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The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is set to open Tuesday, August 21 and continue through the Sunday, August 26. COURTESY PHOTO

Emmet-Charlevoix COUNTY FAR

East Jordan **Annual Summer Sidewalk Sales**

he East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join the fun at this not-to-be-missed event as East Jordan businesses offer great deals both inside and outdoors at East Jordan's annual Summer Sidewalk Sales. Friday, August 17, from 10am to 5pm. Participating East Jordan businesses open their doors and roll out the sale racks.

Savvy shoppers will find some hot summer deals at East Jordan's unique collection of shops and restaurants, as well as cultural experiences at the local arts council and science center. The Jordan River Arts Council will by holding the "Splash" exhibit and Raven Hill Discover Center will be hosting the Charlevoix Weavers Gild exhibit as part of its fabulous Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibit. From apparel, gifts, books, home décor, collectables and food & drink specials, there are many opportunities to find a bargain. Mark your calendar and make

a day of it in East Jordan.

Summer Sidewalk Sale in Charlevoix this a al can d weekena

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BY JIM AKANS

For 113 years, the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair has been an annual summer tradition that has been thrilling residents and visitors to the area. The 2018 Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is set to open once again this coming Tuesday, August 21 and continues through the following Sunday, August 26. There will also be 4-H Livestock Shows at the fairgrounds on Monday starting at 4pm.

The midway will soon be bustling with carnival set-up activity, the 4-H livestock barns will be filling up, vendors and exhibitors will begin creating their spaces in the 10,000 square foot Community Building, and the 2,500 seat Grandstand area is being prepared for a week of exciting shows.

Free family fun events

during fair week will include carnival rides and games by Skerbeck Family Carnival on the midway, a local artists displays, a Dog Agility Show... even a Firefighter Show! The Community Center Outdoor stage will feature live music from "Second Time Around on Tuesday, and Wednesday enjoy demonstrations by the Back Porch Crafters.

Visitors to the fair will enjoy, exciting grandstand events including a "Beatles vs. the Stones" performance by two excellent tribute bands, live music from Tom Zipp and The Bull Pen Country Concert, (the 2017 Country Showdown winner), a Monster Truck Showdown, a Country Music band showdown, Horse and Tractor Pulls and more.

The Grandstand area will kick off on Tuesday with the fair's longest run-

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ning event; Horse, Mini Horse and Pony Pulls. Wednesday evening get ready for a battle of classic rock n' roll at the "Beatles vs. the Stones" presents two of the coun-

try's best tribute bands performing the greatest concert that never was. Thursday night enjoy more live music as Tom

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Fair week begins with two exciting live music concerts in the grandstand area. Wednesday evening get ready for a battle of classic rock n' roll at the "Beatles vs. the Stones" presents two of the country's best tribute bands performing the greatest concert that never was. Thursday night enjoy more live music as Tom Zipp and the Bullpen (shown here). COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix area merchants are pleased to once again offer hot summer deals at their annual end of summer sidewalk sales taking place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 16, 17 & 18.

Take advantage of substantial reductions on a variety of seasonal inventory that must go. Merchants will be out in force with great sales to reduce inventories before the fall season.

Shoppers will find great discounts on gift items, home decor, clothing, books, jewelry, accessories and so much more. Hours may vary, but most merchants will be on the sidewalk from 9am to 6pm and inside after 6pm. So shop early for the best steals, deals and unbelievable savings. Don't miss the best bargains of the year on an array of quality merchandise at participating merchants located downtown Charlevoix and throughout the area.

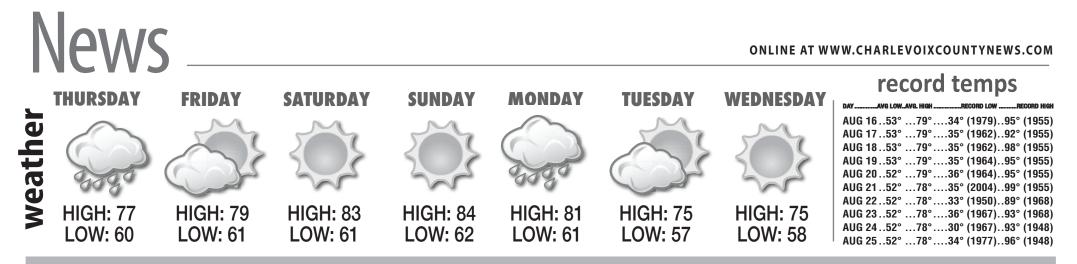
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OBITUARIES

C. William Whitlock II, 75

(SEPT. 19, 1942 - AUG. 10, 2018)



C. William (Bill) Whitlock II died at Pineview Cottage in Harbor Springs, Michigan, on August 10, 2018.

He was born on September 19, 1942, in Geneva, Illinois, to Grace Virginia Otis Whitlock and Charles William Whitlock, just four days after his father was sent off to fight in World War II.

Bill grew up on the family farm in Itasca and graduated in 1960, from Lake Park High School, Medinah, Illinois. He went on to earn a B.A. in Philosophy from Cornell College, culminating with a J.D. from University of Denver in 1967. Upon graduation, Bill returned to Chicago, and worked for Harris Trust and Savings Bank for nine years before leaving for Owosso, Michigan to join Owosso Savings Bank as senior vice president and chief lending officer in 1976. Owosso Savings Bank was ultimately acquired by Old Kent, and in 1996, Bill moved to Holland, Michigan to serve as Old Kent's new president. He

ended his career in Oshkosh, Wisconsin as a regional president with U.S. Bank.

Bill loved the outdoors from an early age and was proud of his time as a boy scout. Throughout his life he was drawn to activities outside, including turkey and quail hunting, boating, downhill and xc skiing, tennis, golf, and running. Bill shared these joys with his children and together they enjoyed family ski adventures in Northern Michigan and the Rockies.

He also felt a strong civic duty to give back to his community, sharing his time and talent with a variety of organizations including, Shiawassee Valley Development Corp, Baker College, Memorial Health Care Center, Kiwanis, Rotary, Mercy Hospital, Fox Valley Technical College, United Way, EAA, and Oshkosh Area Development Corporation.

Bill was a loving father to his three children, always encouraging them to work hard and glowingly sharing his pride in their accomplishments. Bill deeply loved his wife Mary and they shared a love of their combined families, giving them great joy. Bill was the consummate gentleman, kind, funny, and generous to his family and community.

Bill is survived by Mary Elizabeth Whitlock, his wife of 19 years and faithful, loving caregiver; children, **Catherine Whitlock Evans** and her husband, Cory, of Wilmette, IL; Eloise Otis Whitlock and her husband, Andrew DeVooght of Chicago, IL; Charles William Whitlock III of Chicago, IL;

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step-children, Amy Lewis-Cunningham and her husband Jim of Naperville, IL; Andrea Vinstra and her husband Greg of Edwardsburg, MI; Annette Hajec and her husband, Greg of Fenton, MI; Cynda Parks and her husband Derek of Fenton, MI; sister, Lynne (Whitlock) Gannett and her husband Keith of Mount Pleasant, SC; grandchildren, Sybil & Gordon Evans; Graham De-Vooght; step-grandchildren Rose, Lily & Andrew De-Vooght; Hailey & Hayden Hurn; Dru & Trey Hajec; Skylar & Mason Parks;

nieces, Shane Dunn of Mount Pleasant, SC; Jody Rieth of Charlotte, NC; nephew, Ryan Rieth and his wife Kate of Raleigh, NC; great-nieces, Savanah & Skylar Dunn; Emery Rieth.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 14 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, MI.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa or Hospice of Michigan.

Donald J. Bambach, 88

(FEB. 1, 1930 - AUG. 9, 2018)



Donald "Don" J. Bambach of Traverse City, formerly of Charlevoix, went to be with

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Leonard J. Dubey, 86 (NOV. 26, 1931 - AUG. 7, 2018)



Leonard J. Dubey of Charlevoix passed away on August 7, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. Leonard was born on November 26, 1931 in Alpena,

MI to the late Wilfred and Edna (McCardel) Dubey. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Immediately, following his discharge he worked as an Electrical Engineer at the Belvedere Hotel. Leonard then worked for the City of Charlevoix for 30 years and following his re-

tirement he was a Charlevoix School Bus Driver for 10 years. Leonard was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix where he was very active and served as a trustee and deacon. He was also involved in the building of church.

He enjoyed spending his time fishing, watching Westerns, construction, square dancing all over the United States, taking his grandkids to sporting events. Leonard was his grandchildren's biggest fan.

On September 9, 1955 in Eastport Leonard married Jeanne Drury who survives He is also survived by his 2 children, Cathryn (Eugene) Liotta of Freeland, MI and Cristal (Thomas) Black of Leesburg, Florida; grandchildren, Bryan (Jennifer Marie) Liotta of Hemlock. MI Jennifer Rose (Patrick) Corbett of Grosse Ile, MI; 3 great grandchildren, Trekstyn and Maveryx Liotta and Samuel Corbett and sister, Geraldine Robbins of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral service was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Charlevoix First Baptist Church. Interment at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Charlevoix First Baptist Church. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

relatives.

Margaret is survived by son Gary (Alison); grandchildren Gary (Sara Stadtmiller), Kirstin Omiatek, and Erika McCleary; greatgrandchildren Riley and Keegan McCleary, Quinten Mattoon, and Luna Mellon. She is also survived by three brothers, one sister, and numerous nieces and nephews. One sister preceded Margaret in death.

Funeral mass to be held 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 16th with a visiting hour from 12:00 PM until the time of service at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City.

Burial service was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Pontiac Michigan on Friday, August 11th.

In lieu of flowers, and in Margaret's memory, please direct memorials to Grandvue Terrace and Parks Building and Maintenance Fund through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at grandvue.org.

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

Harvey E. Furness, 81

(JULY 31, 1937 - AUG. 5, 2018)



Harvey E. Furness of

middle son Kevin.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed working in his yard and garden with Lois. His true outdoor passion however was hunting and fishing where he learned early on in his childhood from his father and his many uncles who taught him the value of sportsmanship in the outdoors which he then passed on to his 3 boys. He was also a huge fan of all Detroit teams; he especially loved watching and then complaining about his beloved Tigers. Most importantly was his love for his friends and family for whom he cherished.

A memorial service was held August 13, 2018 at the Alanson United Methodist Church in Alanson, MI. A burial service will be held at the Elkton Cemetery in Elkton, MI on Monday August 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM with a luncheon following.

Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service is handling the arrangements. Please share your memories and personal message with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Angie J. Scott Supernaw, 105

(SEPT. 8, 1912 - AUG. 11, 2018)

Angie Scott Supernaw passed away on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

She was born September 8, 1912 in Norwood Township, daughter of Edward and Anna Oosterbaan Scott.

Angie grew up in the Charlevoix area, graduating from Charlevoix High School and from Howell's School of Business in Muskegon.

On October 1, 1938 she married William I. Supernaw in Charlevoix, who preceded her in death on October 22, 1981

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Distribution JEFF BARAGREY Jeff@WeeklyChoice.com the Lord on August 9, 2018 at Munson Hospice House.

Don was born on February 1. 1930 in Holland, MI to the late Joseph and Winifred (Cunningham) Bambach. He graduated from

Charlevoix High School in 1948 and joined the United States Air Force during the Korean War Era. He also attended Michigan State University and worked for many vears before retiring in 1992 from General Clay Products in Columbus, Ohio.

Don was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. He treasured spending time with his family and enjoyed woodworking, golf and fishing.

On November 14, 1952 in Austin, Texas he married Nancy R. Kipke who survives. He is also survived by his children, Katherine Burton of Elk Rapids, Deborah Bambach of Flagstaff, AZ, Laura (Gerry) Mayes of Elk Rapids, Pamela (Steve) Bemis of Traverse City, Steven (Beverly) Bambach of Livonia; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Luanna Best.

Funeral service will be held at 12:00 - noon on Friday, August 17, 2018 at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with Pastor Brian Conover officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00 until 8:00p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Private interment will be held at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Hospice House at 450 Brook St, Traverse City, MI 49684 or the Community Reformed Church at 100 Oak St, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

Margaret (Rhodes) Mellon, 98

(SEPT. 2, 1919 - AUG. 10, 2018)

Margaret Mellon of Boyne City, formerly of Auburn Hills, passed away on August 10 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Margaret was born in Oakland County Michigan on September 2, 1919 to Marie (Cole) Rhodes and Karl Rhodes. She attended Wing Lake Elementary School and graduated from Birmingham High School.

Margaret married James Mellon in 1945. They resided in Pontiac, Michigan before moving to Boyne City in 1981. Margaret was preceded in death by Jim in 2001. Margaret enjoyed gardening, spending time with family. playing Bingo, cheering on her beloved Detroit Tigers and cooking delicious meals enjoyed by many friends and Charlevoix passed away August 5, 2018 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility from complications during his 4 year battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. "Harv" was born July 31, 1937 in Shabbona, MI, to his parents Clifford and Marion (Peterson) Furness

He grew up in Elkton, MI where he graduated high school from Elkton High. He then went on to earn his certificate and served his apprenticeship as a tool and die maker in the automotive industry. He spent his career of 44 years employed by Active Tool and Die, Inc. in Sebewaing, MI where he eventually moved up to the position of Tool & Die/Qualitv Control Manager. After retirement he absolutely loved working part time for the Landon Family at the Indian River Car Quest. Harvev was an active member and served as trustee of the Alanson United Methodist Church.

On September 6th, 1958 he married Lois Jean Ackerman, his wife of 60 years who he loved dearly. Also surviving are two sons, Christopher (Jane) Furness and Timothy (Michelle) Furness; his sister, Lorraine (Furness) Faist: two granddaughters. Kayla (Mitch) Coates and the "apple of his eye", Rhianna Jean Furness: two greatgranddaughters, Sophia and Abigail Coates; many nieces, nephews and cousins who he always enjoyed visiting and catching up with.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents and his



She was a member of the Congregational Church for 84 years, and a charter member of their Mary Burns Circle.

Angie was the first **Charlevoix Winter Snow** Queen in 1930.

She was the Women's City Golf Champion in 1957 and '58. Her husband, Bill, was also the Men's City Golf Champion in 1958.

Her interests included golf, skiing, bridge and sewing. Angie also enjoyed her computer.

She is survived by two sons: W. Scott (Chris) Supernaw of Southport, CT. and Samuel C. (Mary Lou) of Charlevoix; four grandchildren: Jonathan J. (Nicole) of Traverse City; Samuel C. Jr. (Shannon) of Charlevoix; Brett W. Supernaw of Southport, CT; Mrs. Brooke (Henry) Heckman of Hong Kong (SAR) China and two great-grandchildren. Dillon and Samuel of Hong Kong.

Angie was preceded in death by siblings Edna Preston, Peter Scott, Charles Scott and Amelia Gregory.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday August 19th. 2018 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers please send contributions in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.



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Beaver Island trail dedication ceremony to be held September 1

A unique paddling experience on Lake Michigan will be celebrated at the BIC Center on Beaver Island, Michigan on September 1, with the dedication of the Beaver Island Water Trail. After more than five years of work and collaboration by a unique mix of business, government and special interest organizations, the trail has been fully marked and is ready for use. The dedication, to which all with interest are invited, will celebrate both the water trail itself and the unique process that brought it into existence

non-motorized water trail circumnavigates the entire Island and is geared for adventure paddling and those accustomed to rustic camping on state designated areas. It aims to enhance access, highlight natural and cultural features and promote tourism on the Lake Michigan's largest, most remote inhabited island. The water trail is unique for many reasons including its beautiful natural environment complete with shipwrecks to be paddled over. Familyfriendly areas to paddle include Paradise Bay, the island's natural harbor, At 43 miles in length, the and segments on the island's inland lakes. The celebration will include special paddling demonstration events in the harbor, music, and speakers involved in the development of the trail.

The BIC Center will serve as the water trail's headquarters and trailhead. "That role fits right in with our mission of preserving and highlighting our island's natural and cultural resources," said Carol Creasser, who is Vice President for Community Center Operations of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island. "And, we are excited to be hosting this special event.

Along with Representative Tristan Cole and Senator Wayne Schmidt, we expect to have Office of the Great Lakes Director Jon Allan here as well as Jack Bergman, our U.S. Congressman."

The trail is documented in the Beaver Island Paddling Guide, which can be accessed through Michigan Water Trails website at www.michiganwatertrails.org. The guide is also available for sale in a waterproof, printed version at the BIC Center and, beginning this fall, on the BIC Center's website at biccenter.org.

Funding for the project

was secured through the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes Coastal Zone Management Division as well as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division with the majority of funds paid directly to off-island parties that provided services necessary to establish the trail. PABI is providing in-kind support by acting as the trail head. For more information on the celebration contact the Beaver Island Community Center at 231-448-2022.

3 year old found in street at 2AM **Charlevoix mom pleads** not guilty to child abuse

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - A Charlevoix

County woman whose 3-year-old child was found alone in the middle of the road at 2 a.m. and almost hit by a car has

abuse.

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



pleaded not PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY JAIL) guilty to child

Courtney Aytes, 24, of Charlevoix, is now free on bond and awaiting further court proceedings after being arrested on a misdemeanor fourth degree charge of child abuse earlier this month. She was also charged with driving with a suspended license.

Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither explained in a media release that Aytes was arrested after an incident that occurred around 2 a.m. Saturday, August 4 when a health care worker, who was returning to the area from downstate, nearly hit a child who was in the middle of the road. He said the health care worker picked up the child and called 911.

Police said the 3-year-old child was dressed in light pajamas and shivering in the 56-degree nighttime temperature. The child's legs were covered in scratches, he said, noting that Boyne City EMS also checked for other iniuries.

Gaither said the child was unable to clearly tell officers the mother's name but that officers were eventually able to determine a possible name. He said a Charlevoix County Sheriff's deputy tried to contact that person at an apartment where she reportedly had been staying for the night, however, no one answered the door.

An investigation later deter-

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Cummings Quartet Chamber Music Camp Concert

The Cummings Quartet Chamber Music Camp, a program of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, will perform at three locations in Charlevoix on Friday August 17th from 4-5 pm. This concert is the culmination of the DGSP summer programs, which have included a Fiddle Camp, Orchestra on Beaver Island and the Summer School of Music. Student have performed in a variety of events and venues, including the East Jordan Freedom Festival, the opening weekend of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, the Charlevoix Venetian Festival and the Baroque on Beaver Island Festival.

The concert program includes small ensembles and a string orchestra, performing in the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor. The corridor comprises of the Charlevoix Public Library, the Historical Society and the Circle of Arts and was designated by the City of Charlevoix in 2017 to allow the three premier cultural

Swine Shows

institutions to combine efforts in programing. There will be performances at each location beginning at 4 pm and a grand finale at 4:45 in the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Twenty-three students from throughout the region and The Cummings String Quartet will perform music learned during two weeks of camp. The DGSP will soon be

accepting registrations for school-year programs. These include classes in area schools (Alanson, Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, Pellston, Petoskey), private lessons (Charlevoix and Petoskey), and Suzuki lessons (Charlevoix and Petoskey). The DGSP is led by Dr. David Reimer as the Music Director and recent hire Chas Helge as the Assistant Music Director. The DGSP offers numerous experiences in strings education throughout the school year as well as summer camp and lessons programing. This is generously funded



DGSP students play at the recent Venetian Festival in Charlevoix.

by The Cummings Foundation.

Please visit our website for more information (www.gerberstrings.org) or contact the director of the

DGSP, David Reimer (daviddgstrings@gmail.com). The performances are free to the public. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street,

Charlevoix MI, (231) 547-3554. For more programming information (www.charlevoixcircle.org).

.4 pm • (4-H Cloverbud/Animal Husbandry & Open Class)

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 Carnival Rides Open at 2 pm!

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Senior Citizen & Handi-Capable Citizen Day: Free Gate Admission -- Until 6 nm

• 4-H Waterfowl & Poultry Shows9 am - 11 am
• Community Center opens10 am-9 pm
 4-H Horse Shows - Fitting & Showing, English
and Reining Classes
• Mini Horse Pulls1 pm
• Pony Pulls
• Second Time Around
• 4-H & Open Class Lamb Show4 pm
Draft Horse Pulls
• 4-H Market Livestock Lamb Show6 pm
• 4-H Speed Horse Show 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!

Kids' Day: Ride One Price! Wristbands \$20, unlimited rides

Community Center open
• 4-H/Open Rabbit & Pocket pets
 4-H Western Horse Shows - Western Riding &
Jumping Classes11 am
Dog Agility ShowNoon
• 4-H Goat Show1 pm
 Exotic Animal Show following Goat Show
 4-H Animal Husbandry & Cloverbud Beef
& Dairy Shows
(Followed by Open Class Beef & Dairy Shows)
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- 4-H Market Livestock Jr. Beef & Dairy Feeders (To follow above)
- Back Porch Crafters1-4 pm

BEATLES VS. STONES CONCERT - 7 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!

Kids' Day: Ride One Price! Wristbands \$20, unlimited rides

- Community Center open10 am-9 pm 4-H Horse Show Trail & Bareback11 am

TOM ZIPP & THE BULLPEN **COUNTRY CONCERT - 7:30 PM**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!

- Dollar Days all rides \$1 Noon-6 pm
- Community Center open10 am-9 pm
- Horseback11 am

MONSTER TRUCK SHOW - 7 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Carnival Rides Open at Noon! NEW: Wristbands \$25 – unlimited rides!

Community Center open10 am-9 pm

AUTOCROSS! - 6 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Carnival Rides One Price \$15 Noon-6 pm Community Center open until 2 pm to pick up exhibits.



TUESDAY, AUG 21

Mini Horse Pulls1PM

Draft Horse Pulls5PM

THURSDAY, AUG 23

Tom Zipp and The Bullpen

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Firefighter Show, Dog Agility Show, Second Time Around Band, Horse Shows and Animal Exhibits!



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Country Concert - 7:30PM

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13 and up \$5,

Ages 12 and

under FREE!

SATURDAY, AUG 25

Autocross Action! 6PM



Admission: 13 and up \$10, Age 5-12 \$8. Under 5 FREE.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 22 **Beatles vs Stones Concert**



7 PM. Two of the country's best tribute bansd put on the greatest Cconcert that never was! Buy tickets at Etix.com, or calling the Fair office at 231-347-1010

TICKETS: \$23.50 (includes Gate Admission)

FRIDAY. AUG 24



Monster Truck Shootout - 7PM

Admission: 13 and up \$17, 2 / \$25 thru 8/23. Age 2-12 \$8. Under 2 FREE. Buy on ETIX.com or call Fair Office at 231-347-1010

To purchase Grandstand event tickets, call the Fair Office at (231) 347-1010.

Monster Truck tickets can also be purchased at the Petoskey, East Jordan, and Boyne City Chambers of Commerce thru Thursday, August 23rd.

GET A FAIR FUN PASS!

\$60 PER PERSON. Covers general admission to ALL Grandstand events and the Fairgrounds for the week. For purchase information contact the Fair office at 231-347-1010 or email info@emmetchxfair.org.

COUNTRY SHOW-

News Briefs

EAST JORDAN PLEIN AIR GATHERING AT STONEHEDGE GARDENS

August 16, 9:30am. Artists, painters and anyone welcome. Stonehedge Gardens is located at 2195 North M-66.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER SIDEWALK SALES

August 16-18. Charlevoix area merchants are pleased to once again offer hot summer deals at their annual end of summer sidewalk sales. Take advantage of substantial reductions on a variety of seasonal inventory that must go. Merchants will be out in force with great sales to reduce inventories before the fall season. Shoppers will find great discounts on gift items, home decor, clothing, books, jewelry, accessories and more. Hours may vary, but most merchants will be on the sidewalk from 9am to 6pm and inside after 6pm. So shop early for the best steals, deals and unbelievable savings. Don't miss the best bargains of the year on an array of quality merchandise at participating merchants located downtown Charlevoix and throughout the area.

EAST JORDAN SIDEWALK SALES

August 17, 10am-5pm. East Jordan merchants will be offering exciting summer savings during the annual East Jordan Sidewalk Sale event. The Jordan River Arts Council will by holding the "Splash" exhibit and Raven Hill Discover Center will be hosting the Charlevoix Weavers Gild exhibit as part of its fabulous Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibit.

CHARLEVOIX HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

August 17 & 18, 9am-3pm, Charlevoix Methodist Church, 104 State Street. Sale items include old fashioned secretary desk, 2 chest of drawers, Bentwood rocker and much more. Proceeds go to fund a mission trip to an area of Kentucky and Tennessee that is severely economically depressed; and also for many local ministries. The mission team must raise all their own funds for their proiects. Find a treasure and you'll help the folks in Kentucky, Tennessee and at home.

CHARLEVOIX CUMMINGS QUARTET CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP CONCERT

August 17, 4-5pm. The concert program includes small enles and a string orchestra performing in the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor. The corridor comprises of the Charlevoix Public Library, the Historical Society and the Circle of Arts and was designated by the City of Charlevoix in 2017 to allow the three premier cultural institutions to combine efforts in programing. There will be performances at each location beginning at 4 pm and a grand finale at 4:45 in the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Twenty-three students from throughout the region and The Cummings String Quartet will perform music learned during two weeks of camp. The performances are free to the public.

courses are out-and-back and along the shoreline, with Irish Boat Shop buoys marking the route. The event is a fundraiser for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and costs \$25 per paddle craft if registered by August 10th, \$35 after. Pre-registration and rental information can be found on the event website at www.paddle4thepool.com. Participants may also register the day of the event at Ferry Beach from 7:30 am - 9 am.

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL BENNETT SCHOOL

CAKE WALK August 18, 10am, Bennett, Kidder Road.

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 Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX MASONRY MAINTENANCE

AND REPAIR WORKSHOP August 20, 5:30-8pm, Charlevoix Depot Museum. This workshop investigates stone and brick as building materials, and examines some common issues associated with their deterioration and repair. Participants will learn how to assess mortar conditions, how and when to re-point (often referred to as tuckpointing), and how and when to replace stones or bricks, and the importance of selecting and using the right replacement mortar. Tick-\$10 Register ets: at CharlevoixPracticalPreservation.Eventbrite.com.

PETOSKEY

EMMET – CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR

August 20-26. Emmet County Fairgrounds. Carnival Rides, Live Music, Horse Pulls, Horse Show, Livestock Exhibits, Queens Pageant, Grandstand Events and more. Schedule available at www.emmetchxfair.org

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ingway & His Enduring Eden." At 5pm, a Preview Party will be held at the General Store for those with tickets for the event. The party features a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, comments by Colburn and music by Robin Lee Berry, a local singer-songwriter who created the music for the documentary, including its theme song, "Gone Wild."The screening is sponsored by the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) and begins at 7 p.m. in the United Methodist Church. Admission is free.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE CITY TRIATHLON-DUATHLON

September 2, Peninsula Beach. USA Triathlon Certified Races. Olympic Triathlon: 1,500m swim, 40km bike, 10km run. Sprint Triathlon: 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run. Sprint Duathlon: 5km run, 20km bike. 5km run. Events can be completed individually or as a relay team. Every athlete receives: A custom technical Running Hat or VIsor, finisher medal, finish line photo, postrace meal from on-site food trucks including Happy's Taco, Cheese and Co., and K&J Grill. More options and swag being finalized daily. Register at www.boynecitytriathlon.com

MACKINAW CITY **BRIDGE WALK**

September 3. Annual Bridge Walk begins at 7am in both Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. Busing will not be available to transport walkers. Options; 1-Participants can walk to the center of the Bridge and return to the city they started at. 2-Walk the entire length of the Bridge and arrange for their own transport back across. 3-Walk the entire length of the Bridge and walk back (must reach midpoint by 10am). Bridge will be closed to traffic from 6:30 - 10am. Further information at www.mackinawbridge.org/walk

CHARLEVOIX PROACTIVE PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

September 5, 5:30-8pm, Charlevoix Depot Museum. Join us for an evening of community networking and visioning! Let's discuss the benefits and challenges of maintaining, saving, and reusing old buildings, and how we can build and support a community of old house enthusiasts and rehabbers in the Charlevoix. Community leaders, elected offistakeholders. and cials. residents who care about historic places shouldn't miss this

cover charge for non-convention attendees, and advance registration is required. To reserve your space on September 7th, you may register online by visiting the Events Calendar at www.boynechamber.com. If unable to register online, please call the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.582.6222.

BAY HARBOR GREAT LAKES OVERTURE CONCERTS

September 8, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. 6Pm; Pre-Concert Talk with Libor Ondras. 7pm; Performance Begins Great Lakes Center for the Arts, Bay Harbor \$25 General Admission Please join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Composer in Residence. Gwyneth Walker, for an evening of great music featuring Great Lakes Overture by Walker, Serenade by Suk, and American Suite by Dvorak. For tickets and more information. please contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010 or visit www.glcorchestra.org.

CHARLEVOIX **STATE OF THE COMMUNITY**

September 11, 11:30am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community. For more information or to register to attend, please contact the Chamber at 231-547-2101

BOYNE CITY BOYNE CITY MAIN STREET 15TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION September 12, 7pm, Pavilion

in Veterans Park. Evening Dessert and a Presentation.

BOYNE CITY ELECTRONICS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

September 14; 5-8pm and September 15; 9am-1pm, Road Commission garage on M-75 South. Acceptable electronics and hazardous waste items include computers, TVs, appliances, tires, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paints, chemicals and lawn fertilizers. Call 231-237-0156 from Sept. 4-13 for reservations and collection location information. Most items are free; latex paints are \$1 per can.

BOYNE CITY

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

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 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, Memorial 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 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

vidual. 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

CHARLEVOIX 3RD ANNUAL PADDLE 4 THE POOL

August 18, 9am start, Ferry Beach. 4-mile kayak and canoe course. It also is introducing a new 2-mile SUP route. Both

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 Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. en-

HORTON BAY **HEMINGWAY DOCUMENTARY** PREMIERE

trance.

August 28, 7pm. Starbright Media Corporation (SMC) will screen the American premiere of its "final cut" for a feature documentary on "Young Hemworkshop! Free. Registration (at eventbrite.com) closes three days prior to the event. Pre-registration required.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN AUTHOR TONY RUBLESKI SPEAKING EVENT

September 7, 2:30pm, Boyne Mountain. The Michigan District Kiwanis is excited to have Tony Rubleski as the opening speaker at their convention. Tony is currently the president of Mind Capture Group. His message is designed to help people 'Capture' more minds and profits. He is an in-demand speaker who's given hundreds of presentations the past decade, a strategic business coach, and global event promoter with over 20+ years of experience in the personal development industry. The public is invited to attend. Tony will begin speaking at 2:30pm in the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain. There will be a \$10

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 entertainment 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 Valvtect 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

36TH ANNUAL COUNTRY MUSIC SPECTACULAR

September 23, Shows at 3pm and 6pm, Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. The Boyne City Firefighters Association is proud to present the 36th Annual "Country Music Spectacular" starring Gunnar & The Grizzly Boys with special guest Morgan Frazier. Each year the proceeds are used for updated advanced safety equipment and training for the Boyne City Fire Department. Ticket are available from firefighters and at the Chamber office

CHARLEVOIX 35TH ANNUAL CROP WALK

September 29, 9am. This year's walk will be a 5K and will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Point to the Tourist Park in East Jordan, the United Methodist Church in Boyne City and St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate, please contact: in East Jordan, March Teske at 231-536-3128, in Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042, and in Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 29, 8am-4pm. Downtown. The entire Boyne City Farmers Market will move to Water and Lake Streets from 8am to noon. The farm market booths will sell a variety of apples and other harvest items including pumpkins, squash, apple butter, jam, honey and cider. Portions of Water Street and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic during the festival to make room for the Farmers Market, music and more than 30 arts and craft vendors. The festival will also include folk art demonstrations, children's games, hay rides, and a scarecrow-making contest for residents and businesses.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers

NORTHERN MICHIGAN AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS WELCOME **GRANT PROPOSALS**

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation announce the availability of grant dollars to support the work of area nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities. The deadline to submit a grant proposal is Monday, October 1, 2018. Grant applications to support arts and culture, education, the environment, community and economic development, health and human services, recreation and youth are available by calling your respective community foundation office. Applicants must call to discuss their proposal to begin the application process. Eligible nonprofit organizations serve residents of Charlevoix or Emmet County and work to enrich or improve life for local residents. To apply for a grant or for more information, call or email your local community foundation. In Charlevoix County contact Mishelle Shooks for youth grants at mshooks@c3f.org or Maureen Radke for all other grants at maureen@c3f.org or call 231-536-2440. In Emmet County, contact Kassia Perpich or Sarah Ford at grants@phsacf.org or 231.348.5820.

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 indifor 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.



Zipp and the Bullpen take the stage. Later in the week enjoy a Monster Truck Showdown on Friday and Autocross Action on Saturday.

Skerbeck Carnival will open their rides on Tuesday, August 21 at 2pm and at noon every day for the rest of the week. For those who love to spend several days coming back again and again to enjoy the rides, a Mega Ride Pass is also available, which allows rides all week long, as many times as they wish. The price of the Mega Pass is \$60 if purchase at the fair office by Monday, August 20, or \$70 thereafter. Purchase a Mega Pass online at www.emmetchxfair.org or call the Fair office at (231) 347-1010.

Building on a tradition that is well over 100 years old, the **Emmet-Charlevoix County** Fair is well seasoned in entertaining those of every age and interest, and the weeklong adventure is also truly a bargain. Parking is free, and gate admission is a very reasonable \$6 per person (12 and under are free) each day.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.emmetchxfair.org

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2018 Proposed restoration and maintenance of train engine #6

BY KRYSTAL JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan City Commission met briefly last week to discuss the ambulance authority lease agreement and to acknowledge a proposal regarding the maintenance and upkeep of train engine #6, which now resides just over the bridge from the downtown area at Sportsman's Park.

After months of negotiations between the City of East Jordan and the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority, the commission feels as though they are getting close to coming to an agreement and hope to have a signed building lease soon.

While the authority agrees that

they will contribute \$10,000 each year towards a capital building replacement fund, which is to be used for large scale maintenance projects of the Emergency Services building, the authority wants to be a part of the decision making in how the money is handled, Commissioner John Doebel said.

The commission asked City Attorney Scott Beatty to add new verbiage to the lease concerning the use of funds. Language to be added to the lease will require the agreement of both the authority and the city on any expenditures from the capital building replacement fund. The city hopes to have some movement on the lease by their next regularly scheduled meeting.

also shared a proposal with city commissioners regarding train engine #6.

Built in 1909 by the American Locomotive Company's Pittsburgh Works, the train has been well cared for by the community over the years; however, Maxwell Crosby, a train enthusiast, has approached the city about the restoration and maintenance of the old steam locomotive.

Crosby says he has connections in the rail preservation community both in Michigan and nationwide who could lend their abilities to work on the engine. A large focus would be the stabilization and winterization of the locomotive, as well as preventative maintenance and the replacement and restoration of

rotted wood, broken appliances, and rusted metal. The project, Crosby says, would likely be sponsored through donations and volunteers.

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Commissioners received Crosby's written proposal but have made no decisions concerning his offer at this time. They do, however, recognize that the train will likely need maintenance and winterization of some sort before the winter season.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. A public hearing will precede the meeting at 6:45 p.m. concerning the proposed East Jordan Commercial Redevelopment District (CRD) establishment of boundaries.

City Administrator Tom Cannon

Water/Ways Alternative Boat Show & Community Mural Painting

Raven Hill is celebrating water this weekend with activities for the entire family. The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit continues at Raven Hill Discovery Center through September 23. Hours are 10am to 4pm daily. On Saturday, August 18 from

noon to 4pm, community members are invited to display their unique and unusual boats, like pedal boats, Amphicar, air boats, river boats, kayaks, canoes, etc. And kids are invited to make cardboard boats for display along with the real thing. At the same time, everyone is invited

to participate in painting a water mural to be permanently displayed at Raven Hill's new Open Space. Artist Kelly Boyle will design the mural and lead the community mural project.

Activities will take place at the NEW Raven Hill Open Space, which

is located at the junction of Pearsall Road, Fuller Road & C-48. The Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit, the Alternative Boat Show and the Community Mural Painting are all free with donations appreciated. Admission to Raven Hill is \$10.

Carnival Rides Schedule/Pricing

Tuesday, 8/21: 2pm-close; tickets only

Wednesday, 8/22: 12pmclose; \$20 daily armband Thursday, 8/23: 12pm-close;

\$20 daily armband Friday, 8/24: 12pm-close; dol-

lar daze noon-6pm; regular priced tickets 6pmclose

Saturday, 8/25: 12pm-close; NEW SPECIAL \$25 daily armband

Sunday, 8/26: 12pm-6pm; \$15 daily armband \$1 per ticket or \$40 for 50 tickets

Grandstand Schedule/Pricing

Tuesday, 8/21

- Mini Horse Pulls 1 p.m. - Pony Pulls 3 p.m.

- Draft Horse Pulls 5 p.m.

The Michigan Department of Transportation modernizes Mi Drive site for motorists The Michigan Department of construction, camera and truck to do a great job of providing the in-

Transportation (MDOT) has launched its newly designed Mi Drive construction and traffic information website. With motorists in mind, the streamlined Mi Drive website makes it even easier to view traffic cameras and speeds, locate incidents, and search construction projects - helping motorists know before they go.

Inside the new Mi Drive website, motorists will be able to turn on layers on the map that show speeds, construction, cameras, incidents, snowplow/maintenance vehicles, and truck parking locations and information on state highways. Motorists also can favorite their most-used cameras for easy viewing. New traffic lists make it simple for motorists to search and sort

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parking information, as well as having the option to go to that information directly on the map. Resource links allow motorists to sign up to receive MDOT traffic alerts via email or text, report potholes on state trunklines, and locate carpool lots, rest areas and roadside parks.

As with the previous version of Mi Drive, Facebook, Twitter and email buttons are available so that motorists can easily share information they are viewing on social media sites, personal websites, or with other motorists. For those crossing into Canada, the bridge and tunnel icons provide a direct link to each site where up-to-date border wait times and toll information can be found.

"MDOT's Mi Drive site continues

formation that commuters want and need as they make daily travel decisions," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We've modernized the site and improved performance but our goal is still the same - to keep Michigan's motorists safe, informed and mobile. We want to remind everyone to check their route before leaving because the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and workers is a top priority for all of us."

Motorists can access Mi Drive on their computers, laptops, smartphones, or other mobile devices by going to www.michigan.gov/drive. Shortcutting Mi Drive on a smartphone provides quick access to the site and eliminates the need for an app.

As always, MDOT encourages motorists to check Mi Drive before they leave for home or work. Safety is always a top priority as MDOT continues the Toward Zero Deaths statewide safety campaign.

Originally introduced in 2007, the Mi Drive site has been revamped several times and has proved to be popular with motorists. There were on average 1.5 million individual page views of the Mi Drive site in 2018. It is maintained by MDOT, the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB), and MDOT's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program. The latest improvements to the site were funded with \$175,000 from MDOT's general Information Technology fund and \$135,000 from ITS funds.

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and sixties. The media has some guilt in this but they are mostly owned by corporations enjoying status of individuals since Citizens Ununited came to pass via the SCOTUS copout, Michigan's gubernatorial decision in "Right To Work" (for less). The stage was certainly set for someone like Donald Trump to blimp his way center feature. Then \$1.5 trillion later... There are limits to anything. You can't rip babies from mothers' arms, lock them behind fencing and deport their parents - that's King Herod strategy and doesn't fly in 21st century America as even the lady of the house of ill repute, the White House, declaims as does #1 daughter, sort of. You can't deride a black sports hero for setting up a school for deprived youths. You can't insult a war hero veteran who has given his life to his country's stability. You can't publicly declare allegiance to a hostile foreign power while negating your own National Security agencies. You can't disavow the First Amendment right of free press. You don't call people names in immature 3rd-grade impulsiveness. You can't continually lie narcissistically as representative of a sovereign country. But mostly you can't separate babies and children from the only home and security they've ever known.

You just don't do that. But it's done in the name of making America great again. We've had it fairly good nonetheless, complacency, turpitude and ignorance aside. It may be conceded that the negatives have always been here, slavery, Jim Crow, displacement, repression, oppression, inequality, tax cuts for the rich, rigged voting, Constitutional violations. We pulled through though more or less intact. Let's get neither complacent nor defensive; this is not the first crisis experienced but this is as crucial as the first one. They all are. It's that vigilance thing. Like, constant. That's why there are security agencies. They're bothersome, sure, but without them we have what we have now, hogtied security agencies. It can't be under or overstated enough. The FBI, CIA &c are no Mary Poppins outfits; they're as detrimental as deterrent. But that's all we have to ensure liberty; the cops and the congress aren't gonna do it. We are not ruthless, even in the face of depraved cruelty. We are sorely tested now in steadfast determination versus acquiescence. Trump followers are the latter, we the former. It is time to stand and fight for what is right. Trump supporters are the enemy that will not fight for this country's freedom

and rights. Reverse illogic has inverted the facts and lies have become the new truth. It's true, Trumpists are wimps. Wusses. They're following a little bloated prep-school boy grown arrogant and bloviated with power and money gained under false pretenses. Not so voters at first who wanted to give the guy a chance, "wait and see". We waited, we saw. Working people, women included, had legitimate issues to confront, wages, retirement, benefits, mortgages, children, as their wages were slipping away and their benefits chipped off incrementally until the good life of the fifties and sixties was gone and they wanted a return to that era. It didn't happen but those insistently following losers are the real losers. That compounds the enigma of such groups as "Women (or Blacks) for Trump"; what on Earth do they expect from him now? He might be in prison or in the Ukraine next month, more likely prison; nobody else will want him when he's removed from office and illegitimate clout. By the dawn's early light shall we see...sanity? Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

Admission: Ages 13 & up: \$5. 12 and under: FREE

Wednesday, 8/22

Beatles vs. Stones Concert -7 pm. Tickets \$20 (includes gate admission)

Two of country's best tribute bands put on the greatest concert that never was. Buy tickets at etix.com or calling the Fair Box Office at 231-347-1010

Thursday, 8/23

Tom Zipp and The Bull Pen Country Concert, (2017 Country Showdown winner).Admission: Ages 13 & up: \$10. Ages 5-12: \$5. Under 5: FREE

Friday, 8/24

Monster Truck Shootout, 7pm. Admission: Ages 13 & up: \$17 2/\$25 through 8/23 Ages 2-12: \$8 Under 2: FREE Buy on etix.com or call 231-347-101

Saturday, 8/25

Autocross Action, 6pm. Admission: Ages 13 & up: \$10 5-12 : \$5;

under 5, FREE

that bad for most of us in the US and Canada, Scandinavia, Australia, much of Europe, not when compared with what others go through just to get through a day. America stood for freedom of expression, even says so in the Amendments, namely #1, the one Trump consistently derides. He's losing his ground though, his dedicates that he cajoles into his smirking pejorative ritual of repetitive slander against all who do not like him, a growing list to be sure. Things are alright but a bit edgy. Even death and dying remain challenging and have yet to be addressed fully and realistically in this country. You retire from a company that pays benefits, the benefits stop abruptly leaving you bereft of health insurance and death benefits if that was covered. YOYO, you're on your own. All that while the money mongers undermine the US tax system reducing taxes for themselves and those they deal with to increase earnings while repressing the workers. Recovery

and unemployment statistics are a sham, a scam. There is no recovery, employment amounts to minimum wage times three jobs to make ends meet. That's not pros-

perity, not like it was in the fifties





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Northern Michigan Outdoors Special Spring Lake Park

Petoskey spot is destination for many, a starting point for others by PATRICK BEVIER

Even though Spring Lake Park is small, it flourishes with activity most summer days. Strategically located on M-119 less than a half mile north of US-31 the park offers the following familyfriendly features:

Biking (and a beach): Spring Lake is the beginning of the North Western State Trail. The first 7.5-mile, allpaved section meanders through an amazing assortment of habitats and hot spots. For example, this first leg of the 32-mile bike trail that eventually runs all the way to Mackinaw City passes four lakes including Round and Crooked. It accesses a small beach on Crooked Lake perfect for children with warm, shallow water, picnic tables, and perch and pan fish angling in the reeds. You'll also pass no less than three artesian wells that will fill your water bottle with crystal clear refreshing hydration. Any and all information you'll require about this bike trail, and many other locals, can



At Spring Lake Park you may encounter a green heron, like this one photographed by talented local artist, Kamala Franseth.



Alanson residents J.T. Ager (I), Calob Weeter, Chris Weeter and Hunter Ager examine a pumpkinseed sunfish they caught at Spring Lake Park. Dad Chris says it's a favorite spot and Calob caught a 24-inch pike their last year!

be acquired at the top-shelf Top of Michigan Trails Council headquarters building right across M-119. The ever-popular Little Traverse Wheelway runs right in front of the headquarters and covers 23-miles of scenic biking venues. Extras for bikers at Spring Lake Park

include a handy bike tool station, an excellent map of the trail, and even free sunscreen!

Fishing: Both Spring Lake, and adjacent Mud Lake, are small, shallow warm-water fisheries. Most times I've visited at least a few fishermen



Harbor Spring's residents Wendy Kitchen and Jamie Kresnak enjoy a leisurely bike ride on the North Western State Trail accessed at Spring Lake Park.

are trying to fool the assortment of piscatorial prey including bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, largemouth bass, bullhead, and

northern pike. A secure wooden deck, and open sections in other spots on the two lakes, makes shoreline fishing a breeze. It's especially popular for fishing with the little ones because something always seems ready to try to nibble those worms off their hooks. Try a small teardrop baited with a wax worm and your hooking percentage will greatly increase. Because it's weedy I've had good luck on Mud Lake for the larger species with a silver or gold floating classic Rapala plug. Spring Lake is catch-and-release for ages 13 and older with children under 12 having a twofish limit. Barbless hooks are recommended. The kiddos will also enjoy sightings of other critters including

painted turtles, leopard frogs, and dazzling damselflies.

Birding: Spring Lake is a perfect example of a valuable wetlands habitat. It's on the Sunset Coast Birding Trail and harbors so many of the fine-feathered friends that both the Little Traverse Conservancy and Audubon Society host outings at the park. The park features extensive wooden walkways for easier access to birds you may be scoping out. I'd recommend getting out there at sunrise for a tranquil, yet magical experience when the world comes alive with the sounds of Canada geese, mallard and wood ducks, red-winged blackbirds, mourning doves, woodpeckers, and myriad song birds. You're also sure to encounter blue-herons, and occasionally their rarer cousins, the green herons, doing some silent fishing of their own. Indeed, you're sure to put a dent in your bird species card if you visit Spring Lake Park. Visit landtrust.org and straightsareaaudubon.com for information on guided trips at the park.

Fish Hatchery: About half way down the paved bike trail is the popular Oden Fish Hatchery Visitor's Cen-



Picnicking: The park has a sturdy deck with covered and sunlit sections and picnic tables. It's a great place to enjoy an outdoor meal with the minnows (your kids, not your bait).

Speaking of food, if your tummy starts rumbling on your journey, the trail runs right behind the Petoskey Brewery and the paved portion ends at the Dairy Queen in Alanson. Guess those calories you burn are, "easy come, easy go!"

Michigan Outdoor Fun Fact: Spring Lake Park is located at the headwaters of the Inland Waterway. The waterway is 42-miles of interconnected lakes and rivers that flows from this area all the way to Lake Huron!



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Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



BY MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D., AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Odd sports that provide great fitness boosts

You may not have heard of chess boxing (11 alternating rounds of fisticuffs and chess moves) or underwater rugby (apparently, aboveground rugby isn't tough enough for guys from Sweden and Norway) or Quidditch for muggles (based on the broom-flying game from the "Harry Potter" books by J.K. Rowling). But while these offbeat battles may be a little over the top, there are several often-overlooked sports that provide enormous fun and extensive health benefits. We're talking about table tennis, pickleball and joggling.

How much, and how much benefit? One 2011 study looked at the info on more than 1 million exercisers and found that vigorous (300 minutes) or moderate (150 minutes) weekly exercise reduced the risk of death from all causes over the study's lifetime by up to 34 percent.

Another study, in BMJ Sports Medicine, found that participants in aerobics (joggling), cycling, racquet sports (table tennis and pickleball) and swimming, reduced their risk of death by 27, 15, 47 and 28 percent respectively, over the course of the study.

Table tennis, pickleball and joggling provide physical, cognitive and social benefits that are the foundation of a younger RealAge (go to Sharecare.com to discover yours). Just ask Dr. Mike, who developed the RealAge system! He is the winner of more than 75 trophies in Class A squash.

Table tennis: Table tennis was recognized as an Olympic sport in 1988, but it began in the 1920s as an afterdinner activity. Because of its fast pace and demand for focused attention, it is great for your:

- Hand-eye coordination
- Balance

- Problem-solving, learning, remembering, anticipating

the bone strengthening that comes from doing weight-bearing exercise while improving mental acuity and aerobic capacity. For more info, check out www.jugglingworld.biz.

If these don't appeal, search the web to find a listing of many other sports that you can try out. Working physical activity into your daily routine is essential for your good health and, as we are finding out, the health of your future children! And having some fun alternatives to choose from during the week that entertain you while you build your strength and endurance is one sure way to get and keep you active.

A loving heart loves you back

The record for the world's longestlasting marriage belongs to Herbert and Zelmyra Fisher, who were married for nearly 87 years before Herbert's death at 105 in 2011. (Zelmyra died two years later, also at 105!) They claimed the best marriage advice they received was: "Be faithful, honest and true. Love each other with all your heart."

New research published in the journal BMJ Heart confirms the wisdom of their words. It turns out marriage wasn't good just for their emotional well-being; it likely contributed to their longevity too. The scientists looked at 30 studies involving over 2 million people and found that married people had a 42 percent lower risk of developing any cardiovascular disease and a 16 percent lower risk of coronary artery disease compared with single people.

If you're not married, don't worry. There's plenty of evidence that social support of any kind reduces stress and is good for your heart. A 2016 review of data on more than 180,000 adults found that in contrast to the health of folks who feel connected and engaged, those who are lonely, isolated or both have a 29 percent increased risk of heart attack and 32 percent higher stroke risk.

So, single or married, surround yourself with family and friends who 60 minutes in an acidic mixture of wine or beer, vinegar and/or orange or pineapple juice. One study found that a six-hour soak in red wine slashed production of two carcinogenic chemicals by 40 and 80 percent. Best: Grill marinated salmon.

Tie this one off

When you say you "tied one on," you're saying that you had too much to drink. That turn of a phrase makes about as much sense as "belting" down a drink, or being "hung over." But as fuzzy as the origins of those idioms are, one thing is clear: tying one on really does reduce your brainpower — even if all you're doing is fastening a piece of fabric around your neck.

Recently, university researchers in Germany conducted a study published in the journal Neuroradiology that examined the negative effects of wearing a tie. They recruited 30 men (half wore ties, half didn't) and scanned their brains with an MRI to see what that fashion accessory was doing to their blood flow. Turns out the constricting cravats cut off circulation to the brain by 7.5 percent — enough to be lethal for some men with high blood pressure and an amount guaranteed to reduce cognition and creativity in any mind. But don't think it is a one-off: This follows an earlier report that found wearing a necktie is associated with an increase of pressure within the eye, a characteristic of glaucoma.

Ties have been worn in one fashion or another since the Thirty Years' War in the 1600s, when France's King Louis XIII hired Croatian mercenaries, who sported a piece of cloth around their neck as part of their uniform. Mankind has not gotten smarter about conflict management or fashion in the ensuing centuries, so clearly it may be time to off the tie!

Nut butters: badder, better or as nutty as nuts themselves?

What is it about peanut butter that

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US-31 and M-66 project in Charlevoix with sidewalk ramp upgrades

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will invest \$1.7 million to resurface more than 3.5 miles of US-31 and M-66 in Charlevoix from M-66 to Mercer Boulevard on US-31 and from Stover Road to US-31 on M-66. The project includes converting the existing four lanes to three with a center left-turn lane from M-66 to Hurlbut Street and from the bascule bridge north to Mercer Boulevard.

The project also includes upgrading sidewalk ramps in the project limits to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Initial work on sidewalk ramps will require shoulder closures, with one lane remaining open in each direction at all times. During resurfacing of existing three- and four-lane

sections, one lane will remain open in each direction. During resurfacing in the downtown area between Hurlbut Street and the bascule bridge, work will be done at night under flag control.

This project will improve safety by maintaining one lane in each direction with the addition of a center leftturn lane, making it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross.

Work on the sidewalk ramps will occur first, with repaving scheduled to begin after Labor Day. The estimated completion date is November 15. A project map is available at: https://bit.ly/2M5FpHv

Federal grants available for Sexual **Assault Victim Services programs**

Local organizations across the state will be able to apply for \$16 million in federal grants to provide services for sexual assault victims, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today.

The MDHHS Division of Victim Services has posted its fifth Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. The division is accepting proposals from organizations to provide comprehensive sexual assault services such as 24-hour crisis intervention, supportive counseling or culturally specific needs. Organizations can also provide enhanced sexual assault services including OB/GYN care, legal assistance, therapy and advocacy.

A Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is another option organizations can propose. SARTs coordinate and improve local response to sexual assault through multidisciplinary collaboration with advocates; health care providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; forensic scientists; sex offender management professionals; and probation, corrections and parole officers. SARTS typically provide specialized and comprehensive services, continuity of care for victims, enhanced evidence collection and increased public safety

MDHHS will award threeyear U.S. Department of Justice grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. Questions about the RFP can be emailed to MDHHS-CVSC-VOCA-

GRANTS@michigan.gov and must be submitted by Aug. 20 by 5 p.m. The deadline for proposals is Sept. 12 by 3 p.m.

Applicant agencies must be public or nonprofit organizations - including faithbased entities and American Indian tribes - that provide direct services to crime victims. The purpose of the funding is to respond to the immediate needs of crime victims, reduce psychological consequences of victimization and help restore victims' sense of dignity and self-esteem.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grams website and select the "About EGrAMS" link on the left panel to access the Crime Victims Agreement training manual. The RFP is located under "Legal and Policy Affairs" in the Current Grants section.

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For a complete set of rules and information on joining a local club, check out Team USA's website at www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis.

Pickleball: This newly devised sport is cropping up all over the place. Find your local groups and facilities at the USA Pickleball Association website, www.usapa.org. This game, played outdoors on a 44-feet-by-20-feet court (a tennis court is 78 feet by 27 feet) with a racquet, net and a whifflelike ball, is a cross between badminton, tennis and table tennis, and can be played as singles or doubles. It's gentler on the joints than tennis, while still demanding focus, quick responses, strategy, balance and problem-solving. Its health benefits, like those of table tennis, embrace physical, cognitive and emotional functions. In fact, a study in the Journal of Positive Psychology found that the more involved pickleball players were in the game, the more positive an outlook they had on aging — and that translates to a longer, happier life.

Joggling: Juggling while jogging (or walking) combines aerobics with a demand for precise focus, adept handeye coordination, good upper-body strength and a sense of humor, all proven to extend longevity and improve quality of life. Now, you might think this is ridiculous, but there are folks who have completed joggling marathons! And a current world record is held by Zach Prescott, who ran a four-minute. 43.2-second mile this spring while juggling three lacrosse balls. But you can walk and juggle or go at a slow trot and still get

boost your mood, help you relieve stress and offer valid, healthy advice. Make it a goal to have a daily phone call or email with a support buddy or someone you love, and get together with someone you care about at least once a week.

Bare grills meet Bear Grylls

When Bear Grylls is taping his TV show "Running Wild," he and his celebrity co-adventurers have to prepare a cook-what-you-can-find meal under the most rugged circumstances. You can bet they hope they won't have to grill up and devour a hairy spider, like Bear does on a YouTube video he shot in 2010. (He's terrorized Julia Roberts, Roger Federer, Zac Efron even President Barack Obama went along, and that episode's been viewed over 1 billion times!)

But for you backyard chefs, the scariest thing about your bare grills isn't what you're cooking, but your cooking technique! Grilling meat at high temperatures can produce cancer-causing chemicals called heterocyclic amines (HCAs), and dripping fat and juices that cause smoky flare-ups deposit toxic polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) on the food.

Luckily, to avoid these health hazards you don't have to replicate Roger Federer's "Running Wild" dinner of a half-gnawed, frozen fish carcass retrieved from an icy pond. To reduce grilling risks:

1. Trim the fat and remove poultry skin to reduce smoky fires; don't char meat

2. Use a gas grill for temperature control, keeping temps below 325 F.

3. To further reduce HCAs and PAHs: Good: If you're rushed, marinating

meats for 15 minutes in olive oil and vinegar will do the trick.

Better: Marinate meats for at least

makes it attractive to so many songwriters, from the Australian kids' songsters The Wiggles ("There's a food going round that's a sticky, sticky goo/Peanut, peanut butter") to the rappers in Wu-Tang Clan ("Don't eat Skippy, Jif or Peter Pan peanut butter")? And why did singer Gwen Stefani say about herself, with no further explanation, "I'm like a peanut butter sandwich.'

People get a little nutty about peanut butter, apparently, but they have a point. Nuts and pure nut butters made from nothing but peanuts (we know it's a legume, but for this discussion that may be close enough), walnuts, almonds, cashews and/or hazelnuts are packed with heart-loving poly- and monounsaturated fats and nutrients, including protein, iron, calcium and potassium. One study in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology found that eating peanuts and tree nuts two or more times a week and walnuts at least once a week was associated with a 13 to 19 percent lower risk of cardiovascular disease and up to a 23 percent reduced risk of coronary heart disease.

But not all nut butters are healthy options — something Wu-Tang figured out. Their lyrics called out brands that, among their diverse offerings, contain heart-damaging trans fats/hydrogenated palm, cottonseed and soy oils and added sugar/honey/artificial sweeteners. Stick with those made with nuttin' but nuts (and maybe water). And for your PB&J sandwich, forget artificially sweetened jellies and jams. Go for preserves made with 100 percent pure fruits, spread on 100 percent whole-grain bread.

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Kayaker rescued near Beaver island

On Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at approximately 2:30 PM the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a water rescue between Beaver Island and Garden Island.

Eddie Wicklund, a 52-yearold Plainwell resident's kayak began taking on water and eventually overturned. Wicklund was in the water for approximately 20 minutes prior to the arrival of the Sheriff's Office and was wearing a life jacket.

Wicklund was treated and released from the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

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mined that the child had never been to this apartment before and left sometime during the night. The child then walked through a dense woodlot and down a steep hill to the roadway, where the health care worker narrowly avoided hitting the child, police said.

Gaither said officers left several messages on the mother's phone regarding the child, however, she did not contact police until almost six hours after the child was found. Aytes was also then charged with driving while license suspended after it was discovered she drove to the police department.

Boyne City EMS provided a caregiver for the child while the investigation was ongoing and Child Protective Services assisted.

Aytes could face up to a year in jail if found guilty of the fourth degree misdemeanor charge and up to 93days in jail for the driving while suspended charge. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Ayets in 90th District Court on September 11.









News

DNR firefighters helping in other states

More than a dozen wildland firefighters from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have been sent to California, Oregon, Washington and elsewhere to battle wildfires and to gain valuable firefighting experience.

A crew of three firefighters has taken a DNR fire engine to help fight the vast and still raging Carr fire in northern California, said Dan Laux, fire section manager for the DNR's Forest Resources Division. Laux just returned from a two-week fire assignment in Portland, Oregon, mobilizing resources to battle fires in Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho.

"We're mobilizing as many people as we can to assist wherever necessary," Laux said. "It's a great way for our folks to get experience, while providing their own skills and experiences to the situation at hand."

Assistance agreements go both ways. If a significant fire occurs in Michigan, firefighters from other states and Canadian provinces can be tapped for help. Michigan's largest recent fire was the Duck Lake blaze in the eastern Upper Peninsula, which burned more than 21,000 acres in 2012.

Since the beginning of the year, Michigan has sent firefighters to California, Colorado, Florida, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

The Carr fire in northern California has burned more



A DNR firefighter snapped this shot of a helicopter in action earlier this summer on assignment assisting firefighters in Colorado. DNR firefighters are currently helping fight wildland fires in several western states. (COUR-TESY OF DNR)

than 100,000 acres to date, causing six deaths. Fire officials there put out a national request last week for wildland fire engines from across the nation, and a three-man crew took a Michigan truck from the DNR's Gladwin unit to California. The DNR always keeps mough firefighters in the state.

enough firefighters in the state to respond to any fires that might occur, though fire activity has slowed after recent rains in the northern portion of the state. The DNR also is fully reimbursed for the cost of sending firefighters to assist elsewhere.

No new state fish records set yet this year Two new records were set in 2017

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – There were two new state fishing records set about a month apart in 2017 but none set yet so far this year.

In May of 2017, Roy Beasley of Madison Heights, Michigan, was bowfishing in the River Raisin in Monroe County when he brought in a bigmouth buffalo fish weighing 27 pounds and measuring 35.25 inches. It was a whopper and a DNR biologist soon confirmed it was indeed a new state record for that variety of fish. Ironically, Beasley broke the record that he himself had set back in August of 2008 with a bigmouth buffalo of 24.75 pounds that was 34.50 inches in length.

In June of 2017, Michael Lemanski of Florence, Wisc. harvested a state-record cisco, also known as a lake herring, out of Lake Ottawa in Iron County in the western Upper Peninsula. The cisco weighed 6.36 pounds and measured 21.8 inches, breaking the old record for cisco of 5.4 pounds and 25 inches that had been pulled out of Grand Traverse Bay in 1992.

State records are recognized by weight only. To qualify for a state record, fish must exceed the current listed state record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

Breaking a state record is still a fairly rare occurrence. There was one new state record established in 2016 and only eight new records altogether since 2013.

The oldest record dates all the way back to 1919, a monster tiger musky weighing an amazing 51.19 pounds and measuring 54 inches. It was pulled out of the Lac Vieux Desert in Gogebic County.

To view a current list of Michigan state fish records, go to the Michigan DNR website and follow the state-record fish link.



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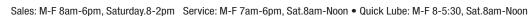
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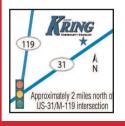














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