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VENETIAN FESTIVAL STARTS SATURDAY

BY JIM AKANS

It's the "big town festival with the small-town appeal," and from Saturday, July 21, through the following Saturday, the 88th Annual Venetian Festival will once again bring an amazing amount of music, athletic

competitions, games, beach parties, food, fun and of course, a boat parade and fireworks, to Charlevoix.

The Venetian Festival began back in 1930 with a small parade of candle-lit sailing vessels circling Round Lake harbor in a post race celebration featuring members of the Chicago and Belvedere Clubs. Little did those participants expect that eighty-seven years later that lighted boat parade tradition would continue as the closing ceremony for the annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival.



The 2018 Venetian Festival program cover art was created by Ingrid Wiemer, who grew up in Charlevoix (CHS Class of 1981). The highlight of her year is returning to town for Venetian Festival, where she enjoys staying with her parents and reuniting with her sister and friends. Ingrid has devoted over thirty years to the field of education. She has been a teacher, a Principal, and is currently District Administrator in a district north of Chicago. COURTESY PHOTO

Today, the Venetian Festival has grown to feature just over a week of athletic events, top-notch live entertainment, lots of activities for the kids, a Queen's Coronation, Artisan's Market, a street parade, carnival rides, games at Castle Farms, and more. As might be expected, water celebrations are a huge part of the Festival and include sailing regattas, the AquaPalooza event that includes an on-water boating party, beach games, and music, the Venetian Beach Bash kick-off at Ferry Beach and so much more.

Of course, the lighted boat parade remains an anchor event of the Venetian Festival, taking place this year on July 28 at dusk on Round Lake, featuring a "Gods of the Sea"



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Activities and games at the Venetian Festival will include disc golf, volleyball, a horseshoe tournament and more. PHOTO BY TIM SALMONSON

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McLaren breaks ground for new multi-million dollar wing in Petoskey

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Jim Offield was traveling in Rome with his family last year when he started feeling so badly he knew he had to get to a hospital. He hadn't felt well before he left for Italy from his home in California, but doctors there simply told him it might be a kidney issue and gave him the go-ahead to fly, anyway.

But even though he was so sick he knew he needed hospitalized, Offield, an heir to the Wrigley chewing gum fortune, wouldn't settle for just any hospital. He had the means, of course, to fly to any of the most prestigious hospitals in the world, like Sloan Kettering or the Mayo Clinic. But he chose instead to leave Italy and fly to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

"I chose to come here," Offield recalled, "I believe wholeheartedly in this hospital."

Once at the Petoskey hospital, Offield's doctors discovered both his renal arteries were 99 percent blocked and total kidney failure was imminent. They were surprised he was even able to walk.

Thanks to the skills of world-renowned cardiac and vascular sur-



Members of the Jim Offield family joined with officials from McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital at the groundbreaking ceremony for the hospital's new multi-million dollar wing, to be named the Offield Pavilion after its primary donor. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

geon Dr. Louis Cannon and a team of other top notch McLaren physicians, Offield underwent surgery and had two renal stents inserted, which worked wonders.

"This hospital literally saved my life," said Offield, now 68, "Today, I feel better than ever."

Last week, Offield and his family

returned to McLaren and were honored for giving back as the hospital's lead donor in its capital campaign to raise at least \$33 million towards a \$175 million project that will bring a new wing and significant renovation to the hospital.

See McLaren Expansion - Page 7A

M-75 road construction begins this week



Neon pink markers like this one line the five-mile-long stretch of M-75 between Walloon Lake and Boyne City where the road will be resurfaced starting this week and finishing up in late August.

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - A badly needed project to resurface a five-mile-long stretch of M-75 between Walloon Lake and Boyne City is set to begin this week in Charlevoix County.

According to a media release from Michigan Department of Transportation Communications director James Lake, the \$852,000 project was scheduled to begin July 16 and is expected to be completed by August 31.

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SATURDAY



HIGH: 76
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SUNDAY



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LOW: 58

MONDAY



HIGH: 78
LOW: 60

TUESDAY



HIGH: 78
LOW: 58

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 75
LOW: 56

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUL 19	...55°	...82°	...40°	(1965)	...95°	(1977)
JUL 20	...55°	...82°	...36°	(1965)	...96°	(1977)
JUL 21	...55°	...82°	...35°	(1970)	...94°	(2001)
JUL 22	...55°	...82°	...41°	(1981)	...97°	(2001)
JUL 23	...55°	...82°	...36°	(1954)	...97°	(2001)
JUL 24	...55°	...82°	...39°	(1953)	...92°	(1987)
JUL 25	...55°	...82°	...39°	(2004)	...90°	(1966)
JUL 26	...55°	...82°	...42°	(2004)	...99°	(1955)
JUL 27	...55°	...82°	...40°	(1962)	...92°	(1949)
JUL 28	...55°	...82°	...39°	(1967)	...93°	(1988)

OBITUARIES

Norman Dale Gardner, 80

(APRIL 28, 1938 - JULY 16, 2018)

Norman Dale Gardner of Boyne City died July 16, 2018 following a short illness.

He was born April 28, 1938 in Alma, Michigan, the oldest child of Norman and Clara Gardner.

Norm, as he was known to friends (and Dale to family), graduated from Harrison High School. He secured work as an apprentice at the General Motors Fisher Body plant in Grand Blanc. He studied at the General Motors Management and Technical Institute. He continued to work at the plant, advancing to the position of foreman at what later became part of the Cadillac Motor Car Division. He was well respected by his colleagues as a person with a strong work ethic. He was always the person who'd be given responsibility for poorly performing lines, as management was confident in his ability to quickly make things right. He retired after 35 years in September 1991. While working, he made a home for his family in Grand Blanc, Fenton, and later Flint, Michigan.

Following his retirement, he moved from Flint to Boyne City. He was an active member of the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Association, a local group dedicated to the preservation of steam and gasoline powered tractors and machinery essential to the conduct of agriculture and industry. He looked forward to their annual exhibitions, and especially enjoyed leading demonstrations at the shingle mill during kids days. With the call sign of KD8CXO, he was a member of the Straits Area Amateur Radio Club. He was an active member of The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City. As a father, he served as the leader of his sons' Boy Scout Troop, and shared his enjoyment of the outdoors and camping.

He married Mary Lou Wynings, of South Lyon, Michigan in October 1957. They had three sons, Dale, of Lake Frederick, Virginia; Michael, of Sellersburg, Indiana, and John. He was preceded in death by his son John in 1991, and by Mary Lou in 2010.

In April 2012, he married

Judy Judkins, of Boyne City. In their short time together, they treasured each other's companionship. They enjoyed frequent travel, but were happy to return to the tranquility of their home.

Norm is survived by his wife Judy, his sons Dale, and his wife Kristine; Michael, and his wife Cheryl; a step-daughter Catherine Judkins, of Boyne City; and three siblings, Clair Duane, and his wife Ann, of Memphis; Jean Elaine, and her husband Edgar Bringman of Traverse City; and Marlea Jo Pierce, of Louisville, Kentucky. He is also survived by six grandchildren, a great-grandchild, many cousins and other extended family, and by a host of friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 20, 2018 at 11:00 am at The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, 401 South Park Street, Boyne City, Michigan. The service will be preceded by a gathering of family and friends, beginning at 10:00 am. A lunch will follow at the church. Family members will then participate in interment at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

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

Patrick Asa Lally, 86

(MARCH 17, 1932 - JULY 15, 2018)

Patrick Asa Lally of Boyne City, Michigan passed away July 15, 2018. Pat was born on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 1932 in Hartford, Connecticut and spent his childhood in Ortonville, Michigan.

He graduated from Florida Military Academy in 1949 and served in United States Army and Korean War. Upon his discharge, he moved to Flint, Michigan where he met his beautiful bride, Carolyn Gettel. Pat was the founder and proud owner of Pat Lally's House of Color paint and wallpaper store in Pontiac, Michigan for 37 years and retired to Boyne City, Michigan where he turned his passion for boating into a second career as a successful yacht



broker. Pat was the founder of the Clinton River Ski Club, founding member of the Boyne City Yacht Club, a 50-year member of the United States Power Squadron, member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Moslem Shrine Yacht Club, and Clinton River Boat Club.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years Carolyn, daughters Sarah (Joe) Wolf, and Patty (Rob) Aldrich, grandchildren Hannah and Elisabeth Wolf, and Robert and Annie Aldrich. Pat made countless friends throughout his life and will always be remembered for his fun-loving spirit. Remember Pat's life on St Patrick's Day as another cause for celebration.

Services will be held at 1pm (preceded by visitation from Noon-1pm) on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at St Matthew Church in Boyne City, Michigan.

Donations in Pat's memory may be made to the McLaren Foundation (specified as McLaren Hospice), 360 Connable Avenue, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 or a charity of your choice.

Norma Mae (Davenport) Shorter, 88

(MARCH 22, 1930 - JULY 14, 2018)

On July 14, 2018, Norma Mae Shorter passed from this life while surrounded by her family and caring staff at the Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Norma was born on March 22, 1930 in Detroit, the daughter of Myrlyn and Mayme (Gustafson) Davenport and was raised in Centerline, MI, graduating from McKinley Twp. High School, now Pellston High School with the Class of 1947.

On November 27, 1948, Norma married the love of her life at the Pellston Methodist Church and together, Bob and Norma raised two daughters, Cathy and Diane. Bob and Norma moved to Detroit where Norma worked as an Office Manager for Divco. Upon returning to work when her daughters were in school, Norma worked for Kelly Services as a Social Secretary before going to work at the Champion Spark Plug Company as a Parts Buyer. In 1987, Bob and Norma moved back north setting on Burt Lake and later Alanson. Bob preceded Norma in death on April 20, 2018.

Norma enjoyed painting and crafts and was known from a young age to have an artistic touch. She was a member at the Indian River Golf Club and was an accomplished golfer. Like Bob, Norma was rather competitive while playing anything, especially with Bob. She was known for having a great golf swing and won many trophies throughout her life. Although she enjoyed golf and art, her greatest joy came from her family, from singing with her sisters, to spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Norma is survived by her daughters, Cathy Lynn (Gerald) Filion of Riley, MI., and Diane (Kenneth) Lamb of Petoskey. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Stephanie Mae Dudek (Patrick "P.J." Reedy), Robert Dudek, and Katherine "Katie" Dudek (Terrance "Terry" Elizonda) and great grandchildren Alexis and Jade; sisters, Joanne (Myrl) Keller of Charlevoix, Janet Keiser-Arrington of Mobile, AL, and Karen (Harold) Ringler of Cedar Springs, MI; and by Joan Dobias.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; husband of 69 years, Bob; and by her brother, Myrlyn S. Davenport.

Services celebrating Norma's life will be held at the Stone Funeral Home on Friday, July 20th at 11am with Rev. David Behling officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, July 19th from 6-8pm. Norma will be laid to rest with her beloved husband at the Burt-Mullett Cemetery in Topinabee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

James Harold Goebel, 71

(AUG. 19, 1946 - JULY 10, 2018)

James Harold Goebel of East Jordan died Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at MediLodge of Gaylord.

He was born on August 19, 1946 in Charlevoix, the son of Harold J. and Omata (Jacobson) Goebel.

James had worked in agricultural seed sales for many years and oil leases. He had enjoyed fishing and karaoke.

James is survived by one son, Michael (Trinesha) Goebel; three step daughters, Regina Inman, Carrie Macks and Angie McCall; two grandchildren, Jordan Goebel and Nicholas Goebel; six siblings, Phil (Sue) Goebel, Janice (John) Domalski, John (Vranda) Goebel, Steve (Gretchen) Goebel, Joy (Bill) Murray and Dan (Christina) Goebel; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 27, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Ellen Fern (Hammond) Moblo, 88

(AUG. 23, 1929 - JULY 14, 2018)

Ellen F. Moblo of East Jordan, died Saturday, July 14, 2018, at The Georgia House in Charlevoix.

She was born on August 23, 1929, in Alba, the daughter of George and Muriel (Mudge) Hammond.

She married Alfred C. Moblo on June 4, 1950, in Boyne City, Michigan.

Ellen had worked at Gulf & Western (now known as Dura), at Charlevoix Area Hospital (now known at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital) and for Dr. John Lignell in Charlevoix. In addition, she owned and operated a dairy farm utilizing draft horses.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, loved square dancing with her husband, gardening, snowmobiling and draft horses.

She is survived by five children, Loretta (Gary) Goetzman of Eastport, Walter (Judy) Moblo of East Jordan, Glenn (Kathy) Moblo of East Jordan, Larry (Dennis Figiel) Moblo of East Jordan and Terry Moblo of East Jordan; nineteen grandchildren; thirty eight great grandchildren; eight great, great grandchildren; two brothers, Dick (Doris) Hammond and David (Joanne) Hammond; two sisters, Pearl Lake and



Mary Jane Bryant; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Ellen was also preceded in death by her husband on November 26, 2013; parents; one daughter, Virginia Coeur; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Jason Richey of the East Jordan Community Church will officiate with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to East Jordan Community Church or McLaren Hospice.

Rita I. Gibbard, 91

(Nov. 2, 1926 - July 8, 2018)

Rita I. Gibbard of East Jordan died Sunday, July 8, 2018, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

She was born on November 2, 1926, in Hazel Park, Michigan, the daughter of Frank and Alice (LaVasaur) Zeitz.

Rita grew up in Hazel Park and graduated later in years from East Jordan High School in 1971.

She had worked 20 years at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She retired as a certified nurse's aide.

She was a believer in Jesus Christ and her church was in her heart.

She enjoyed bowling, gardening, bingo and playing cards. She was known as the "World Champ of Rummy". Most of all, she enjoyed being a mother. She really connected with people and became a surrogate mother to a lot of friends and family.

She is survived by nine children, Janice (Terry) Pop of Ludington, Jeanette Holmes of Sterling Heights, Judy (David) Skubick of Oakland Township, Joanne (Dale) Lee of Lewisburg, Tennessee, Edward (Mitzy) Gibbard of Traverse City, Bob Gibbard of Boone, North Carolina, Annette (David) Salzarulo of Mt. Dora, Florida, Patrick (Marcia) Gibbard of East Jordan and Rex (Freida) Gibbard of East Jordan; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one sister, Marguerite Churchill of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Rita was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Frank Gibbard on July 28, 1984; and four brothers, Ralph, Donald, Gordon and Patrick Zeitz.

A memorial service will be announced in the fall of 2018.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, Terrace and Parks, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Arrangement by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Billie L. Crain, 67

(JULY 13, 1951 - JULY 13, 2018)

Billie Louise (Bergmann) Crain passed away on July 13, 2018 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

She was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 13th, 1951 and was adopted as an infant by Bill and Arletta Bergmann of Charlevoix. She graduated Charlevoix High School Cum Laude in 1969, then studied liberal arts at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City for one year. In 1970 she enrolled in Petoskey Beauty Academy

and became a licensed cosmetologist in 1972. She worked as a hairdresser for 7 years for Helene's Beauty Shop of Charlevoix during which time she met and married Gary Crain, also of Charlevoix. They had two boys together, James and Casey. She left Helene's after her second son was born in 1977 and started a licensed home daycare business.

In 1981 she went to work for Hoskins Mfg. of Charlevoix and worked there until 2000 when she became disabled by COPD.

During her illness she was able to pursue her passion for painting and her work was represented by Northern Michigan Artists Market Gallery of Petoskey, Michigan for several years.

She is survived by both sons, James Crain of Charlevoix and Casey Crain of Naples, Florida.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Walter J. Hufford, 84

(MARCH 22, 1934 - JULY 16, 2018)

Walter J. Hufford of Charlevoix passed away on July 16, 2018 at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

Walter was born on March 22, 1934 in Petoskey to the late Paul and Eleanor (Notestine) Hufford.

Walter was born and raised in Petoskey graduated and served 4 years in the United States Army including time served in Korea. On February 18, 1956 Walter married Anna May Stanley to whom he was happily married to for 54 years. After a short time in Grand Rapids they returned to Petoskey. They then moved to Charlevoix in 1966 to raise their family. He owned and operated Hufford Industries, Inc. with his brother designing and fabricating press room automation equipment. He went on to a second career as an electrician as a partner at Key Controls. Walter was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, Lions Club and Masonic Lodge #282. He enjoyed spending his time hunting, fishing and socializing with friends.

Walter is survived by his 4 children, Sandra (Bryan) Burley, Steven (Terry) Hufford, Linda Brant and Karen Hufford; 9 grandchildren, Hollyn (Ben) Harter, Kimberly (Mike) Kochanny, Paul Phillips, Todd Phillips, Jack Hufford, Sarah Hufford, Tara Hufford, David (Lindsay) Kennedy, Emily Kennedy; 5 great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Daniel and Kristen Harter, Evely and Caleb Kochanny.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix with Pastor Neil Wilson officiating. Interment will take place on Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Visitation will take place on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial donations in Walter's name may be directed to the Bergmann Center, a workshop for exceptional individuals.

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

and its residents. Please consider this when you vote on August 7th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Parks, Eveline

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issues, responsive to inquiries and she has become a valuable member of the Board. Preserving this continuity with her re-election will only benefit the county

and its residents. Please consider this when you vote on August 7th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Parks, Eveline

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Great Lakes Energy begins TrueStream fiber construction

Great Lakes Energy is building a fiber network to deliver high-speed internet and unlimited voice services to its members. The energy cooperative is branding the service TrueStream to reflect its focus on innovation, technology and loyalty to its membership.

Plans start at speeds of 100 megabits per second and go up to 1 Gig or 1,000 megabits per second.

The first homes are expected to be connected later this year in parts of Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Construction plans from there will depend in part on member interest. TrueStream measures interest through their website: www.jointruestream.com. The areas with the most interest will be looked at first

for construction. Expansion of the fiber network will continue for several years, with the intention of reaching all parts of Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service territory, as long as there is demand.

"The TrueStream fiber network offers benefits to the entire community in several ways," said Great Lakes Energy CEO Bill Scott. "It can be an economic driver to attract and retain new business and development. It will open up new opportunities to students and lifelong learners. It will serve as the backbone for other supporting technologies that will enable us to improve our reliability and outage restoration capabilities. Studies have even shown access to fiber can add to a home's real estate sales

value."

A 2015 study by the Fiber Broadband Association found that access to fiber had a direct impact on home real estate values. "The boost to the value of a typical home – \$5,437 – is roughly equivalent to adding a fireplace, half of a bathroom or a quarter of a swimming pool to the home," the Association stated in a release about the study.

A crew attaches fiber cable to utility poles for TrueStream, a new fiber internet service being offered by Great Lakes Energy. The first residents to receive the service when it becomes available later this year will be Great Lakes Energy members in parts of Emmet and Charlevoix counties. Visit jointruestream.com for more information. COURTESY PHOTO



The Pistil Whips, a local duo band out of Boyne City will be on stage Friday, July 20, 7pm in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Street Legends Cruise and Car Show



The Street Legends of Charlevoix will be holding their annual Car Show and Cruise this Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21.

On Friday, July 20, join the Cruise around Lake Charlevoix with the Street Legends starting at 5pm at the Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot (11906 US 31 N in Charlevoix). The Cruise will return to Charlevoix with special parking downtown. There will be live music by Tommy Vale and the Torpedoes in the East Park Band Shell starting at 6:30pm.

On Saturday, July 21, enjoy the Car Show main event will take place. Car registration from 8-10:30am, and there will be Goody Bags and Dash Plaques for the first 150 registrants. The Opening Ceremony will be at 9am, with 50/50 drawings and voting from 10am until 1pm. Silent Auction begins at 10am and ends at 1pm. Awards ceremony at 3pm. Come join the Fun for all ages!

The Street Legends Classic Car Club was formed by local car enthusiasts of the Charlevoix area. The first meeting was held in the early



The Street Legends of Charlevoix will be holding their annual Car Show and Cruise this Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21. Show here, left to right: 1973 Corvette (Mike & Claudia Bost) 1948 Jeepster (Jim & Lorraine Jerkatis), 1967 Mustang (Barry & Karen Pierce). COURTESY PHOTO

East Jordan Concert Series continues

The Pistil Whips, a local duo band out of Boyne City will be on stage Friday, July 20, 7pm in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. This talented duo combines the styles of funk, blues and jazz to create a style all their own. Eric Dane Jaqua plays the revolutionary Farmer Foot Drums (a drum set operated with the feet only), guitar and vocals all at the same time. William "Love" LaTourneau plays the saxophone, clarinet, keys and beatbox flute.

They have performed at countless shows all over Michigan and have produced an album, The Pistil Whips have performed before in East Jordan and have always been well re-

ceived by an appreciative crowd.

Music in the Park Concert Series is proudly co-sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority and the Jordan River Arts Council. For more information, contact the Chamber at 231-536-7351 or www.ejchamber.org. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the concert series, please make you checks to "City of East Jordan" with "Music in the Park Concert Series" in the memo section. They may be mailed to P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727 or dropped off at the East Jordan City Hall.

Good Samaritan Family Services hires new Director of Development

Last December we announced the succession process in our Development Department with Bill's desire to retire. Good Samaritan is pleased to announce the hiring of Melissa Jibson as Director of Development. She starts this month bringing enthusiasm and excitement to her new position. We, too, are excited about her arrival.

Melissa has been living overseas; she traveled all over the world with her family. Her husband has just retired from the Marines after many years of faithful serv-

ice for our country. She is a Michigander though, having grown up in the Muskegon area. Her desire has always been to come back to Michigan. Melissa, with her husband and two teenage daughters, will be moving to our area very soon. Melissa comes to us with over 20 years of sales and customer relations experience in the business world. She has high recommendations from those she has worked for in the past. Although Melissa is new to this position, she has multiple years of working

with other ministries.

Bill will be helping with the transition through the end of August. We wish him well on his retirement. We look forward to introducing Melissa to you in the days ahead. Thank you for your continued interest in Good Samaritan Family Services. We look forward to maintaining our valuable relationship with you as we serve our community. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to Northern Michigan.

Jerry Troyer, Chair, Board of Directors



Good Samaritan is pleased to announce the hiring of Melissa Jibson as Director of Development. COURTESY PHOTO



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BOYNE CITY FOOD TRUCK RALLY FUNDRAISER AT FARMERS MARKET

July 19, 6-9pm, Veterans Park. Market vendors participating are; Beijo de Chocolate and Pea & Compagnie Crepes. The event will also feature local food trucks, including: Happy's Taco Shop, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, Burnt Offerings, Wingin' It, Smokin' Joe's, Cheese & Company, Dukes Dogs, Waffle Cabin and more. Local breweries and wineries participating are; Petoskey Brewing, Shorts Brewery, Beards, Pond Hill, Seasons of The North, Walloon Lake Winery, Maple Moon Sugarbush & Winery, Charlevoix Moon Artisan Wine, Northwoods Soda and more. The evening will also feature live music by The Hacky Turtles. \$10 per person which includes two beverage tickets. Proceeds raised from the event will be used to help fund a winter market facility for the Farmers Market. The Boyne City Farmers Market features over 70 vendors during the peak season and has earned a reputation as the finest market in Northwest Michigan.

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX STREET LEGENDS CAR SHOW

July 20, 6:30-9:30pm & July 21, 8am-5pm. Friday; Street Legends Cruise around Lake Charlevoix followed by live music in East Park. Saturday; Car Show downtown. Free admission. www.STREETLEGENDS.NET for more information

BOYNE CITY POP UP ART SHOW

July 20, 5-8pm, Create: Community Art Studio, 151 Ray Street. The public is invited to a "pop up" exhibition and sale of artwork sponsored by North Country Community Mental Health and Intermediate School District students. Art Speaks' goal is to continue the trend in Northern Michigan of making resources, space and classes available to people that otherwise might not have the opportunity to show and enhance their talent. There is no entrance fee to attend.

CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

July 21-28. What began 88 years ago as a simple candle-lit boat parade has grown into a week-long flurry of color and pageantry that highlights the summer season and attracts tens of thousands of visitors. The Festival offers a wonderful variety of events geared to delight and entertain every age group. Most events take place within waterfront parks, Round Lake Harbor and Lake Charlevoix. Info and Schedule at www.venetian-festival.com

BOYNE CITY POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER DISCUSSED

July 22, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Wounded Warriors: When War Comes Home," features a filmed interview with a military veteran who battled PTSD after returning home from the Iraq war. The Lifetree program offers helpful resources and strategies for coping with PTSD. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BAY HARBOR GLCO CONCERT

July 24, 8-9:30pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Please join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus for an evening of

great music featuring Bartered Bride Overture by Smetana, Choruses from Candide by Bernstein, El Salon Mexico by Copland, and Brahms Concerto for Violin, Cello. Featured soloists Dylana Jenson, violin and David Lockington, cello, join Music Director Libor Ondras for an exciting inaugural concert at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, (GLCFA) Bay Harbor. For tickets (\$20 general admission), please contact GLCFA Box Office at 231-439-2610 or email tickets@greatlakescfa.org.

BOYNE FALLS 30TH ANNUAL FLYWHEELERS CELEBRATION

July 26-28, Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club grounds. Antique tractors, Blacksmith, Basket Shop and Veneer Mill demonstrations, Parade of Power, Tractor Safari, Live Music, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market and more. Schedule at www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com

BOYNE CITY MEET THE NEW MSU EXTENSION COORDINATOR

July 27, 1-3pm, Boyne City Hall. MSU Extension welcomed a new staff member to the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office last week. Adam Koivisto will be the new District 14 Coordinator for MSU Extension. The public is invited to meet Adam and welcome him to Charlevoix County.

BAY HARBOR 19TH ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

July 27 & 28, 10am-6pm. The Village at Bay Harbor is delighted to celebrate the 2018 Bay Harbor Arts Festival. In its 19th year, the Festival is back on the waterfront lawns, and better than ever! This year features a segment called the Artisan Green Market, in addition to the juried Fine Arts section of the event. The Festival will take place on the beautiful waterfront lawns of the Bay Harbor Lake Marina.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

July 28, 1-4pm. Plans include games for all ages, representing each of the decades from 1918 to the present, photographic slide show of Boyne City over the last 100 years, displays throughout the library promoting various educational programs offered throughout the year, and, of course, ice cream and cake.

BOYNE CITY CLASSIC INSTRUMENTS CAR SHOW

July 18, 10am-2pm, Classic Instruments, 10am-2pm. Bring your classic car, hot rod, custom, rat rod, motorcycle or "anything cool." Everyone is welcome. Brian Brennan, editor of Street Rodder Magazine, will attend the event and will choose two vehicles at the show as "Street Rodder Editors Picks," which will appear in his magazine. Plan on behind-the-scenes tours from the Iraq war. The Lifetree program offers helpful resources and strategies for coping with PTSD. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN SUMMER MAGIC AT RAVEN HILL

July 28, 4-8pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. A Raven

Hill Discovery Center Festival for Families including Laser Tag, Drones, Slime-making, Rocket-making and more. Bring the whole family. \$10 per person. Babies under 1 year are free. Reservations appreciated. Call Cheri Leach 231 536-3369.

BOYNE CITY UNEXPECTED ANSWERS TO PRAYERS DISCUSSED

July 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "What's God Up To? Unwelcome Answers to Prayer," features a filmed interview with Ray Norman, a World Vision director who, along with his daughter, was shot while serving in Mauritania. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to share stories from their own lives that turned out differently than expected. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE FALLS 44TH ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL

August 2-5. Polka Tent, Live Music, Youth Day, Grand Royale Parade, Car Show, 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run and more. Schedule at www.boynefallspolishfestival.com

CHARLEVOIX DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

August 4, Ferry Beach. The festival is a fundraising initiative to help support their mission to cultivate a more inspired and educated community through the arts. In the process, participants will experience the beauty and energy of this ancient festival. Dragon Boat Races are a rapidly growing sport combining rich Chinese traditions, competition, community building and a great deal of fun. For more information, you can read about the festival online at: www.charlevoixdragonfestival.org.

BOYNE CITY FAMILY SECRETS UNCOVERED

August 5, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Family Secrets: What Mama never told us," features the exclusive filmed story—shot live as events unfolded—of a woman who discovered a missing family member. During the program participants will receive practical tips on handling a wide variety of family secrets. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN WATER/WAYS PEDAL, PIG AND PINT

August 5, 8:3am-1pm. The Water/Ways Ride Around Lake Charlevoix is a bike touring opportunity to enjoy beautiful lake scenery, with a portion of the route along Lake Michigan. The tour starts and finishes at Veterans Park in Boyne City and all levels of riders are welcome. Participants are invited to ride 42 or 22 miles and enjoy a pig roast and pint at Stiggs Brewery following the ride. Registration fee is \$45 and includes the pig roast, pint, and a donation to Raven Hill Discovery Center's Water/Ways programming. Register at bikereg.com or 8am. The morning of the event. For information, contact Holly Sasso, holly.sasso@gmail.com, 517 231-3341.

CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

August 6, 5:30-8pm, Charlevoix Depot Museum.

Michigan Historic Preservation Network invites you to a series of workshops to help you maintain your home or small commercial building, retain your property value, and save money. Space is limited, so register early. Registration for the demonstration workshops on August 6 and 20 costs \$10 each. The final community session is free. Registration (at eventbrite.com) closes three days prior to the event. Pre-registration required for each individual workshop date.

BOYNE CITY NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES DISCUSSED

August 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program—titled "10 Minutes to Live: Now What?"—features a filmed interview with Rick Bundschuh, a pastor in Hawaii who received an alert of an incoming ballistic missile on January 13, 2018. Although the alert was later confirmed to be a mistake, Bundschuh explained it elicited a wide variety of reactions. During this Lifetree program, participants will talk about their current priorities and discuss the difference between the urgent and the important things in life. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY DEALING WITH ANGER ADDRESSED

August 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Unburdened: Letting Go of Guilt," features a screening of the award-winning short film Unburden. The film tells the story of a mother who accidentally injures her infant daughter and the woman's journey to resolve her guilt. During the program participants will explore steps that may help resolve guilt. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY COPING WITH GUILT EXPLORED

August 26, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Out of Anger: The Battle Between Self-Control and Out of Control," features the filmed story of Jerry Hartman, whose ongoing anger issues led him in and out of prison until he was at last accused of assault with a deadly weapon. During this Lifetree program, participants will discover what practical tools helped Hartman learn how to control his anger and transform his life. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

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; 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.

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 Market 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 KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

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 Exer-

cise 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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Boyne District Library Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Boyne District Library will celebrate their 100th Anniversary as a Carnegie Library on July 28 from 1-4 pm.

Boyne District Library has a big celebration planned to celebrate their 100th Anniversary as a Carnegie Library in Boyne City, Michigan. Plans include games for all ages, representing each of the decades from 1918 to the present, photographic slide show of Boyne City over the last 100 years, music, prizes, and, of course, ice cream and cake. This centennial celebration will be fun for all ages!

Please contact Monica Kroondyk, BDL Director (kroondyk@boynelibrary.org or call the library 231-582-7861) for more information. Community members,

BDL patrons and their families are encouraged to attend and join

in the fun and games!



ABOVE: Shhh! Students from a bygone era study at the Boyne District Library. Photos courtesy of the Boyne District Library.



East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Holds Ribbon Cutting

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a Ribbon Cutting at the Farmers Insurance Agency owned by Christina Charbonneau. The office is located at 119 S. Lake Street in East Jordan (in the Lake Street Center). The

agency offers auto, home, business, life, pet and specialty insurance. Christina has been in the insurance industry for 2 1/2 years and opened her East Jordan office Oct. 1, 2017. She is very involved with several events in the surrounding commu-

nities, as well as the area schools. For more information on Farmers Insurance, Christina Charbonneau may be reached at 231-222-2443 (office), 231-459-8317. ccharbonneau@farmersagent.com

Antique Flywheelers grounds Schoolhouse dedication July 25

A special dedication event will be held from 5 to 8pm on Wednesday, July 25, at the Huddleston School on the Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers (NMAF) club showgrounds just ahead of the start of the 2018 tractor, engine, and craft show. The one-room schoolhouse was purchased and moved to the club's property last year to honor the memory and contributions of long-time dedicated member Louis Fochtman, who died in July of 2016, and will be a new feature at the 31st annual show July 26-29.

Gary and Oralee Allen led the volunteers in the restoration work on the schoolhouse. "A lot of work has gone into getting the school ready for the show in a short amount of time due to the late season winter weather," said Gary Allen. "We want to thank everyone who pitched in to work on it."

According to NMAF club President Bob DeVol, "This is the first local building we have moved to the showgrounds to preserve and use. It has been a lot of work but we are considering the possibility of preserving other local historic buildings at our club if they fit our needs."

As in past years, the annual show will have something for everyone to enjoy including music, tractor parades, the flea market, arts and crafts, museums, and working demonstrations. This will also be the second year for the popular tractor drive-in movie; "The Apple Dumpling Gang" will be shown at dusk on Thursday, July 26, and can be viewed with or without a tractor.

Located on US 131 between Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake, the club hosts the annual event where several hundred volunteer members and helpers show visitors a glimpse of life in



A special dedication event will be held from 5 to 8pm on Wednesday, July 25, at the Huddleston School on the Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers (NMAF) club showgrounds. COURTESY PHOTO

rural northern Michigan as it was a century ago. The main activities of the show run daily from 9am to 5pm with an all-you-can breakfast starting the day at 7am and music and more in the evenings. This year's show will feature Silver King, Montgomery Ward, and steel wheel tractors as well as John Deere small engines. Seniors' Day will return on Thursday with senior admission discounted from \$7 to \$5.

The Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers club is an educational nonprofit organization that uses demonstrations and displays to showcase "Life in the Past Lane" and present

many aspects of daily life in rural northern Michigan in the early part of the last century. It annually holds a show the last full weekend in July and hosts more than a thousand area fourth graders over a four day period in September for Student Harvest Days. The showgrounds are located at 00145 US-131 N between Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake.

Information on the organization and event can be found at www.walloonlake-flywheelers.com, on Facebook as Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers, or by calling club President Bob DeVol at 231-322-2760

Dorothy Gerber Strings Program announces recent hire

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts has hired Dr. Charles D. Helge (better known as Chas) as the Assistant Music Director to the Dorothy Gerber Strings program. Having just recently finished work on his Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Oklahoma in Cello Performance, Chas will bring to the community a host of talents.

"We felt strongly that bringing Chas into the Gerber program would specifically compliment the work that music director Dr. David Reimer has put forth thus far" - Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director, "with his expertise in cello performance and a strong history of teaching the Suzuki method, students will be exposed to a full spectrum of opportunities".

Born in Seoul, South Korea in 1990, Helge was adopted and raised in Manistee, Michigan. He began studying Suzuki cello age 6 at the Wayzata School System in Minnesota. From the first grade through the sixth grade, Chas studied cello at Interlochen Michigan, and was a student at the Interlochen Arts Academy from 7th - 12th grade. He was the Principal Cellist of the Michigan All-State Orchestra 2006, 2008, 2009 and Assistant Principal 2007, Assistant Principal of the Michigan Youth Arts

Festival Orchestra 2009.

Helge earned his Bachelor of Music (BM) in Cello Performance from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and studied violin pedagogy with Dr. Brenda Brenner (president of ASTA, the American String Teachers Association) and Prof. Mimi Zweig, head of IU String Academy. He earned his Master of Music (MM) Cello Performance, Western Michigan University and his Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

During his studies, Dr. Helge taught at: Kalamazoo Kids in Tune (El Sistema) as lead cello instructor, String Methods at WMU, and worked as a violin and cello instructor for the Marshall Music Company. Other teaching accomplishments include teaching cello, violin, and coaching chamber music at The Norman School for Strings, a leader in Suzuki Method string education in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Chas had a long list of performance acumen including being a member of the Fort Smith Symphony (AK) and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. He performed the Dvorak Cello Concerto with the Benzie Symphony Orchestra in the summer of 2017 and was featured on Studio A at Interlochen Public Radio. Re-



Chas Helge, Dorothy Gerber Strings Program Assistant Music Director. COURTESY

cently Helge performed with the 2018 Brandenburg Festival in Manistee and Traverse City and is a returning staff member at Interlochen Arts Camp Cello Institute.

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, part of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, serves northern Michigan students providing exceptional locally based string music education. For more information please go online to www.gerberstrings.org or contact music director Dr. David Reimer at DavidDGStrings@gmail.com. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554, www.charlevoixcircle.org.

CONSTRUCTION FROM PG. 1A

Lake said the stretch will include both lanes of M-75 from Old State Road to the

Melrose Township Park entrance and from west of Windsor Street to U.S. 131.

He said the project will require single lane closures under flag control.

"In addition to a smoother

driving surface, this project includes new rumble strips and pavement markings," Lake noted in the release.

VENETIAN FESTIVAL FROM PG. 1A

theme. Fireworks displays will take place on Friday, July 27 over Lake Charlevoix, and again on Saturday, July 28 at dusk over Round Lake.

Among the many live Venetian Rhythms musical performances at this year's Venetian Festival will be renowned acts such as Grand

Funk Railroad, The Miracles featuring Mark Scott and The Up North Big Band. Regional and local talents at this year's festival will include Union Guns, Charlies Root Fusion, David Cisco, the Charlevoix City Band and Ruth & Max Bloomquist.

Activities and games at the Venetian Festival will include disc golf, volleyball, a horseshoe tournament, Beach Bash basketball, the Bridge Street Experience with games, a Sand Art sta-

tion and Ragamuffins Theatre. Also sit back enjoy the sounds of the Plymouth Fife & Drums Corps or participate in the Drenth Memorial footrace and Ryan Shay Mile. There are plenty of delicious food vendors and nearby restaurants to visit nearby, so it nice to know there are lots of ways to work off calories at the Venetian Festival.

For a complete schedule of events please visit www.venetianfestival.com

Park Your Boat on Lake Charlevoix For the summer, or for the day.



At the tip of Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, the East Jordan Municipal Harbor has captured the attention of more than just boaters. Located only one block off Main Street, the Municipal Harbor is within walking distance to local restaurants and friendly shops. Memorial Park which is part of the marina has picnic tables, grills and public restrooms. A band shell was constructed in 2005 which has enter-

tainment most weekends throughout the summer. The Municipal Harbor offers 27 seasonal boat slips, 27 transient boat slips, shopping docks, full-service Midgrade (87 Octane) and Premium non ethanol (91 octane); both have Valvct Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

For more information call 231-536-2166

News

Charlevoix Bridge stuck down last weekend



FILE PHOTO

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - A broken wire and faulty brake limit switches were to blame for a malfunction that left the bascule bridge on U.S. 31 in downtown Charlevoix out of order for hours last week.

The bridge was out of service and unable to be raised to allow taller vessels to pass through the Pine River Channel for about 15 hours Friday, July 13, delaying voyages for numerous recreational boaters as well as the Beaver Island Ferry.

James Lake, with the Michigan Department of Transportation in Gaylord, which oversees operation of the Charlevoix bridge, said the bridge got stuck in the down position on Friday and remained that way until about 3 p.m. Saturday. The bridge routinely is lifted every half hour during the summer season to allow boater passage.

Lake said the problem was twofold: a broken wire in one of the motors in the bridge mechanism and a bad "limit switch" on one of the motor's brakes. He explained that limit switches monitor all moving parts to ensure movements occur in proper sequence and at proper speeds so both sides of the bridge don't slam down when they are lowered and damage the bridge. A broken wire or faulty limit switch will automatically halt bridge operation as a safety precaution, he said.

Workers were able to repair the bridge by mid-afternoon on Saturday. Traffic along U.S. 31 through Charlevoix was not impacted while the bridge was being repaired, however, ferry service through the Beaver Island Boat Company was temporarily disrupted due to the malfunction.

Boating accident during Boyne Thunder send crew members to hospital

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

PETOSKEY - The first boat accident ever to occur during the popular annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run left four crew members in the water and two of them needing hospital attention last weekend.

Officials with Boyne City Main Street Program, hosts of the event, said the accident occurred last Saturday afternoon, July 14, on Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay between card stop number three in Bay Harbor and the fourth card stop in Harbor Springs.

The yearly event attracts thousands of spectators from across the country to the Boyne City area to watch some 100 high-powered boats as they motor into a 150-mile-long route that winds through Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix to collect cards for the best poker hand. The route includes five stops to collect cards in Elk Rapids, Northport, Bay Harbor, Harbor Springs and Horton Bay. Cash prizes between \$5,000 and \$1,500 are awarded to the best poker hand and \$500 to the worst hand.

But four downstate boaters got dealt a bad hand entirely during last weekend's 15th annual event, according to a press release from Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin.

Wallin said around 3 p.m. on Saturday, Emmet County Sheriff's Marine Deputies responded to a boating accident involving a watercraft



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participating in the Boyne Thunder Poker Run on Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay, about a mile and a half east of Petoskey.

Wallin said the boat, a 37-foot-long, 1998 Outerlimits, either hit an object in the water or had mechanical failure, which caused the outdrives to become separated from the vessel. "The vessel abruptly turned sideways, skipping across the water causing four people to be thrown into the water," Wallin stated in the release.

He said the four were all wearing personal flotation devices and were rescued by another boater participating in the poker run. Wallin said marine deputies accompanied them to the Petoskey

marina where they were met by Emmet County EMS.

He noted that the power boat was damaged and had taken on some water, but was seaworthy enough to be towed to the Petoskey marina.

Wallin said the watercraft was driven by 39-year-old Steven Michael McCormack of Marne, Michigan. Two of McCormack's passengers, Jenny Lynn McCormick, 29, also of Marne, and Sarah Marie Holford, 33, of Spring Lake, Michigan, were transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

One of the two transported to the hospital suffered a hip fracture and the other was badly bruised.

Boyne City Main Street Program Director Kelsie

King-Duff said last weekend's accident was the first ever in the 15 years the Boyne Thunder Poker Run has been held. She issued a statement regarding the incident on behalf of her organization on its website:

"Boyne City Main Street and members of the Boyne Thunder committee are working closely with authorities on this matter. We wish the injured a speedy recovery and safe travels home to all Boyne Thunder Poker Run participants and sponsors."

Wallin noted that assisting the Emmet County Sheriff's Office were the Harbor Springs Police Department Marine Division, Petoskey Department of Public Safety and Emmet County EMS.

Open call for Women's Resource Center 2018 Tribute

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) is seeking community nominations for its 2018 Tribute awards until the deadline of September 13. Honorees will be announced prior to the awards reception at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 8.

Tribute awards celebrate extraordinary women, young women and men who make significant contributions in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties; the WRCNM's service area. Tribute nomination categories include:

Advocacy — a woman whose bold advocacy for a population or cause has resulted in increased community awareness and action on issues of social concern.

Business/Profession — a woman who has exhibited superior ability/accomplishment in a company, business, organization or association.

Community Services — a woman who has shown out-

standing achievement as a volunteer to better the community.

Man of Action — a man whose service/actions have demonstrated his commitment toward the well-being of women. Sponsored by the 100 Men Campaign.

Pinnacle — a woman who has dedicated a lifetime of service and provided meaningful, influential contributions that have made a positive difference in her community

Youth — a young woman, 21 or younger, who has demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments to better herself, school and community.

Tribute awards recognize and honor women, young women and men who have made powerful contributions both in their professional life and in their community.

"Local people should know that this is their chance to help tell the story of someone they know who is out in the community

making a positive difference," said Gail Kloss, WRCNM executive director. "We really are asking the community to tell us who the honorees should be each year." Kloss said a volunteer selection committee reviews all nominations and uses a matrix to determine who will be honored in each of the six categories.

Tribute nomination forms are available on the organization's website, at www.wrcnm.org under the News/Events tab. There is no nomination fee. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Thursday, September 13.

Tickets for the 5th annual Tribute awards, which include an array of Stafford's heavy appetizers, are \$25 per person; honorees receive two complimentary tickets. To learn more about tickets, sponsorship opportunities, nominations or event information, call the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067.



Past Tribute award honorees include the 2014 recipients (top row from left) Lisa Clavier, Advocate; Gail Gruenewald, Business and Profession; Babs Kutcpal, Community Service; Mark Fralick, Man of Action; U15 Harbor Springs Soccer Team, Youth; 2015 recipients (second row from left) Mary Peterson, Advocate; Elisa Seltzer, Business and Profession; Penny Huber, Community Service; Bill Wilson, Man of Action; Ann Irish, Pinnacle; 2016 recipients (third row from left) Ginger Stevens, Advocate; Paula Musilek, Business and Profession; Lisa Blanchard, Community Service; Steve Van Dam, Man of Action; Martha Lancaster, Pinnacle; Emily Kurbuski, Youth; 2017 recipients (bottom row from left) Stacey Ettawageshik, Advocate; Denise Croake, Business and Profession; Jackie Burrell, Community Service, Kevin Burns, Man of Action; Jan Mancinelli, Pinnacle; and Haylie Haase, Youth. COURTESY PHOTO

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, July 2, 2018

- 0622 Report of found dingy near Peninsula Beach
- 0843 parking complaint in the 200 block of N Park St
- 0849 Disturbance in the 100 block of N Lake St.
- 1043 Burning permit issued on Earl St
- 1047 Parking complaint in the alley along the boardwalk
- 1110 Found driver's license turned in. Was found at peninsula Beach.
- 1250 Funeral escort
- 1233 Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1242 Driving complaint on Lakeshore
- 1502 Found Shirt in Old City Park
- 1537 Report of dog left in vehicle on Water St.
- 1659 Report of older subject trying to stop cars at State and East for a ride, banging on cars.
- 1904 Driving complaint coming in M75N to Riverridge.
- 2014 Report of a possible domestic on Jefferson St. near Spring St.
- 2050 Vehicle unlock at the Harborage Marina.
- 2130 Vehicle unlock at Peninsula beach.
- 2152 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
- 2213 Assist another agency in the 100 block of E Court St.
- 2213 Fireworks complaint in the area of Poplar and Jefferson.
- 2215 Noise complaint on Robinson St.

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

- 0218 Assist to Ottawa County SO regarding threat complaint
- 0800 Report from Lower Lake St

- 0806 Stolen trailer plate reported from the 400 block of Front St
- 0928 Hit and run crash on Water St. Other vehicle located.
- 1045 MDOP to the geraniums on the Lake St Bridge.
- 1218 Parking complaint in the 100 block of N Lake St.
- 1330 Larceny of a foldable ladder from the 100 block of W Morgan.
- 1424 Threats complaint
- 1545 Wallet found on Lakeshore. Was returned to owner.
- 1555 Hit & run in parking lot off Ray St.
- 1555 Report of attempted phone scam from Front St
- 1730 Report of a dog in a van on Water St across from Red Mesa.
- 1824 Private property damage crash in the front High School lot.
- 1911 Assist EMS in the 400 block of N Lake.
- 2006 Report of a vehicle running for 3+ hours at the Atrium. Located the owner
- 2116 Welfare check in the 400 block of Groveland St. Found subject unresponsive. Transported by EMS.
- 2303 Fireworks complaint from the 600 block of State St.
- 2343 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Church Rd. Armed subject assaulting another person. BCPD officer bitten by dog while assisting.

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

- 0402 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Longfield Farm Trl.
- 1028 Request EMS at Park and Water for Juvenile suffering from the heat
- 1051 Missing juvenile at the parade.
- 1100 Assist EMS on S Park St during parade

- 1130 Found purse near Lake and River St. Returned to owner.
- 1149 Assist EMS in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1353 Assist EMS on Avalanche for a bicycle crash.
- 1441 PIA car versus bike PIA on Lake St in front of the Open Space.
- 1712 MDOP to vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1725 Report of juveniles jumping off the shoppers dock.
- 1747 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of E Main St.
- 1847 Report of lost key to 1951 Chevy.
- 1955 Report of traffic light out at Water and Lake. Power outage downtown.
- 1955 Alarm at Lake and Water. Power related.
- 2032 Driving complaint at State and Park St
- 2054 Report of two intoxicated subjects being belligerent in Veteran's Park.
- 2120 Driving complaint coming in to town on BC Rd.
- 2140 Found wallet turned in
- 2201 Towed a vehicle parked blocking the fire hydrant behind City Hall.
- 2215 Hit and run crash in the 100 block of North St
- 2234 Arrested subject for domestic violence in Veteran's Park
- 2247 Report of explosions at the fireworks that were part of the display
- 2256 Report of subjects shooting fireworks at others on North St.
- 2303 Assist EMS at the Veteran's Memorial
- 2313 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of W Michigan Ave.
- 2321 Fireworks complaint at W Morgan St. and S. Lake St

Thursday, July 5, 2018

- 0214 Arrested subject for OWI on Lakeshore Rd
- 0234 Fireworks complaint at W. Division and Pleasant.
- 0817 Report of damage to vehicle on Collings St by fireworks last night
- 0958 Arrested subject for DWLS on Beardley at the Recycling Center
- 1133 Found cell phone dropped off at PD. Returned to owner.
- 1158 Report of attempted phone scam in Harborage Park
- 1202 Found shirt dropped off at PD
- 1313 Report of dog left tied up outside for over 2 hours on W Court St.
- 1427 Assist Sheriff Dept., EMS and Fire Dept. on Addis Rd.
- 1605 Report of larceny of cash from the 800 block of S Park St
- 1915 Report of a dog RAL near the Post Office.
- 2122 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of S Lake St.
- 2236 Fireworks complaint turned into neighborhood dispute on Main St

Friday, July 6, 2018

- 0718 Car deer crash at State and Call
- 1036 Assist citizen in the 400 block of Poplar St
- 1105 Report of delivery truck blocking traffic on Water St.
- 1425 Reports of wave runner heading toward Veteran's Park in need of assistance. Made it in ok
- 1456 Citation issued for speed at Lake and Morgan
- 1656 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 1715 Neighbor dispute in the 600 block of E Main.

- 1729 Vehicle unlock on First St.
- 1750 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St.
- 1822 Assist citizen on Front St.
- 1932 Found wallet turned in. Was returned to owner's daughter
- 1954 Assist EMS on Boyne City Rd. near YSP.
- 1959 Found ID turned in at the PD. Found at Peninsula Beach. Was returned to owner.
- 2042 Fireworks complaint in the area of 500 Poplar St.
- 2221 Noise complaint in the 600 block of E. Main St.
- 2230 Fireworks complaint in the area of Poplar St and Brown St.
- 2234 Fireworks complaint called in from Jersey St.
- 2309 Noise complaint in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 2322 Noise complaint in the 200 block of S Lake St

Saturday, July 7, 2018

- 0150 Intoxicated subject at Lake and Main.
- 0220 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of S Lake St.
- 0858 Vehicle unlock at the Farmer's Market.
- 0914 Foot patrol at the Farmer's Market.
- 1213 Wallet found at the Farmer's Market.
- 1234 Report of subjects installing fence on City property. Was on private property.
- 1235 Funeral escort.
- 1403 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S Park.
- 1414 Assist EMS in the 900 block of Boyne Ave.
- 1601 Private property damage crash in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 1640 Report of a car alarm going off on S Lake.

- 1853 Assist citizen in the 600 block of W Michigan.
- 1919 Animal complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 2010 Lodged a small dog found running at large on Zink Rd.
- 2124 Fireworks complaint on Lower Lake St.
- 2237 Fireworks complaint in Rotary Park.
- 2302 Citation issued for speed on W. Division near S. Lake St.
- 2340 Assist citizen in the 200 block of S Lake St

Sunday, July 8, 2018

- 0850 Found trailer plate in the Marina. Returned to registered owner.
- 0908 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Behling Rd.
- 1046 Went to shelter to lodge a stray dog. Owner was there to get it before I arrived.
- 1143 Report of spent fireworks landing in yard on N Lake St.
- 1423 Report of hit and run to vehicle on Lake near Water. Note left by a witness. Located other vehicle involved on Pearl St.
- 1549 Report of possible OWI from Vogel St
- 2037 Lodged two stray dogs found in the 1000 block of Second St.
- 2047 Private property damage crash in the 500 block of N. Lake St. Arrested driver for DWLS

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MCLAREN EXPANSION

FROM PG. 1A

Thus far, some \$23 million has been raised, largely due to Offield's donation. Numerous family members stood alongside McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital officials on site last week for a groundbreaking for the project, which is slated for completion in 2022.

The 170,000 square-foot expansion will bring 92 new private patient rooms, ultimately creating enough space for most all rooms to be private at the hospital. There will also be new operating rooms, a new intensive care unit and a new, larger cardiovascular unit to better accommodate the most state-of-the-art technological advances and equipment.

McLaren president and CEO David Zechman said the new wing will be named the Offield Pavilion in honor of the family's large donation to help fund the project, and also to honor its legacy in playing such a pivotal role in establishing the hospital in the Petoskey community from the very beginning.

Offield, who also has a home in Harbor Springs, is the great-grandson of William Wrigley Jr., who founded the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company in 1891. The company was sold in a \$23 billion deal to Mars, makers of M & M's candy, back in 2008. The family has had a home base in northern Michigan for decades and has supported the hospital for some 80 years.



Lead donor Jim Offield (left) and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital CEO and President David Zechman took center stage at the groundbreaking for the hospital's new wing. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Offield said his family ties to the facility run deep and personal: his grandfather and his father were on the hospital's board of directors, his nephew was born there,

his brother's leukemia was diagnosed there, and of course, McLaren Northern Michigan is where his own life was saved.

He said he and his family are "exceptionally proud" to have their name associated with the new hospital wing because he stands strong in the belief that an excellent health care facility like McLaren should be readily



Even the littlest Offield, tiny PK Offield, did his part to dig up some dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital last week. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

accessible to all who live in northern Michigan.

The hospital currently serves 22 counties and roughly 430,000 people through the northern lower and the eastern U.P. of Michigan, said Patrick Shulte, vice president and chief development officer at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

McLaren kicked off its public capital fundraising phase last week with a health fair in downtown Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park. For more information about the expansion project or to contribute, go to: mclarennorthernbuilds.org



Those attending the McLaren Northern Michigan Community fundraiser event in downtown Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park last week were able to tour the "MegaHeart" which gives an up close and inside view of the human heart. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Dedication of the the Robert W. Considine Heart & Vascular Center

McLaren Northern Michigan officially dedicated and named its Heart & Vascular Center in honor of Robert W. Considine on Monday, July 16. The dedication was made after Mr. Considine made a lead gift in honor of the care provided to him by Louis A. Cannon, MD, Interventional Cardiovascular Specialist, Senior Program Director, Heart and Vascular Center, and President, The Cardiac & Vascular Research Center of Northern Michigan.

"Dr. Cannon and saving the lives of cardiac patients at this hospital have been very important to me," Considine said. "I've made gifts in the past to fund equipment and further the life-saving work performed by Louis and his team. For this donation, I wanted to leave a legacy and honor Louis who once told me I would 'not [die] on his watch.'"

Mr. Considine's donation will fund a new catheterization lab and equipment, as well as the purchase of new Robotically assisted Percutaneous Coronary Intervention technology. It will also create the Robert W. Considine Heart and Vascular Program Endowment Fund to build on the program's strength and reputation as one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases as determined by Truven/IBM Watson Health.

"I am truly moved by the generosity of Mr. Considine," Cannon said. "His gifts have literally helped save the lives of hundreds of cardiac patients. Our program is strong because of his commitment and support."

"The dedication of Robert W. Considine Heart & Vascular Center will impact patients for generations to come," added David Zechman, President and CEO of McLaren Northern Michigan. "We are grateful to Mr. Considine for supporting the work of Dr. Cannon and



Patrick Schulte, Vice President and Chief Development Officer of McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, David Zechman, President and CEO of McLaren Northern Michigan, Robert W. Considine, Dave Frescoln, Board Chair of McLaren Northern Michigan Board of Trustees, Elise Hayes, Chair of the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation Board of Trustees. COURTESY PHOTO

his team, as well as our vision to impact the lives of the patients who rely on McLaren Northern Michi-

gan for their care." If you would like to learn more about the Robert W. Considine Heart & Vascular

Center or to make a gift, please visit mclarennorthernbuilds.org or call (231) 487-3500.

Making Michigan safer for bicyclists

BY SEN. WAYNE SCHMIDT
37TH SENATE DISTRICT

Biking is exploding in popularity because it is a fantastic way to get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Whether it is for their daily commute, for exercise, or just for fun, many Michiganders are taking to two wheels.

Those who have taken up bicycling could not have picked a better place to enjoy the hobby. Michigan boasts more than 1,300 miles of biking trails for cyclists of all levels. Michigan also offers more rail trails than any other state and is one of the most scenic states for bicycle touring.

So whether you're hitting the busy streets of one of Michigan's urban areas, or enjoying the endless miles of backwoods trails, Michigan is the place to be. As more and more are pursuing the hobby, we need to look at ways to share our roadways and ensure the safety of everyone.

I recently supported several pieces of legislation aimed at improving safety measures for cyclists throughout the state. I was happy to see Gov. Rick Snyder recently sign these measures into law, bringing Michigan in line with nearly 40 other states in implementing a safe passing law.

Senate Bill 330 (Public Act 212 of 2018), along with House Bills 4198, 4185 and 4265 (PAs 277, 279 and 280 of 2018), will make Michigan a safer place for bicyclists and drivers alike.

PA 212 expands Michigan's law punishing drivers without a valid operator license who cause the death or serious bodily injury of another person to apply to out-of-state drivers.

PAs 277, 279 and 280 require drivers to allow a safe distance of at least three feet when passing a cyclist on either the left or right side, and they allow drivers to pass a bicycle in a no passing zone if it is safe to do so. Law enforcement officers are able to use technology and other various measures to enforce these passing laws. Violation of the safe passing rule would result in a civil infraction similar to a speeding ticket.

The new laws would also require the state's initial teen driver education course to include at least one hour of classroom instruction on laws pertaining to bikes, motorcycles and vulnerable roadway users. The lesson would feature segments on laws pertaining to yielding, traveling at a safe and reasonable speed for conditions, ensuring a safe distance, and distracted driving.

Several communities across the state have adopted minimum passing guidelines for vehicles overtaking a bicyclist. It's time we bring Michigan up to par with other states and create a consistent set of guidelines instead of a patchwork of local ordinances.

This is a fantastic step toward preventing tragic accidents. These new laws make it clear to drivers what their responsibilities are when approaching bicyclists on the road. I encourage everyone to stay safe and share our state's roadways.

Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R- Traverse City, represents the 37th state Senate District, which includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac counties.

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