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Labor Day fun in the north brings Bridge Walks and more

BY JIM AKANS

Labor Day weekend in northern Michigan is filled with plenty of late summer fun.

This is the 60th year for the Labor Day Bridge Walk, following a tradition that began in 1958. This year brings some significant changes to the walk in the interest of safety and security. From 6:30am until noon on September 3 the bridge will be closed to all traffic. That includes busses that in the past have transported walkers between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. The result of these changes will affect how participants can walk the Mighty Mac.

A recent press release from MDOT relates that walkers essentially have three main options:

- Starting from either end of the bridge and walking toward the center, turning around at the midpoint and returning to the city they started from. The turnaround points will move toward the ends of the bridge beginning at 10 a.m., but walkers can walk at least a portion of the bridge as long as they start by 11:30 a.m.
- Walking the entire



On Labor Day, thousands will enjoy the thrill of a lifetime by strolling the Mighty Mac. For the first time ever vehicle traffic will be suspended during the walk, so those cars shown in this past event photo will not be present this year. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MACKINAW BRIDGE AUTHORITY.

length of the bridge, starting from either end. Those who choose this option must reach the midpoint before 10 a.m., or they will be turned back. Anyone who walks the entire bridge must arrange their own transportation back to the side from which they started once the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.

- Walking the entire

length of the bridge, starting from either end, and then turning around and walking back to the side from which they started. In this option, walkers will need to cross the midpoint on their return trip by 10 a.m., or they will be turned back and need to find their own transportation back across the bridge after it reopens at noon.

- In hopes of attracting a

fun and adventurous crowd, the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce will host the inaugural "Double Crossers Club," which will be the first group in history to walk the entire distance of the bridge and back and receive a certificate of completion from both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City.

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On Sunday, September 2, head over to the Boyne City Airport (1040 East Main Street) and get ready for the excitement of the Annual Boyne City Police Department Drag Races from noon until 5pm. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 21, 2018

East Jordan prepares for commercial redevelopment

BY KRISTAL JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - Every seat was filled at last week's city commission meeting in East Jordan, as a public hearing kicked off the evening regarding the redistricting of a commercial redevelopment district (CRD).

City residents from State Street over to parts of Water and Bridge Streets were notified earlier in the month if they were living in

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Power Restored to Most GLE Members

As of 4pm Tuesday, power has been restored to an estimated over 17,300 Great Lakes Energy members following the early morning major storm that caused widespread power line damage throughout much of Great Lakes Energy's service area.

Crews will continue to work today to restore power to as many of the remaining estimated 2,333 members as possible. Another major storm is expected to arrive Tuesday night that could bring more outages and delay restoration efforts.

Most of the remaining outages are in parts of Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego counties where widespread power line damage is the most severe.

Great Lakes Energy members are reminded to stay away from downed power lines and also stay clear of trees and limbs hanging on the lines. Current outage information by counties and zip codes is updated every 15 minutes on the Great Lakes Energy website, www.gtlakes.com, by visiting Storm Central.

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FRIDAY



**HIGH: 79
LOW: 64**

SATURDAY



**HIGH: 77
LOW: 59**

SUNDAY



**HIGH: 79
LOW: 61**

MONDAY



**HIGH: 81
LOW: 64**

TUESDAY



**HIGH: 83
LOW: 65**

WEDNESDAY



**HIGH: 75
LOW: 57**

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
AUG 30	.50°	...76°	...30°	(1976)	.94°	(1991)
AUG 31	.50°	...76°	...34°	(1976)	.92°	(1953)
SEP 1	...50°	...76°	...38°	(1967)	.96°	(1953)
SEP 2	...50°	...76°	...29°	(1976)	.97°	(1953)
SEP 3	...49°	...75°	...32°	(1976)	.95°	(1953)
SEP 4	...49°	...75°	...34°	(1987)	.93°	(1999)
SEP 5	...49°	...75°	...35°	(2003)	.93°	(1999)
SEP 6	...49°	...74°	...32°	(1962)	.89°	(1999)
SEP 7	...48°	...74°	...36°	(1955)	.89°	(1960)
SEP 8	...48°	...74°	...35°	(1957)	.89°	(1959)

OBITUARIES

Sally A. Smith, 72

(DEC. 4, 1945 - AUG. 27, 2018)



Sally A. Smith of East Jordan passed away on August 27, 2018 at her home.

Sally was born on December 4, 1945 in Detroit to the late Walter and Margaret (Smillie) Smith.

She was a long time Beaver Island resident who spent many years bartending at the Shamrock. After moving to Charlevoix, she worked for many years at K Mart and Olesons. Sally loved animals especially her dog OC. She enjoyed spending her time crocheting and

being with her grandchildren and her great granddaughters. Sally will be remembered for her wonderful personality.

Sally is survived by her two daughters, Marion "Cueto" (Daniel) Ruhling of East Jordan and Shawna (Carl Rasch Jr.) Smith of Boyne City; 3 grandchildren, Carl Rasch III, Nicole Rasch and Kaitlyn Rasch; 2 Great Granddaughters, Evrie and Emmorie Kile along with many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to her family.

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

Kimber L. Peters, 48

(DEC. 31, 1969 - AUG. 24, 2018)

Kimber L. Peters of Charlevoix passed away on August 24, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Kimber was born on October 5, 1961 in Wheeling, West Virginia to the late John and Patricia (Barclay) Dorgan.

She has been a resident of Charlevoix for the past 22 years and has spent many of those years volunteering around the community. Kimber enjoyed spending her spare time reading and solving crossword puzzles.

On July 3, 1997 in Petoskey, Kimber married John Peters who survives. She is also survived by a brother, Daniel, sister, Becky, several brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 31, 2018 at Community Church of God in

Charlevoix with Reverend Neil Turner officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. on Friday until the time of services also at the church.

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

Mary E Moore, 86

(AUG. 12, 1932 - AUG. 18, 2018)



Mary E. Moore, lifelong resident of Charlevoix, died

Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Charlevoix Area Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born August 12, 1932 in Charlevoix the daughter of Curtis and Elizabeth (Sharrow) Dixon.

Mary enjoyed taking care of people and was a dedicated employee. She worked over 20 years at the A&W Restaurant before it closed and for 5 years as a CNA at Bortz Nursing Home. She will be most remembered for making all the ice cream at Murdick's Homemade Ice Cream shop from 1987-2004.

Bowling in her younger years, reading, crocheting, knitting and making pies were some of her favorite hobbies. She loved when her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren would come to visit and always looked forward to seeing them.

Mary is survived by her children Dianne (Kirt) Eggers of Bay Shore, Gary Moore of VA, James Moore of TX, Thomas (Rita) Moore, Joe Moore, and Lyddy (Tom) Morrison all of Charlevoix.

She is also survived by her sister Louise Wells of AZ, brothers Thomas Dixon of Charlevoix, Louie (Bonnie) of MA, Maurice (Rosemary) Dixon of Charlevoix, 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard in 2012, her brother Raymond (Nancy) Dixon, and grandchildren Jeremy, Matthew, and Jenielle Eggers.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday, September 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow in Brookside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of ones choice in her memory.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Mary's granddaughter Tasha and her husband Justin for taking such wonderful care of her over the years.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN PEOPLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is Oct. 15. The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$3.3 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund awarded \$216,155 in grants in 2017. Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at www.gtlakes.com/grant-application-request/ or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

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

again this year."

There is no cost to receive these updates, aside from any texting fees from the participant's mobile coverage plan. The system will automatically shut down on Sept. 4.

To opt in to this text alert system: Text "MBW2018" to 67283. Users will receive a reply "Welcome to the Mackinac Bridge Walk 2018 text alerting system," verifying participation in the text alerting system for the event. Users can opt out by sending a reply "STOP MBW2018" if they no longer wish to receive text messages/alerts. Messages will automatically stop on Sept. 4.

A video posted on the MBA website at <http://www.mackinacbridge.org/walk> explains how the walk has changed, including the elimination of busing and starting the walk from either St. Ignace or

Mackinaw City.

Walkers essentially have three main options, outlined in the video:

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The bridge will be closed again to public traffic during the 2018 walk, from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Sept. 3, based on recommendations from the Michigan State Police and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Emergency vehicles will still be permitted to cross the bridge, but no public vehicles will be allowed until the walk concludes and participants are off the bridge.

NEWS BRIEFS

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@ph-sacf.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 individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa

Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month

at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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There is never a cost to participate in the Bridge Walk, but an official t-shirt will be available for purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales will directly support community programs and events hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

In Mackinaw City the group will gather at 6:15am in the vicinity of Audie's Restaurant on Nicolet Avenue (look for the green shirts). Double Crossers are able to purchase the shirt in advance through the Chamber and walk independently from the St. Ignace shore as well. Participants will be able to wave to their double crossing counterparts from the opposite shore as they cross paths near center span.

For a much shorter hike, the Cheboygan DDA is sponsoring their annual Labor Day "State Street" Bridge Walk on September 3. Line up begins on the East side of Cheboygan River by the DNR Office at 11am and the Walk begins at 11:50am. Participants will walk across the State Street Bridge and progress to Festival Square for a free community picnic.

Charlevoix will also be holding a Bridge Walk on Labor Day, with their 30th Annual "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk." The Bridge Walk starts after the 1pm raising and lowering of the bridge and traffic clears. Information available at visitcharlevoix.com

For those looking for a little less physical outing during the Labor Day weekend, Boyne City Police Department and Lions Club will be presenting the annual Drag Race On Sunday, September 2. Head over to the Boyne City Airport (1040 East Main Street) and get ready for the excitement of side-by-side, eighth-mile drag races on the airport runway. Entry fees are \$30 on race day for cars, trucks and motorcycles, while pit passes are \$15. Spectators pay a \$10 admission fee; children under 12 years are admitted free.

Gates open to racers at 8:30am for registration and tech inspections. The races will begin at noon and typically run until about 5pm. This event is being organized by the Boyne Valley Lions Club, providing lunch and refreshments from their concession trailer on site. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne Valley Lions Club. Details can be found at www.bcdragrace.com

For more festival fun, check out the annual Thunder Over Waters event in the town of Waters, located just a few miles south of Gaylord. Held on Sunday, September 2, this all-day, all-evening event features an Arts & Crafts show, a Parade, tons of activities for the kids, a Bike Giveaway, a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, fireworks and more.

Of course, communities throughout northern Lower Michigan provide excellent opportunities for shopping, recreation and entertainment all summer long, and that means a good time can be found virtually anywhere one happens to travel in the area this Labor Day weekend.

Have fun and be safe!

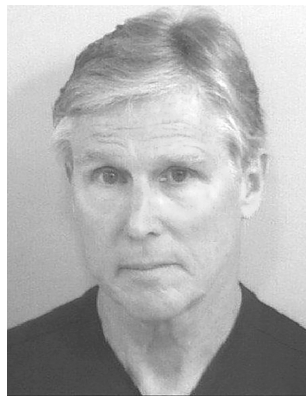
35 men arrested in Prostitution Sting including former state trooper

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

A retired Michigan State Trooper from Charlevoix is among 35 northern Michigan men who are now facing jail time after being arrested in a months-long prostitution sting geared to help stop human trafficking.

The Michigan State Police, along with the Traverse Narcotics Team and various multi-jurisdictional task forces and law enforcement agencies, executed a prostitution sting throughout 19 counties in northern Michigan that began in February and wound up in June, according to a recent MSP media release.

The MSP release stated the stings were "aimed at arresting individuals using the internet to obtain the services of prostitutes" and that so far the effort has resulted in 35 arrests in seven of the targeted counties and 73



(COURTESY PHOTO):

Former Michigan State Police lieutenant Michael James Tilley, 62, of Charlevoix, is one of 35 men arrested so far in a months-long prostitution sting that spanned 19 counties in northern Michigan.

criminal charges levied against the suspects.

All but three of those criminal counts were split evenly between solicitation for prostitution and using a computer to commit a crime.

The remaining arrest counts involving possession of marijuana, possession of oxy-codone and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Many of the arrests came after police posted fake advertisements posing as prostitutes and the men showed up at local hotels expecting to meet prostitutes.

Among those arrested in the sting was retired Michigan State Police lieutenant Michael James Tilley, 62, of Charlevoix. The former Lt. Tilley had been the emergency management coordinator for the state police in Traverse City prior to his retirement.

He was recently charged in Emmet County's 90th District Court with engaging the services of a prostitute, a 93-day misdemeanor, and using a computer to commit a crime, a one-year misdemeanor.

This isn't the only time Tilley has been charged with seeking out services of a prostitute, however.

He was arrested in Dearborn back in 2006 and charged with misdemeanor solicitation of a prostitute. Tilley pleaded no contest in 19th District Court to a reduced charge of disorderly person/obscene conduct in that case, and the District Court Judge gave him a delayed sentence which included six months' probation and \$200 in fines and court costs.

Tilley is being represented for his most recent prostitution-related arrest by Gaylord and Cheboygan-based attorney Kevin Hesselink. Neither Tilley nor his attorney could be reached for comment before press time earlier this week.

Derek Taylor Shirley, 37, of Ellsworth and Patrick Henry McDonald, 56, of Mul-

let Lake, were two others from the area arrested in the prostitution sting and are facing the same charges as Tilley. All three men are slated for pre-trial conferences September 21.

According to the MSP release, the prostitution sting was part of an ongoing effort intended to help thwart the growing crime of human trafficking. It noted that police and local task forces intend to continue pursuing such criminals and also to help educate the community in terms of how to identify, prevent and report any suspicious activity.

The MSP statement reads: "These enforcement operations are part of a larger effort to raise awareness of and put an end to Human Trafficking in northern Michigan."

Kiwanis Convention to be held at Boyne Mountain next weekend

The Michigan District of Kiwanis International will be holding its annual District Convention at Boyne Mountain September 6-9th. The convention will include many fun and exciting events for Kiwanis members and the host club, Boyne City, would like to extend an invitation to the public to join us in some of these events.

The first is our keynote speaker, Tony Rubleski, on Friday, September 7 at 2:30 in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. Rubleski is 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 over the past decade, a strategic business coach, and global event promoter with over 20+ years of experience in the personal development industry.

His second book in the Mind Capture series went to #1 in three business categories on Amazon.com and received positive reviews

from a wide range of leaders in marketing, sales, psychology to academia. His latest book, "Trailblazers: Leadership Lessons from 12 Pioneers Who Beat the Odds and Influenced Millions," will re-release on September 4, with New York publisher Morgan James.

There will be a \$10 cover charge for non-convention attendees, and advance registration is required. To learn more about Tony or the Mind Capture Series visit his website at www.mindcapturegroup.co

m. To reserve your space on September 7th, you may register online by visiting the Boyne City Chamber website (www.boynechamber.com) and visiting their Events Calendar. If unable to register online, call the Boyne Chamber at 231.582.6222.

Adam and the Cabana Boys will be playing to wrap up the convention in the grand Lodge at Boyne Mountain on Saturday evening fro 9-11pm. The public is invited to join us for a last evening of dancing

and fun. Adam and the Cabana Boys is a musical group consisting of Adam Magellan, Pat Ryan, and Sean Bielby. They form a powerhouse trio with one objective in mind: FUN. Fantastic entertainers in their own right, when their forces are combined the result is a night of banter, beers, and awesome music. A \$5 cover charged will be asked at the door.

Boyne City bomb threat case bound over to circuit court

Former standout athlete faces 20 years

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - After being delayed for some time over the summer, the case against a local teenager suspected of making a bomb threat to the Boyne City High School campus earlier this year is finally starting to make its way through the court system.

Eighteen-year-old Joseph Benjamin Baugh of Boyne City was arrested at the high school just before the end of the school day on June 1st and charged with making a bomb threat there last January 24. His arrest came just two days before Baugh's class graduation from the high school, where he had been a standout athlete on its football team.

Baugh was charged with making a false report of a terrorist act, a 20-year-felony, and malicious destruction of a building between \$200-\$1,000, which is a one-year misdemeanor.

The charges stemmed from a January incident at the high school after a rock was found thrown through an outside window to an art room and a note attached to the rock contained a bomb threat. The school campus was immediately evacuated and classes and activities



Joseph Benjamin Baugh

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were canceled, but all resumed a normal routine the next day after an extensive search found no evidence that the threat was viable.

Baugh posted 10 percent of a \$250,000 bond and was released from jail on June 5. His case was scheduled for preliminary examination in Charlevoix's 90th District on June 29 but was delayed after he notified the court he had switched defense attorneys.

According to court documents, Baugh's case was initially handled by court-appointed attorney Jodi Doak of Boyne City, however, over the summer he opted instead to hire attorney Michael Bartish of Grand Rapids, who is currently listed as his legal representation.

Baugh's case has now been bound over to Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court where a scheduling conference has been set for Sept. 14.

REDEVELOPMENT

FROM PG. 1A

the areas that the city was hoping to include in the commercial redevelopment or rehabilitation district.

Citizens came with questions and comments to the August 21 meeting, seeking clarification as to what re-districting the region might mean for them.

City commissioner Mark Penzien put residents at ease early in the public hearing, saying, "[The re-districting] doesn't do anything to the properties. It doesn't change the zoning." Expanding the CRD simply helps any commercial property within those boundaries to apply for tax abatement and grants, city administrator Tom Cannon said.

The city chose to extend the zone over the M-32 bridge across from downtown, as the area is seeing a lot of recent redevelopment, including current renovations and rehabilitations on Water Street at the former Four Seasons Marina.

Both resolutions to establish commercial redevelopment and rehabilitation districts unanimously passed.

Following public comment, the city approved a lease draft agreement for the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority after months of negotiations. The commission also received a presentation concerning the 911 emergency services radio

system that will be on the upcoming fall ballot.

Pam Woodbury, director of the Charlevoix Cheboygan Emmet Central Dispatch Authority, shared the plight of the emergency services radio system.

Coverage with the current VHF radio system for Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet counties has been severely depleted over the years due to terrain and more significantly, narrowbanding by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

What began as a mandate in 1994, has led to narrowbanding of frequencies for the radio channels over the years. In 2013, frequencies were reduced by half due to congested frequency bands, and it is expected that narrowbanding will be implemented again in the next few years.

"We have [bandaged] everything we can," Woodbury said when referencing the radio system. "We have to do something else. We need to be able to communicate with 911 and other counties."

With approximately only 70% coverage with the current radio system, Woodbury says that the 800 MHz radios are the next step for Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet counties and that 84% of Michigan counties have already switched to this technology.

In the audience, county commissioner Joel Evans

commented that the Charlevoix County Commission is recommending a switch to the 800 MHz radio system as well.

A combined \$10.3 million dollar project for the three counties, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has already approved their \$900,000 share of infrastructure costs, which will be pulled from the county's general fund. However, a millage will need to pass in order to cover the approximate \$2.6 million cost of the 800 MHz radios for all Charlevoix County emergency personnel.

The millage will be on the upcoming November 2018 ballot.

East Jordan city mayor Russ Peck expressed a desire to fit local first-responders with the best equipment currently available, and he believes the new 800 MHz radio system is just that.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

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CHARLEVOIX PLEIN AIR PAINTING GATHERING AND PICNIC

August 30, 9:30am, Windy Ridge Studio, 17922 Ferry Rd. There will be good food and more importantly good company and creations. Artists, Painters, Photographers...all are invited. Come by ~ create and enjoy

CHARLEVOIX PLANT SALE

September 1, 9am-noon, Ferry Beach. The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is holding their annual plant sale, (rain or shine). Members have been dividing plants, a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, from their local gardens to share with the community. They will give gardening advice and answer questions. For more information about the sale or the club, call Linda at (231) 547-4182. facebook.com/charegc blog: charlevoixeveninggardenclub.wordpress.com

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, post-race 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

BOYNE CITY DRAG RACES

September 2, noon-5pm, Boyne City Airport, 1048 East Main Street. Side-by-side, eighth-mile drag races. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne Valley Lions Club. The event is organized by the Lions and a committee of drag race enthusiasts. Entry fees are \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day for cars, trucks and motorcycles, while pit passes are \$15. Spectators pay a \$10 admission fee; children under 12 years are admitted free. Gates open to racers at 8:30 a.m. for registration and tech inspections. For information and registration forms visit www.bcdra-grace.com.

BOYNE CITY FINDING A LIFE OF PURPOSE EXPLORED

September 2, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Living a Rich Life: Finding Meaning and Purpose," features a filmed interview with Christine Garde, a woman who left an influential political position to launch a gang diversion program by moving into an urban gang-infested neighborhood. During the program participants have the opportunity to discuss times they have felt fulfillment in

their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

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 ANNUAL LITTLE BUT MIGHTY BRIDGE WALK

September 4, 12:45-1:45pm. This year's Bridge Walk will benefit the Charlevoix Baby Diaper Pantry. Tee shirts will be on sale in front of the Town House at 11am. We will meet in front of the Town House at 12:45pm and walk to the north side of the bridge. The Bridge Walk starts after the 1:00 pm raising and lowering of the bridge and traffic clears.

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 officials, stakeholders, and residents who care about historic places shouldn't miss this workshop! Free. Registration (at eventbrite.com) closes three days prior to the event. Pre-registration required.

BOYNE CITY ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION EVENT

September 7, Parkside Grill & Treats parking lot, 201 Water Street. The St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private funder of children's cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events, where more than seven volunteers will shave their heads to raise money for lifesaving childhood cancer research. This event will take place during the final Stroll The Streets event of the season. It is being sponsored by the Michigan District of Kiwanis International who will be attending their District Convention at Boyne Mountain during this time. If you are interested in shaving your head to raise money for this great cause, please contact Syrina Dawson at 231.675.2492 or Liz Luttrell-Wilson at 517.282.4202

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL JV-VARSITY

FOOTBALL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

September 7, 5-7pm, EJ MS-HS Cafeteria. Choice of Half Chicken or BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage. Take Out Orders Available from 3-5pm with prepaid ticket. Call (231) 350-3756. Price is \$10 per person or \$35 for a family of four. Additional family rates available. Game time is 7pm (EJ vs Johannesburg-Lewiston).

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 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.boynecamber.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.glorchestra.org.

EAST JORDAN HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

September 8 & 9, 9am-4pm, Jordan River Sportsman's Club. This is a two day class, students MUST attend both days. Online certificates will be accepted (please call if student has taken the online section of the class.) Class is limited to 50 students. Please show up 15 - 30 minutes early to register. For more information please contact Mark Kalbfleisch at 231-350-1837 or Duane Arnott at 231-675-7346. Bring your own lunch.

BOYNE CITY ART OF LISTENING EXPLORED

September 9, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "The Art of Listening: An Act of Love" features a film of NPR's StoryCorps founder, David Isay. StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 40,000 interviews from nearly 80,000 participants.

Participants will discover practical tools for connecting deeply with others. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

PETOSKEY 21ST ANNUAL NCMC COOKOUT/60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

September 9, noon-3pm, North Central Michigan College. Attendees will enjoy a picnic-style lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and cookies. The Kidz Zone in the gym will have inflatables, carnival games, ping pong, tumbling mats for toddlers and other activities. There will also be a big screen with the football game for parents. Outside attendees will rock to 60 years of #1 hit music spun by DJ Tim Roback, dancing, a costume contest (come dressed from your favorite decade 1958-2018) and lots of great prizes throughout the day. Guests can also enjoy fascinating demonstrations from North Central's variety of programs. Cookout tickets are available on the Petoskey campus in Student Services or the fitness center and College Store in the Student and Community Resource Center, or in the admin offices in the main classroom building. Ticket prices are \$8 per person. Children five and under eat free. For more information, call 231-439-6225.

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 "PLIMPTON" FILM DISCUSSION

September 15, Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. A fund-raiser for the Boyne District Library with the showing and discussion of the film, "Plimpton" with its two producers from New York City. Prior to this event, from 5-7 pm, there will be a Northern Michigan Community Organization Brochure Exchange in the area outside of the auditorium of local non-profits to share with the community their goals and activities, as well as seeking assistance with their organizations. There is no cost to participate and light refreshments will be served. The remaining brochures and promotional items will be distributed via the Boyne District Library. For more information and to RSVP call 734-819-3456. The showing of "Plimpton" will begin at 7pm. Besides being an au-

thor and actor, George Plimpton believed in giving back to the community.

BOYNE CITY MODERN-DAY MIRACLES EXPLORED

September 16, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Miracles or Mere Coincidences? Does Everything Happen for a Reason?" features a filmed interview with Robin Alm, a woman who believes a miracle occurred in her life. During the program participants will have an opportunity to share miracles they believe have occurred in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY 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.

BOYNE CITY PANIC ATTACKS AND ANXIETY EXPLORED

September 23, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "When Anxiety Strikes: Compassion, Peace, and Understanding," features filmed interviews with psychologist Kelly Breen Boyce and with Cheryl Eresman, who describes her experiences with panic attacks. During the program, Lifetree participants will gain greater understanding and get practical tools for dealing with anxiety and panic. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN WATER/WAYS EVENT FEATURING GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

September 25, starting at 4pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. See the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit, enjoy the new Watershed Model and listen to the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra play Handel's Water Music. Water/Ways is open daily from 10am to 4pm. The open air concert begins at 4pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Donations are appreciated. For more information, call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org

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.

EAST JORDAN PADDLE ANTRIM

September 29, noon. The trip will begin at Jordan Valley Outfitters, 311 N. Lake Street. Join Paddle Antrim as we team up with Jordan Valley Outfitters to offer a 2 1/2 mile guided family-friendly raft trip down the beautiful Jordan River. This is an opportunity to experience this wild and scenic river that you won't want to miss and at the end we will enjoy some local cider and doughnuts. Space is limited, so make sure to register early. Registration is \$40 per person and \$20 for children

10 and under. Registration is done online at <http://www.paddleantrim.com/class2>.

BOYNE CITY DIVIDED FAMILIES DISCUSSION

September 30, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "A Family Divided: Finding Peace by Letting Go," features the filmed story of a family that struggled with an unexpected teenage pregnancy. During the program participants will have the opportunity consider lessons the family learned as they worked through their response to the pregnancy. Potluck Sunday will take place at 5:30pm. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX 40TH ANNUAL APPLE FEST

October 12-14. Experience the magic of autumn in northern Michigan at the 40th Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival. Join the festivities and show your support for our local farmers, orchards and non-profit organizations while celebrating the season in scenic downtown Charlevoix this October. The Harvest is in! Info at www.charlevoix.org

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.

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 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 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.

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Welcome, Leadership Charlevoix County Class of 2018-2019

Leadership Charlevoix County is excited to announce its newest class for 2018-2019. The program is entering its eighth year as a comprehensive training experience for community members seeking to play a more active role in leadership and their communities. The program creates community awareness, networking opportunities, and focuses on leadership skill development through an educational and hands-on curriculum.

The 16-member class started with an orientation meeting at Boyne Mountain Resort, where they met each other and potential mentors. Their first class session is a two-day overnight retreat to Beaver Island on September 9-10, followed by one all-day class every month until graduation in May 2019.

- Caitlin Cole, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
- Megan DeHoog, Planned Parenthood of Michigan
- Jill Dipert, Charlevoix Wear
- Tricia Drenth, Health Department of Northwest Michigan
- Elise Freed, Kecia Freed Design
- Heidi Hanson, Boyne Mountain Resort
- Regina Inman, Grandvue Medical Care Facility
- Missy Jollette, Boyne City Main Street/Farmers Market
- Barb Loper, EJ
- Jeanne Marriott, Hospice of Northwest Michigan
- Meghan Meyer, Jordan Valley EMS Authority
- Sheri Shepard, Commission on Aging
- Jeff VanHove, North Harbor Real Estate
- Alexa Wright, Boyne District Library



Front Row -left to right: Sheri Shepard, Meghan Meyer, Regina Inman, Missy Jollette, Jill Dipert, Megan DeHoog, Allyssa Brooks, Tricia Drenth, Jeff VanHove
Back Row - left to right: Lonnie Allen, Elise Freed, Caitlin Cole, Heidi Hanson, Alexa Wright, Barb Loper, Jeanna Marriott. Co-Administrators - Alison Hubbard and Mary Faculak (not included in the photo). COURTESY PHOTO

This year's class is a diverse group of emerging leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds, locations and industries:

- Lonnie Allen, Charlevoix Courier
- Allyssa Brooks, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital

Leadership Charlevoix County is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was founded by the Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce. For more information, call any of the sponsoring chambers or visit www.leadershipcharlevoixcounty.com.

Volunteers Go Bald to support Childhood Cancer Research

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private funder of children's cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events in the parking lot of the Parkside Grill & Treats at 201 Water St in Boyne City on Friday, September 7, where more than seven volunteers will shave their heads to raise money for lifesaving childhood cancer research.

Every two minutes a

child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide, and in the U.S. one in five kids diagnosed won't survive. Those who do survive often suffer long-term effects from treatments too harsh for their developing bodies. As the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, St. Baldrick's is leading the charge to take childhood cancer back from cancer.

From its beginnings, St.

Baldrick's has believed that kids deserve the chance to be kids - fun-loving, care-free, refreshingly honest, and always a little goofy - and deserve the chance at a healthy future. That's why donations raised at events like this have made it possible for St. Baldrick's to fund more than \$232 million to support the best childhood cancer research, wherever it takes place.

This event will take place

during the final Stroll The Streets event of the season. It is being sponsored by the Michigan District of Kiwanis International who will be attending their District Convention at Boyne Mountain during this time. The Michigan District of Kiwanis was challenged to raise \$10,000 for the St Baldrick's Foundation. While most of the "shaves" currently signed up are Kiwanis members,

we are seeking volunteers from the public.

If you are interested in shaving your head to raise money for this great cause, please contact Syrina Dawson at 231.675.2492 or Liz Luttrell-Wilson at 517.282.4202. Join us at St-Baldricks.org to help support the best cancer treatment for kids.

Boyne City Main Street program contender in national award

Boyne City Main Street has been named a 2019 Great American Main Street Award (GAMSA) Semifinalist by the National Main Street Center. Winners will be announced at the opening plenary of the Main Street Now Conference in Seattle, Washington, March 25, 2019.

Boyne City Main Street began 15 years ago and has served as a catalyst for many downtown Boyne City, and Boyne community projects. This includes Boyne Thunder, Stroll the Streets, Walk-about Sculpture Show, Boyne City Farmers Market, and much, much more. Most importantly, the program has involved hundreds of community members and volunteers and many important partnerships.

"Boyne City Main Street is honored to be named a semifinalist for the Great American Main Street Award. Being named to the top 10 not only honors and validates everything our community, and most importantly our volunteers have worked towards over the last 15 years, but sets the stage for the goals yet to be reached," Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director said.

The 2019 Great American Main Street Award recognizes exceptional Main Street America programs whose successes serve as a model for comprehensive, historic preservation-based commercial district revitalization. This year's 10 Semifinalists were selected from a nationwide pool of accredited applicants by a national jury based on their successful and innovative uses of the Main Street Approach™. Criteria includes: strength of the Main Street America program in creating an exciting place to live, work, play and visit; commitment to historic preservation; implementation of model partnerships, and demonstrated success of the Main Street Approach. Over 90 communities have been recognized as winners since the award's inception in 1995.

Learn more on mainstreet.org.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performs at Raven Hill



Almost 90 concert patrons braved the rainy weather to enjoy the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra concert at Raven Hill Discovery Center on Saturday, August 25th. In a unique celebration of water through music, the audience enjoyed Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Handel's Water Music and Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, Summer. The rain did nothing to dampen the mood and many came early or stayed after to see the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit and enjoy the new Watershed Model installed by Water Paw. COURTESY PHOTO

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11. An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure improvements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our city and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98% capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 Kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

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

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witenksi at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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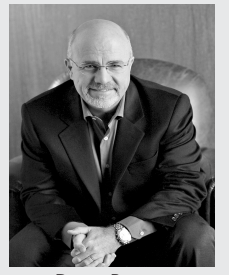
Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Paying off credit cards)

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about taking money out of savings to pay off credit cards?

Peggy
Dear Peggy,
I'm okay with this under two conditions. One is that you cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and never use those things again. The second is that you don't wipe out your savings in the process. Leave something in there, so you're covered in the event of an emergency. Then, rebuild your savings as fast as possible once the debt is out of your way.

You have to understand, too, that credit cards aren't the problem. The credit card debt isn't the problem, either. They are just symptoms of buying things you don't need, with money you don't have, in order to impress people.

Take a long look in the mirror, Peggy, because the person who's looking back at you is the problem. Over-spending, disorganization, not earning enough ... whatever label you want to slap on this situation, you are the reason for the problem. Once you understand and accept that, and you start living on a budget and staying away from debt, you'll have taken your first real steps toward financial peace!

—Dave

(Need life insurance with no dependents?)

Dear Dave,
I'm 35, single, and I have no dependents. Do I need a life insurance policy?

Larry
Dear Larry,
In your situation, if you have enough cash saved up to pay your final expenses — and you don't have any debt — there's no reason for you to carry a life insurance policy. No one will be harmed financially by your death, and no one would be deprived of the income that would be lost if something unexpected happened to you. Even if you have a mortgage on a home, the house will normally sell for enough to pay off the mortgage.

However, if you have debt, or if you don't have some money stashed away in savings, you might want to consider an inexpensive term life insurance policy. At your age, if you're healthy, you can get \$100,000 worth of coverage for just \$10 to \$15 a month.

Remember, you don't buy insurance to leave an inheritance. You buy life insurance to make sure there's enough money to take care of your family and final expenses. You wouldn't want your parents or someone else having to foot the bill!

—Dave

(Larger emergency fund?)

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are following your plan, and we just

paid off all our debt except for the house. Since we work for the same company, do you think we should have an emergency fund that is larger than you normally recommend?

Don
Dear Don,
That's great news! You've finished Baby Step 2, and now you're ready for Baby Step 3, which is fully-funding your emergency fund.

I don't see a reason to set aside more than six months of expenses. My recommended range for an emergency fund is three to six months of expenses. If your employment situation is one where there's more risk of something going wrong, you should lean toward saving six months' worth. If your employment outlook is really stable, you can go with setting aside three or four months of expenses in an emergency fund.

I look at your situation as being more high-risk. You each have jobs, so that's the good news. But if the company went down, or experienced layoffs, you could find yourselves unemployed at the same time. My advice would be to save six months of expenses for your emergency fund. With that kind of cash just sitting there, you should be able to make an easier and less stressful transition in almost any kind of unemployment scenario or other emergency.

—Dave

(Secured vs. unsecured debt?)

Dear Dave,
What exactly is unsecured debt, and how is it different from secured debt?

Rich
Dear Rich,
"Unsecured" debt generally means someone loaned you money, but they don't have a lien on anything. Credit cards and student loans are examples of unsecured debt, because there's nothing they can directly repossess if the borrower doesn't pay. However, they can sue you if you don't pay, and get a lien against something after they sue you. In some cases, this is done against your income by garnishing your wages.

Some examples of "secured" debt would be things like a home mortgage or car loan. A home mortgage loan is secured by the home. If you don't pay, they can foreclose and take the house. The same is true with a car loan. If you don't make the payments, they can take the car.

Typically, unsecured debts will be the last debts you pay if you're in financial trouble. You'd make the car payment before paying on your student loan, and you'd make your house payment before paying on a credit card.

Hope this helps, Rich!
—Dave

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Change your consciousness with grass — green grass, that is

In 1998's remake of "The Parent Trap," Nick (Dennis Quaid) wants to help his twins (both Lindsay Lohan) bond with his girlfriend Meredith (Elaine Hendrix) by taking them camping. The plan backfires when the girls make the trip miserable for Meredith, putting a lizard in her water bottle and setting her adrift in the lake as she sleeps on her air mattress.

Too bad Meredith didn't get to discover how great the great outdoors can be for body and soul. Research shows that it can decrease arterial stiffness; improve lung function; and lower blood pressure and levels of the stress hormone cortisol. And in a new study, researchers found that being around even a bit of green can transform your outlook.

They tracked the impact of nature on the mental health of 300-plus adults in Philadelphia: For one group living near 37 abandoned plots of land, they cleared trash, planted trees and grass, and kept the area maintained; for another group living near 36 abandoned lots, they removed trash and maintained whatever grass was there. For a third group living near 37 other abandoned plots, they did nothing. Over three years, the adults living near

the spaces with new plantings of grass and trees saw depression and a sense of worthlessness decline by more than 40 percent.

So, if you're an urbanite or tied to a desk indoors, try to spend three hours weekly in nature. And bring plants indoors. NASA says they can remove 87 percent of airborne toxins in 24 hours. That'll boost your outlook.

Are you a fan fan? Don't let it backfire

Katy Perry (106 million plus) and Justin Bieber (104 million plus) have the most Twitter fans, more than even President Barack Obama or soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo. But when a recent site-cleaning took place, eliminating fake fans from their followers, they lost 1 to 2 million apiece!

While they were embarrassed to have their fans cleaned, we suggest YOU really want your floor, window or ceiling fans to be as clean as possible. That's because if you're running fans with dusty, dirty blades, you are spewing dust mites through the air and making anyone with an allergy to them — maybe even yourself — suffer. According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, around 33 million Americans are sensitive to dust mites, and in some areas they play a role in 90 percent of the cases of allergic asthma.

Fans also can cause stiff, sore muscles in the morning if you sleep with a fan pointing directly at you, and the direct breeze can dry your skin.

But there are benefits to sleeping with a fan. Gentle circulation of cool air can help you breathe better (unless it's super dry), says Dr. Michael Benninger with the Head and Neck Institute at Cleveland Clinic. Their hum of white noise can help you fall sleep, but, says Dr. Benninger: "I suggest facing the fan away. It will still circulate the air while producing background noise." So don't fan the flames of allergies (or aches and pains) and keep your fan base real — real clean, that is.

Rebooting your beta cells

Beta testing is the rule in tech: You gotta try your new app in the real world to find out what's not running right. Then you can retool the beta to make version 1.0 operate smoothly and efficiently. Who woulda thought the same thing could apply to the beta cells in your pancreas?

Once you've been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, those beta cells aren't churning out insulin like they need to. Well, guess what? A new study shows that almost half of you can turn those betas back into ready-for-primetime players.

Researchers from Newcastle University in the U.K. recently discovered that about

50 percent of folks who had been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes for 2.7 years or less were able to become — and remain — nondiabetic by losing sufficient weight! Why? They found that losing weight restored a missing phase of the beta cell's insulin secretion, the short, 10-minute burst that happens when you eat. In addition, weight loss reduced liver and pancreas fat content and blood levels of triglycerides.

So, just as you would immediately treat a torn ACL or a case of appendicitis, when you're diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, you want to act fast: Contact a diabetes educator to guide you through your nutritional overhaul; set realistic weight-loss goals (1-2 pounds a week); keep a food diary; join a support group; and begin exercising at least five days a week. Then, one day you may be able to reminisce about when you beta-tested diabetes and, happily, beat it!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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COMMUNISTS ELECTED TRUMP

To the Editor,
That's how tabloids both press and internet do it, shock & awe. Some call this Click Bait now. Tabloids always did it, run headlines that had no follow up story just to lead you in to more bogus headlines and nuances. It's used to hit your solar plexus via your brainwaves reacting to indignation and revulsion, thence triggering some conditioned responses and some unique reactionary synapses conjuring retaliation or in the least condemnation based on vagaries without further fact substantiation. It is all an illusion, in other words, and in linguistics is known as praeteritio or saying that which you do not intend to infer but have just done, thereby instilling it in recipients' consciousness.

What this headline reduces to is a momentous issue nonetheless that has not been fully parsed as what it really portends, that Russians hacking into seven states' computer systems implanted seeds of Communism against Democrats and totalitarian promotion of Republicans, namely Donald Trump. Those seven states are Florida, Texas, Illinois, Arizona, Alaska, Wisconsin and California. It worked. And the people voting for Trump in those states, as well as influencing some in other states, were swayed to that determination by Communists in Russia. There-

fore, those patriots here decrying Communism as un-American were convinced by Communists to vote against Hillary Clinton and for Donald Trump. Hence, Communists elected Trump. No joke. Of course you'll never hear any allusion to that from Trump voters because that's taboo talk. The actual perpetrators of that election hack of 2016 are known by name, organization, exactly where and how they did it and when, and the startling fact that they're already doing it again. How it affected American working people toward the poll finale is unknown since that's a personal thing and not recorded except by vote. People are malleable though, come to believe in rhetoric, propaganda, even soap opera, as real life real people scenarios. To this day we hear "crooked Hillary" vocalized by that segment of society even though there is no proof whatsoever of criminal guilt on her part. The benefit for Russia extrapolates to relaxing sanctions against their import export trade which they need.

They, the Russians, namely Putin, GRU and oligarchic cohorts, found a counterpart in Trump who they already dealt with and hold some sway over though not entirely known exactly what. People like to fantasize about sexual blackmail, money laundering, banking swindles and the like but it's treason at base of all this

cover up, facts so incriminating as to doom Trump to condemnation almost worldwide, excepting Russia that is. That's why he's so mindful about treading on his one last getaway; he very likely will need it — if it's still available when once he has no longer any benefits to proffer unconscionably.

There are those brainwashed sufficiently to continue denial of these allegations, even in the face of verified existence of Russian hacking. There is some dissonance of cognition in so doing, egoism, embarrassment, avoidance of ridicule, perhaps even psychological anosognosia i.e. clinical memory lapse denial with confabulation or belief in made-up stories as reality. For that there seems no breakthrough.

The irony factor sends blinking red warning signals because it's nothing less than the undermining of the American system of voting and hence justice, Constitution, way of life and custom. Irony it surely is, though, that Americans who still vocalize against Communists have indeed been swayed by that ilk they pretend to despise by voting the way Communists wanted them to. Communism, which did not end with the disintegration of the USSR, seeks the same old power over others through force, trickery, psychological warfare, infiltration, and since the internet has gained worldwide access penetrates

most anywhere. Computer geeks tell that when once anyone has hacked into a computer system s/he is free to do anything, literally, anything. That means that some Russian operatives in the military spy ensemble studied American English and customs assiduously, embedded some here in media, educational and political circles to further advance their influence into American politics. Americans of the working class milieu are susceptible to messages that they can relate to relevant to their wages, benefits, immigration from their purview, racism as it affects them, for this amorphous subsection of society is malleable in terms of plebeian values when promises are geared specifically to them, none else being moved to tap that stream of consciousness but for vague "American People" reference. Trump, through relating to working class emotions, extenuated from the Communists what he needed to heist an election. Since it was accomplished both figuratively and literally, utilizing the antiquated and demented Electoral College system as springboard, it still works. Communism Russian style has come to the USA empowered by workers who in continued subservience obey.

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A day of tribute to the American worker

BY JIM AKANS

Since the time I entered the workforce many, many years ago, I always thought it ironic that the day set aside each year to recognize hard-working Americans should be called Labor Day. At first glance, it seemed to me the intent was to focus on working extra hard as this first Monday in September rolled in. It was as if an order was being issued on the calendar to make sure whatever distractions the late summer may bring, this was a day to set aside to labor...lazy beach bums.

Of course, it is not. According to the Department of Labor (could this be people just waiting to be asked to do something), Labor Day is "a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers." Origins reach back to the late 1800's, beginning with Labor Day recognitions

through ordinances passed by municipalities followed by a state law in Oregon passed in 1887. Laws soon ensued in Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. By 1894, 23 states had passed laws recognizing Labor Day so Congress passed an act designating the first Monday in September a legal Labor Day holiday. Congress has a way of being right out in front of national trends.

There is however, a bit of a back-story. The labor movement rarely, if ever, achieved anything without a fight. Turns out the origin of the Labor Day idea is something that is contested to this day. It seems two gentlemen; Matthew Maguire and Peter McGuire (no spelling error here...same sounding last names and same idea), each came up with the notion that there should be a national holiday for workers, and they both did it at the same time...well over 100 years ago.

Citing the Department of



Labor again, it is noted that Peter McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners as well as the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, envisioned a day honoring all "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

Meanwhile, Matt Maguire, a machinist who later became a secretary for Local 344 of the International As-

sociation of Machinists, suggested a Labor Day holiday be created while he was serving a secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. The Central Labor Union actually drafted a Labor Day proposal and set up a committee to plan events.

The Department of Labor has even set up a spot on their website to vote your choice of who is the "father of Labor Day." Hands down,

Matt Maguire is leading Peter McGuire by a margin of 60 percent to 40 percent. With all the current election hoopla we certainly understand polls can be less than accurate...but this fight has been going on much longer than a political campaign season.

A few more bits of trivia:

- The first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York...though it was a Tuesday.

- The original thought for celebrating Labor Day was to have community parades and festivals recognizing workers and their families. No mention of hot dogs, soda and beers by the lake.

- Labor Day, Labour Day or International Workers' Day is celebrated at some point during the year in over 80 countries.

- Labor Day is widely viewed as the end of the summer season here in the U.S. and has become a huge retail sales event, much like President's Day.

- Labor Day marks the transition from pre-season football to regular games in both the NFL and College sports.

This Monday, September 3, please take a few moments to step back from the grill, pull the shopping cart over, or stop toiling in the garden and think about the American worker. Those who get up in the morning, spend the day expending the labors of body and mind most often for the profit of others, and return home in the evening to rest and prepare for the next day's round. Chances are very high that you are one of those workers too.

Embrace this national holiday that at its core is a tribute to hardworking Americans. A day when, as noted on the Department of Labor web site, we honor "the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker."

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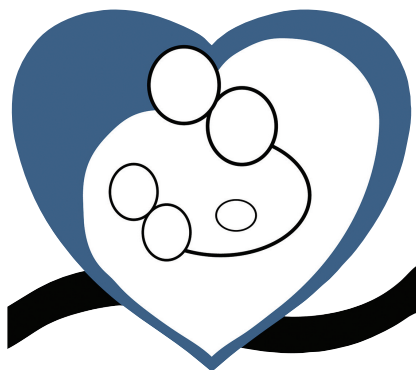
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