It was a huge black bear, he said, one easily weighing more than 400 pounds. And the bear appeared to be stalking 36-pound May-May, who was just yards away doing her business, at first oblivious to the bear's hungry and protective eyes.

“I saw it (the bear) before she did, so right away I grabbed the cable and started pulling her in, hand over hand, but she got tangled,” Rick recalled.

As he rushed to try and untangle the dog, May-May spied the bear and began barking as it circled her ominously. It then suddenly ran to attack her, viciously swatting at the petrified pooch. Rick said his first and only thought was to do whatever he could to rescue his wife's beloved beagle:

“The way she yelped and yelled...it was just terrible,” he said, “I had to do something to save her.”

He said he kicked the bear as it was biting May-May, which frightened it off long enough for him to make it up the steps and get himself and the dog in the house, only the bear wasn't giving up so easily.

Just as he got the dog safely inside, Rick said he pivoted to find the bear at the still partially opened door and trying to get into the house.

“She had her two front paws on the steps and her head in the doorway...So I cold-cocked her and slammed the door shut on her head and she backed out and turned and ran off. I know my blood pressure had to be 250 over 200,” Rick chuckled, shaking his head in recollection.

His wife, Mary, proving in-

deed to be a heavy sleeper, never woke up during the entire ordeal, he said, even when the couple's three Chihuahuas broke into a chorus of alarm.

But once she woke up, the idea of telling Mary that her precious pup had just been attacked by a bear was something that scared Rick even more than fighting off that bear did.

Mary and Rick got May-May four years earlier from a friend who had gone downstate to buy a male beagle pup he wanted to buy and train to hunt. But the breeder said he would only sell the male pup if he agreed to take its female litter mate as part of the deal. The female pup was gun shy, the breeder explained, and he just wanted to be rid of it.

Knowing the Klekotkas were avid animal lovers, the friend had a notion the couple would happily adopt the female beagle puppy, so he snapped a photo and sent it to them. “It was love at first sight, and ever since the first minute they met, they've been inseparable,” Rick said of his wife and May-May.

So telling Mary that her beagle “baby” had just survived a bear attack was no easy feat. “The bear was nothing compared to telling her what happened,” he said, recalling at first his wife didn't believe him, then “cried and cried” after she understood it really had happened.

Mary inspected her darling dog and found bite marks/puncture wounds on May-May's hind end and a swath of her side scratched deeply where the dog had struggled to escape the bear's powerful, swatting claws.

The Klekotkas took the dog to the vet where she was stitched up and a drainage tube inserted for fluid build-up. Infection later set in at the tube insertion site, but has since cleared up and the dog's fur is growing back nicely from the wounds, Mary explained.

“She's doing really good now,” Mary said, lovingly patting May-May's upturned



Maggie May, better known as “May-May” to family and friends, is healing well but will forever have scars from the puncture wounds she suffered when her hind end was in the bear's mouth and on her side where the bear swiped at her with its powerful claws and left a swath of torn flesh. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

belly as the two sat contentedly on the couch at their home just a stone's throw from Boyne Mountain Resort earlier this week.

As for the angry bear, Rick was quick to determine from his trail cam video footage that the bear had two cubs nearby that she had been trying to feed and protect, which likely incited her to attack. He contacted the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to report the confrontation with his dog as required and he was advised on the matter by conservation officer Andrea Erratt, who covers wildlife issues in Charlevoix County.

Rick said Erratt agreed the mother bear had probably been acting in defense of her cubs. Judging by paw prints found the next day and other evidence, she also concurred that the mama bear likely weighed between 400-450 pounds. Erratt advised the Klekotkas to remove all bird feeders and other food sources like bait piles or easily accessible trash bins, especially during the early spring months when the bears are just coming out of

hibernation and are hungry and may have even hungrier cubs in tow.

Neither Rick nor Mary is too worried about any more trouble with bears this summer, said Rick. They aren't putting out any bait piles and they take their bird feeders inside at night, now. The couple expects that should do the trick for the time being, anyway. And Rick doesn't blame the bear for what she did.

“All she was doing was protecting her cubs,” he said, “Just like me, all I was doing was protecting May-May.”

Rick said he and his wife have lived at their home along Brown Road in Boyne Valley Township since 1973 and have only seen about 3 or 4 bears in all that time. One such occurrence was about 7 years ago when Rick recalled he and some of his neighbors experienced frequent visits from a “pest bear”, which pretty much only had a sweet tooth and made a nuisance of itself in search of tasty treats. That bear eventually just disappeared, likely hunted or died, he said.

Meanwhile, though, Rick said he and his hunter friends and family seem to be having more frequent encounters with black bears in this region. They are hearing more stories or finding more evidence, as in paw prints and bear scat, indicating what they believe are that bear numbers are on the rise in recent years in Charlevoix County and northern Michigan overall.

While May-May's bear attack occurred just after the early spring snow storm this past April, the DNR report was only recently released, sparking more media attention than the Klekotkas ever dreamed they would have at their humble home just outside “blink-and-you-miss-it” Boyne Falls, Michigan.

Their story about Rick fighting off the bear to save May-May quickly made local, statewide and online media headlines and was featured in countless newspapers nationwide from Detroit to Miami and in publications like NewsWeek and The New York Times.

BOMB THREAT

FROM PG. 1A

gan State Police K-9 units to secure the buildings, which were later declared free of any bomb threat. Classes and other school activities resumed on usual schedules the following day.

Police were able to obtain a surveillance video from the high school near the classroom where the rock was thrown showing an individual wearing a hoodie around the time the January incident was believed to have occurred. That, along with other evidence collected over the past few months, including the rock and written notes, were sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Grayling, which recently matched Baugh's fingerprint

with other evidence found at the scene of the crime, police stated.

“Our officers have been working diligently on this case all along. We have followed up on every lead and tip that we received and we are grateful that the crime lab was able to process what we sent them,” said Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither in the media release, “We hope this arrest will bring some peace to students, parents and staff who were all affected by the threat.”

A nearly identical bomb threat targeting only the high school occurred at the beginning of this school year in September, however, police have not yet made a connection between the two crimes.

Baugh's preliminary bond was set at \$250,000.

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 5, 2018

City hopes to get lapsed lease signed by ambulance authority

BY KRISTAL JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan City Commissioners briefly continued conversations regarding the Jordan Valley EMS Authority lease at their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening.

After sending a draft lease agreement to the authority at the end of April, City Attorney Scott Beatty received a response letter from the authority just a few hours before the commission meeting on Tuesday. While the response included new language the

authority wanted added to the lease, specifically regarding snow removal, commissioners were not in favor of prolonging the negotiations, as the previous lease expired April 30.

City Commissioner Mark Penzien said, “It is our building and we need to be good trustees. I'm comfortable with the lease we sent them....I don't think what we offered them was anything unfair.”

New to this lease agreement from the original lease three years ago is language requiring the authority to contribute \$10,000

annually that would go into an account known as The Fire/EMS Building Reserve Fund. While the fund shall be held and administered by the city, the collected funds will constitute an irreversible credit running to the authority and would cap at a \$50,000 balance. The funds would then be applied to any major building repairs in the future that the authority is required to pay half of, such as the roof.

Following discussions concerning the lease, commissioners quickly approved updates to the

emergency chain of command, logistics for the East Jordan Rotary Brew Fest which will take place Saturday, July 14 from 2-9 p.m. at the Memorial Park area, and an introduction to amendments for the 2018/19 fiscal year city budget.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

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Charlevoix Circle of Arts Paint-Out and Dance Party!

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will be hosting a Paint Out on Saturday June 9 beginning at 8 am when artists register at 109 Clinton Street to have their blank canvases stamped for a day of painting. Artist from across the region will be painting scenes around town and capturing the beauty of northern Michigan. Throughout the afternoon, they will return with fresh work and a "pop-up" installation of their

art will be on display as soon as they arrive back on site.

When artists return to the Circle a "Wet-Paint Sale" will be installed and paintings will be immediately for sale. The wet-paint sale is always a fun experience where artists share stories of unexpected events and challenges that they have faced during the day. Patrons are able to purchase works for sale and take home with them a wonderful memory of

Charlevoix.

Beginning at 5 pm, local favorite musician Chris Martin will return for the third year to entertain the crowd. The paint out is now referred by many as the region's only "Paint-Out Dance Party". This has become a tradition at the Circle where painters and patrons alike gather to talk about painting, techniques, stories and dance.

Patrons and artists alike are encouraged to save the

date, make plans to join us at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix. For more information, please contact the

Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street, (231) 547-3554 or go online to: www.charlevoixcircle.org.



Louise Pond plein air painting in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO



Local favorite musician Chris Martin will return for the third year to entertain the crowd. COURTESY PHOTO

Rotary Clubs are "Pedaling to Stop Polio"

Five northern Michigan Rotary Clubs are working together to host a bicycle riding event across the region to raise funds to support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio from the planet. The bike ride will be Saturday, June 16, and is open to the public.

Bike riders will have multiple route segments from which to choose utilizing the bicycle trail system that reaches throughout the region. All routes will end at the Top of Michigan Trails Council Office near Petoskey for a picnic that will run from Noon until 2pm. Riders will be starting from various locations including Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Mackinaw City. Each participating club is establishing its own routes.

For those wishing to join the ride, they are advised to call the designated representative from each of the clubs:

- Rotary Club of Cheboygan, Jim Conboy, 231-420-0153
- Rotary Club of Charlevoix, Mark Andresky, 616-970-0259
- Rotary Club of Petoskey—Noon, Terry Newton, 231-838-4989
- Rotary Club of Petoskey—Sunrise, Mike Malone, 231-420-1637
- Rotary Club of Petoskey—Sunset, Jock Rader, 231-838-2565

The cost to participate is \$25 per rider. Riders can collect pledges to cover their costs or simply make a payment to one of the participating Rotary Clubs. The net proceeds from the event will be given to Rotary International's Polio Eradication Effort. This effort started in 1985 and has ended polio in 122-countries. Today only three countries in the world still have polio cases and Rotary is committed to bringing that number to zero. Events such as this allow local Rotary Clubs to play an important part in this international program.

Inmate Garden scheduled for enhanced growing season

The Inmate Garden at the Charlevoix County Jail is scheduled to be enhanced for the 2018 growing season. Sheriff Chuck Vondra is installing a new well and irrigation system to help the garden grow better. This major accomplishment has been made possible by a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The produce harvested at the Charlevoix County Jail Garden has steadily increased over the past couple of years. However, inefficient irrigation prevented the garden from producing its full potential.

According to Sheriff Vondra, "With the addition of the well we will be better able to properly irrigate. With the drip irrigation process that we will have we will focus the irrigation on the plant rows to conserve water and maximize plant growth."

The garden has been a mainstay at the jail since 2010 and has produced a very respectable amount of produce for the past six years. 2017 saw a harvest in excess of seventeen thousand pounds. The value of produce harvested is deter-

mined by assigning each item and market price. The 2017 value of produce harvested was just over \$32,000.00 worth of produce that the taxpayer will not have to pay for when feeding prisoners at the jail. The Garden has experienced steady growth (as indicated on the chart below) but this new irrigation system should greatly enhance production.

The purpose for the Jail Garden has always been to relieve some of the taxpayer burden on the jail's food service program and because of that, taxpayer dollars are not allocated to the Jail Garden. "The support that we've received from the community, and now the financial support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has been crucial to our success and, hopefully, our growth," stated Sheriff Vondra.

The jail garden has proved its importance since its inception. According to Sheriff Vondra; "The cost savings to the taxpayers has been increasing over the years. With the installation of the well and irrigation system, in time, we should be able to



Left: Joel Evan, Chairman; Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. Center: Maureen Radke, Program Officer; Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Right: Chuck Vondra, Sheriff; Charlevoix County. Courtesy photo

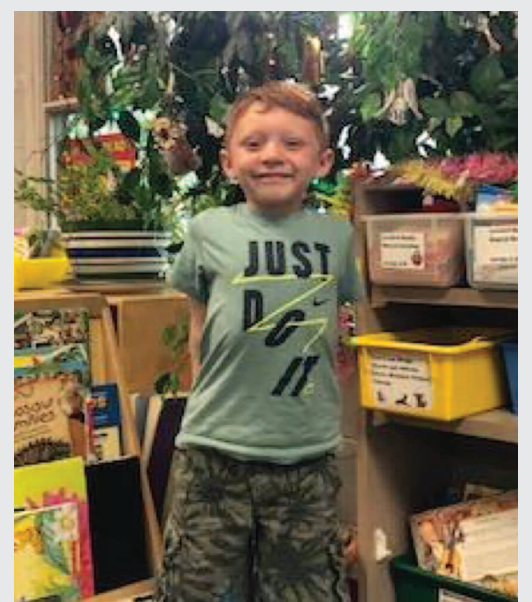
anticipate the amount of product harvested and budget for it."

The garden is tended by inmates and the preservation and/or use of the produce is also done by inmates. The Charlevoix County Jail offers a Food Service Program to qualified inmates which consists of 23 courses encompassing all manner of food safety and preparation. The benefits of the Food Service Program for inmates is it allows inmates to be-

come more involved with daily garden activities and kitchen operations. This program teaches them the knowledge and skill to start working in the food service field once released.

"Support from The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is HUGE!" stated Vondra. "It gives our program validation and we appreciate that."

Boyer Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Myles Tompkins

Student Name: Myles Tompkins

Grade: K

Parent's Name(s): Alecia

What do you want to be when you grow up?: A Police Officer

Favorite Book: Books about Monster Trucks

Hobbies and Interests: Myles likes to play on the swings, read on his tablet, and play with his brother Blake.

School Activities: Myles enjoys writing center here at school and likes writing different types of stories.

Staff Comments: I am so proud of Myles and the hard work he has done this year in Kindergarten. Myles is helpful in the classroom and is kind to his peers. Myles always uses his stamina and does his best work even when it is tough. I will miss having him as a student but I know he will do a great job when he moves on to first grade next year!

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HOSPITALITY TRAINING

June 7, 7:30-10:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce is one of the founders and facilitators of Hospitality the Little Traverse Way, a customer-service training program with a mission of elevating the service culture of the region. This highly acclaimed program will be a great way to kick off the summer season. This workshop will walk you through how to be effective in hospitality while having fun. Free. To register call Charlevoix Public Library (231) 237-7340 or online at tinyurl.com/ybnmzdbl. Light meals will be provided.

CHARLEVOIX

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF APPRECIATION RECEPTION

June 7, 5:50-7:30pm, St. Mary Parish Center. The principal from St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is coming to visit. There will be a reception with light hors d'oeuvres to meet Principal Deborah Francis and hear how the families are doing now. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

EAST JORDAN

KICK OFF TO SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

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BOYNE FALLS

PETOSKEY AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD WALK

June 8, 9am-10:30am, Postle Farm Preserve. One of the largest tracts preserved by the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy. The rolling terrain includes open fields of former farmland, dense woods, a small stream and a seasonal pond. Postle Farm Preserve abuts the Walloon Lake Country Club and is accessed via Country Club Road. From Petoskey take 131 South, go past Bear River Road, turn right on Country Club Road. Drive about a mile to the parking area just after the 90° turn. Bring binoculars if you have them. If not, Petoskey Audubon will have loaner binoculars available on a first-come first-served basis. As always, no dogs and no smoking on any PRAS field trip

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE DISPOSAL EVENT

June 8, 5-8pm & June 9, 9am-Noon. Hazardous household items including fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, cleaners, oil paint, finishes, thinners, solvents, mercury and more. Also electronic items, appliances and tires. For more info visit www.charlevoix-county.org. Reservations and location info, call (231) 547-7221.

EAST JORDAN

PET VACCINATION & LICENSING CLINIC

June 9, 9am-1pm, EMS & Fire Hall, 555 Maple Street. Rabies vaccinations \$15 (1yr/3yrs - 3 year Rabies vaccinations require proof of a previous rabies vaccination). Fixed license fees: \$5/yr or \$15/3yrs, Intact: \$10/yr or \$30/3 yrs. Appointments preferred but not required. Call CAHS at (231) 582-6774.

CHARLEVOIX

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

June 9, 9am-1pm, Melrose Township Hall. All classes are free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years of age. It is recommended students eat before class or bring a snack. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. Completion mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operate a boat. Individuals must be at least age 14 to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least age 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a boat. For further ques-

LEARN TO BE WATER AWARE

On average, 78 people die each year in drowning incidents in the Great Lakes. While Michiganders are encouraged to visit and enjoy all the state's beaches have to offer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging everyone to learn about safe swimming and the signs of dangerous currents as part of Water Safety Month.

Dangerous currents develop when winds blow toward the shore, and waves are three feet or higher. The Great Lakes produce several types of currents, all of which should be avoided by swimmers and anyone going near the water, including the rip current.

A rip current is a powerful, narrow channel of fast-moving water moving

away from the shore. If you find yourself in a rip current do not fight it. Flip on your back and float to conserve energy. Then follow the safest path out of the water – often parallel to the shore – swimming back to land at an angle.

"Swimming is a popular summer activity and Michigan has more than 10,000 inland lakes in addition to the Great Lakes for residents to enjoy," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "Be sure to be aware of conditions before entering the water and follow safe swimming practices."

MDHHS encourages all residents to follow these water safety tips:

- Learn to swim and how to be safe in and around the water.
- Never go swimming alone, and designate someone to watch people who

are in the water.

- Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents (water that is discolored and choppy, foamy or filled with debris and moving in a channel away from shore).

- Follow beach hazard statements and avoid the water when conditions are not safe for swimming.
- Do not swim near piers or break walls.

- Always wear a lifejacket – even experienced swimmers can easily get overcome by dangerous currents.

To learn more about safe swimming practices, visit Nationalwatersafety-month.org. To check Great Lakes beach hazards, visit Weather.gov/greatlakes/beachhazards.

BOOK SALE

June 23, 10am-5pm, June 24, 1-5pm. For additional information visit charlevoixlibrary.org

BOYNE CITY

VETERANS PARK PAVILION FUND-RAISING EVENT

June 21, 4-7pm, Veterans Park. Two local women are planning a "100 Women For Community" fundraiser for the Veterans Park Community Pavilion. Organizers Michelle Cortright and Becky Harris say, "We will be celebrating our community - and making an impact together, one by one. The intent is that each woman donates \$100, making a collective impact on our community of \$10,000." The money will go towards Phase 3 of the Community Pavilion. Those attending are asked to bring checks payable to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Boyne City Community Pavilion. Appetizers and beverages will be served. RSVP to Michelle Cortright: mcortright@harborhouse.com, (231) 675-0388, or Becky Harris: bharris@charter.net, (231) 330-2704.

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS SUMMER KIDS EVENT

June 25 – 28, 5:30-8:30pm, Whiting Park - hosted by First Presbyterian Church. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, eat an evening meal together, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect memories to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for a Funshop Finale at 8:15pm. On Thursday, parents and children will come together at 5:30pm for a potluck meal with the church providing hot dogs, chips, drinks, and watermelon. Maker Fun Factory is for kids from 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 5th grade. Pre-registration is required. Please help us conserve resources and be prepared for your child by calling 231-881-8308 to reserve a space.

EAST JORDAN

SENATOR WAYNE SCHMIDT COFFEE HOUR

June 27, 10-11am, East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street. Senator Schmidt (37th District) will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

ELLSWORTH

CULPEPPER AND MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS

June 30. The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus sponsored by the Ellsworth Lion's and Lioness clubs is once again coming to Ellsworth on June 30th. Advance reduced-price tickets can be purchased at Ellsworth Market, Front Porch, Bachmann's Store, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, or from any Lion/Lioness member.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market has several 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;

CHARLEVOIX

7TH ANNUAL SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 14, 4-8pm, Downtown. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, giveaways, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and more. Stroll the streets and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 6 to 8pm, including special performances by Charlie's Root Fusion, 45 North, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chappdelaine, Paul Gelderblom and more. For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

ELLSWORTH

38TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND PARADE

June 15 & 16. A summer outdoor community celebration held in Ellsworth. The Ellsworth Pig Roast is a small town celebration of food, family, and fun. The festival features many long-time favorite events like the Grand Parade on the 16th at 11am. Free Kids' Games and inflatables, the famous Pork Roast Dinner, Horse Pull, Raffle and more.

CHARLEVOIX

NEEDLE DROP-OFF

June 16, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Family Medicine (next to Holiday Gas), 1404 Bridge Street. For all locations, the needles are required to be in an approved hard, impermeable plastic container. This event will only collect needles. For more information, please call (800) 248-6777.

BOYNE CITY

GROWING UP WITHOUT A FATHER EXPLORED

June 17, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "FatherLess: Getting past the pain of an absent or abusive dad", features filmed interview with Donald Miller, the best-selling author of Blue Like Jazz and Father Fiction. In the interview, Miller describes growing up without a father and his attempts to reconnect with his father later in life. During the episode, Lifetree participants will be given the chance to share how their relationship with their own father has impacted their lives for better or worse. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

LIONS CLUB 50-YEAR OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

June 18, 5-7pm, Tourist Park. Since the club's chartering in 1968, its members have worked on a variety of projects in our community. Some of these projects include, the pavilion at the Tourist Park, the playground at the park, disc golf course, fire rings at the park, the Mother/Daughter Banquet, Easter Fun and Games, Jordan River Pick-up, Road Pick-up, The South Arm Classic Car and Boat Show, and contributions to many community events.

BOYNE CITY

MICHIGAN MAIN STREET ZZCELEBRATION

June 22, Noon, Old City Park, 223 River Street. Michigan Main Street will be celebrating their 15th year anniversary in Boyne City and the community is invited.

CHARLEVOIX

19TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER

tions, call Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext 3499.

BOYNE CITY

TRADE WARS EXPLORED

June 10, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "In the News: Trade Wars," features a filmed interview with Jerry Schmitz, a soybean farmer who's concerned about the potential impact current trade negotiations may have on crop prices and foreign markets. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to share their viewpoints on current efforts to renegotiate trade deals. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

PETOSKEY

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT: GRAND ROMANCE

June 10, 6pm; Pre-Concert Talk with Libor Ondras, 7pm Concert, John M. Hall Auditorium, Bay View. Selections include Robert Schumann - Concerto for Piano and Orchestra op.54, Christopher Harding, soloist; Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony no.6 "Pastoral"; and Johannes Brahms - "Nae-nie" For Chorus and Orchestra. \$25 General Admission and \$50 Reserved Seating. Tickets will be available at area chambers of commerce or online at www.glorchestra.org or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

PETOSKEY

VINES TO WINES EVENT

June 12, 6-8pm, NCMC Iron Horse Cafe. Vines to Wines is a FREE networking opportunity of the Viticulture Series 2018 and hosted by North Central Michigan College and the Straits Area Grape Growers Association (SAGGA). Meet and talk with winemakers and grape growers from northern Michigan. Learn the techniques of establishing a vineyard and growing cold hardy grapes. Discuss the best practices of transforming the grapes into award winning wines. Then do a tasting evaluation of some of the wines produced here in our region. This event is free, but you must register as space is limited. For more information and/or to register, call Corporate and Community Education at 231.348.6613

CHARLEVOIX

WOMAN CAN/WOMEN DO LUNCHEON

June 13, 11am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheons are held throughout the summer in four of the five counties served by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) to support a myriad of services for women, children and families. For information on reserving a seat at the event or becoming a table captain or designer, call Sarah Matye, WRCNM Fund Developer at (231) 347-0067 or email smatye@wrcnm.org.

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 14, 5:30-7:30pm, Hosted by Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate and Northern Michigan Escapes, 110 Water Street. The monthly event includes a 50/50 prizes, food, drink, and business networking. There is no charge for admission or refreshments. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be provided by Boyne Country Provisions. The 50/50 drawing will benefit the Good Neighbors Food Pantry; prizes include a goody basket from Provisions and three plant/floral arrangements from Upsy-Daisy.

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 handmade items for your home or a special gift.

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family - Children love to get stickers in our Junior Marketeer program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits.

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 8am-Noon, Sportsman's Park. Locally organically grown fruits and vegetables. Baked goods, jewelry, crafts, flowers and more. Free coffee from 8am-10:30am courtesy of North Perk Coffee.

BOYNE FALLS

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Boyne Falls Public School announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, nation origin, age, sex or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Lunches will be served Monday through Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm, June 11 through August 24, at Boyne Falls Public School, 01662 M-75 South.

BOYNE CITY

SPRING LEAF PICKUP

May 7 – June 8. 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

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body

awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.
- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

From Fiddleheads to Fast Paddling

BY PATRICK BEVIER

Fabulous Fiddleheads: I love hunting for morels. I never find any, as this Detroit-native hasn't developed "the morel eye" yet, but appreciate the other things I discover while searching for the mouth-pleasing mushrooms. For example, I have always wanted to try fern fiddleheads and during a recent mushroom hunt in Conway I came across fields of fiddle-headed ferns. Fiddleheads are the curved tops of the ferns that eventually open up into the fronds of the plant. I picked a gaggle of them and immediately went searching for a good recipe. I discovered this dandy:

Sautéed Fiddleheads: Ingredients and Directions:
3 cups fresh fiddlehead

ferns, ends trimmed
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
½ teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook fiddlehead ferns in the boiling water until barely tender, 7 to 10 minutes; drain.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in the prepared fiddlehead ferns, garlic, and the salt and pepper. Cook and stir until ferns are tinged lightly brown and tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and sprinkle with lemon juice.

The fiddleheads were actually quite delicious right out of the boiling water and resembled a mild asparagus

flavor. The sautéed version was more flavorful but either option is a taste treat. Throw in that a serving is only 80-calories and that they are relatively high in potassium, magnesium, and Vitamin C and you've got a winning formula. Get out and search soon, however, as fiddleheads are springtime phenomena.

"Kaya-thon" Races Provide Alternatives: For those folks looking for multi-sport races that don't involve a swimming leg, two upcoming events should be their cup of Gatorade. They both include kayaking and one doesn't have a running requirement. These two friendly competitions are the Au Sable Valley Triathlon and the Indian River Biathlon.

The 2nd Annual Au Sable



Participants sprint for their kayaks during the first leg of last year's Indian River Biathlon. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Valley challenge takes place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Mio. It features a 1-mile kayak on Mio Pond, 10.4-mile bike, and 4-mile run all in the scenic "trophy water" area of the Au Sable River. This is a low key event that offers both team and individual participation. The race is hosted by Love in the Name of Christ of Oscoda County and local sponsors. Additional information and registration specifics are available by calling (989) 848-2020, emailing loveincoc@gmail.com or visiting the Au Sable Valley Triathlon Facebook page. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 AM with the race beginning at 9:00 AM. It starts at the boat launch on Mio Pond and ends at Boney Park in Fairview. Registration is \$35.00 and includes a t-shirt, ribbons, a goody bag, and lunch.

The more well-established Indian River Biathlon has been going strong since 2007. The literature states, "Come to compete or come just for the fun of it. Kayaking on the beautiful Indian River and biking on the North Central State Trail makes for a great event!" Additional details are as follows:

The race is on July 22, 2018 and begins at Burt Lake State Park's DeVoe Beach.



The circular tops of springtime ferns are known as fiddleheads. PHOTO BY PATRICK BEVIER



Sautéed fiddleheads make for a delicious complement to many main dishes including these crab cakes. PHOTO BY PATRICK BEVIER

Hills Cross Country Ski trail grooming.

Participants must provide bicycle with proper helmet, kayak with paddle and Coast Guard approved life jacket. Sea kayaks are recommended but are certainly not required.

They recommend pre-registering as the race is limited to 100 participants. You can register on-line at facebook.com/IndianRiver-Biathlon. Any additional questions should give Jess Miller a jingle at (231) 268-9349 or (231) 238-4492.

Michigan Outdoor Fun Fact: Michigan boasts 36,000 miles of streams and rivers! So, get outdoors and kayak, canoe, fly fish, or tube on any or many of them!

Check-in is at 8:00 AM with race starting at 9:00 AM. The first leg of the race is a 2.24 mile kayak on the scenic Inland Waterway (in the past a handful of hardy adventurers opted for standup paddleboards in lieu of kayaks), followed by an 11.68 mile bike trek on the North Central State Trail (crushed lime stone so thin tires are not advised).

About \$1,000.00 in total prizes will be divvied out including free t-shirts, refreshments, and awards for winners in several categories.

Better yet, they use this outdoor activity to promote future adventures as proceeds go to the Burt Lake Bike Trail and Wildwood

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