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Boyne City Mushroom Festival Starts May 16

BY JIM AKANS

ach spring, thousands of people head for the northern Michigan woodlands in search of the magnificent Morel Mushroom, and each May since 1960, Boyne City has been the destination where many of those mushroom hunters gather to experience the annual National Morel

Mushroom Festival.
The 59th National Morel
Mushroom Festival will begin
on Thursday, May 16, and
continue through Sunday,
May 19. Of course mushrooms take center stage at
this annual fungi fête, with a

morel seminar, guided hunts, the Boyne City Chamber's Wine & Dine gourmet event, the Great Morel Giveaway and more. The festival will also feature a Craft Beer Block Party downtown and the 1st Annual Pub Crawl, live music from Yankee Station, as well as carnival rides, an arts and crafts show and a 5k fun run/walk to benefit the Humane Society.

For more information about the National Morel Mushroom Festival events, and to order tickets to festival events in advance, visit www.morelfest.com or call the Boyne City Chamber at (231) 582-6222.



National Morel Mushroom Festival will begin on Thursday, May 16, and continue through Sunday, May 19. File photo by Michelle Medjesky

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 16

- 3 pm – Schmidt Amusements Carnival in Veter-

- 5 to 9 pm – Craft Beer Block Party in downtown Boyne City. For details, visit www.morelblockparty.com or call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222.

Friday, May 17

- 1-6 pm $\,$ – Craft Show – Veterans Park . Showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items. Application and rules.

-3 pm – Schmidt Amusements Carnival in Veterans Park

- 3:30 pm – Free Morel Seminar – A free one-hour seminar in the festival tent with great tips on finding morels in the woods, featuring local morel hunting expert Anthony Williams. Tony is a multiple winner of the National Mushroom Hunt. New this year, Tony will be joined by Rose Newton, a certified morel and wild mushroom identification expert. She will be sharing tips and information on uses of mushrooms from cooking to medicine, traditions and explaining how fungus is a critical

component of bioremediation for our environment.
- 5 pm Friday Evening Guided Morel Hunt. \$25
per person. The Guided Hunt is designed as an educational morel hunt with guides that will help you identify morel hunting areas as well as other edibles in the woods. There is no guarantee that you will find morels, but you will gain "a bag full of knowledge" about morels and other edibles in the northern Michigan forest. You may bring a sack, walking shoes, water and a cell phone. Buses depart from Veterans Park following the Morel Seminar at 5pm. Plan on returning to Veterans Park by

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East Jordan Mayor Russ Peck presents a commendation to RuthAnn Sheridan recognizing her late husband's service to the city. Photo by Karen Walker

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 7, 2019

Several grants awarded to city

BY KAREN WALKER

Mayor Russ Peck presented a commendation to Ruthann Sheridan at Tuesday night's City Commission meeting recognizing her late husband Tom's service and dedication to the City of East Jordan. Mr. Sheridan served on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals as Chairperson, the Charter Commission as well as served as the Assistant Airport Manager for combined service of 34 years.

In other business, commissioners agreed to not move forward with a project that would bring workforce housing to a parcel of land located on Mill Street that is owned by East Jordan DDA. Joe Hall of Wallick Communities was on hand to answer questions about the project. Commissioner Penzien expressed concern that the proposed use of the property does not fit the vision of the City's master plan. However, commissioners encouraged Mr. Hall to explore other possible options within the City.

Also, Commissioners voted to award the boat launch construction contract to Molon Excavating Inc. The new boat dock near East Jordan's Tourist Park is expected to be completed by early October.

City Administrator Tom Cannon reported several grants have been awarded to the City including \$10,000 from Charlevoix County Community foundation towards the batting cage project at Community Park. The City has also received \$10,000 from the Charlevoix County Parks Millage for the batting

The City has teamed with East Jordan Rotary for a grant to replace three drinking fountains in City parks with new fountains that can also be used for filling water bottles. This will be funded by a \$6,157 grant from Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The City partnered with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and received a grant totaling \$37,185 from the DNR to improve the Tourist Park shoreline. Approximately 200 feet of degraded shoreline will be restored as part of a

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William Henry Purdy, 88

(JULY 15, 1930 - MAY 4, 2019)

William Henry Purdy passed peacefully at his son's home in Rapid

River on May 4, 2019.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and services will be held at 2:00 PM at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, Michigan.

William was born on July 15, 1930, the son of William L. and Rose (Slater) Purdy.

He lived in Genesee County until his retirement, and was an elementary teacher at Kearsley, Hamady and Beecher schools. He lived in Boyne City in his retirement, and spent the last year under the care of his son in Rapid River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betty (Jackson), brother Russell, sisters June and Evelyn, and second wife Marilyn. He is survived by his children William A. (Sylvia) of Rapid River. Michael of Cheboygan, Thomas (Rose) of Boyne

City and Anne (Ralph) Murdick of Twining, Michigan, and grandchildren, Tommy and Ann Purdy, and Tammy Kramer and Chantal

His kindness, decency, and humility will be remembered by all who knew him.

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

Pauline (Erno) Rasch, 96

(OCT. 16, 1922 - JAN. 28, 2019)

Pauline Isabel Rasch passed away on January 28, 2019 at Grandvue Medical Care Facil-



ity in East Jordan where she had resided the last twentyone months of her life,

Pauline was born in Boyne City on October 16, 1922 to Louis and Thelma (Jacobson) Erno. She lived her entire life in Boyne City where she attended school a graduated with the class of

On February 14, 1942, she married Frederick Rasch,

also of Boyne City. Together, they raised three children in a loving Christian home. She enjoyed family gatherings, crocheting afghans, making quilts and making clothes for her children and grandchildren. In her younger years, she loved riding bike and taking walks with family and friends.

Pauline was honored for being the last surviving "charter member" of the Boyne City Church of The Nazarene where she attended church faithfully and taught Sunday school for many years.

Pauline is survived by two of her children: Sue (Harold) Brooks, David (Debra) Rasch, daughter-inlaw Paula Rasch, sister Sally (Ray) Askins, brother-in-law Herb Howard, eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren with one on

She was proceeded in death by her husband Fred (1999) son Jonathan (2015) and five siblings: Elwood Erno, Norman Erno, Marjorie Erno, Paul Erno and Linda Howard

Bruce Lee Ordiway, 70

(OCT. 19, 1948 - DEC. 30, 2018)

Bruce Lee Ordiway of Boyne City passed away on December 30, 2018 at his

A memorial service will be held 3:00 PM Friday, May 24th, 2019 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends being held from 2:00 PM until the time of service.

Marietta (Burbank) Walden, 90

(JUNE 23, 1928 - MAY 1, 2019)

Marietta Walden of East Jordan died Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Grandvue Medical



Care Facility, East Jordan. She was born on June 23. 1928, in East Jordan, the daughter of Seymour and Carrie (Nessel) Burbank. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1946.

On June 29, 1946, in East Jordan, she married William C. "Bill" Walden. He preceded her in death on January 11, 2004.

Marietta Walden was a lifelong resident of East Jordan and had worked at the East Jordan Library on Main Street for many years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

Marietta was a very friendly person who was always available to help anyone in need. She was also a very good conversationalist.

Marietta is survived by two daughters, Teresa Verellen of Traverse City and Michelle (Tim) Hansma, of East Jordan: daughter-inlaw, Deborah Walden of Elkhart, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Christopher K. Walden: son-in-law. Brian Sweet; grandson, Adam Jones; two brothers, Charles Burbank and Fred Burbank; and five sisters, Beatrice Batterbee, Cecila King, Dorothy Heinzelman, Rose Nemecek O'Gorman Katalik and Helen Ager Burns Thomas.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. Fr. Peter Wigton will officiate. Interment will be in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, East Jor-

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 12, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 P.M. Sunday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the East Jordan Ambulance Association.

Marie Evelyn McSawby, 86

(MAY 12, 1932 - MAY 6, 2019)

Marie E. McSawby of Charlevoix passed away Monday, May 6, 2019.

She was born May 12, 1932 in Charlevoix, the daughter of William Sands and Anna (Enos) Sands. Marie was a proud mem-

ber of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. She greatly enjoyed the outdoors, including biking and taking in nature, as well as singing. Marie was a lover of children, especially those in her family.

For many years Marie worked at United Technologies in Boyne City as an as-

Surviving Marie are two nieces, Lori (Antonio) Mc-Sawby-Hartle of Charlevoix, and Tina Wiser-McSawby of Charlevoix. Also surviving

Marie are numerous great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Louis McSawby, sister Catherine McSawby, and niece Jennifer McSawby.

Funeral services will take place Friday, May 10, at 1:00 p.m., at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Jonathon Mays officiating. Interment will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix. The family will receive friends Friday, May 10 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boulder Park Terrace, 14676 W. Upright, Charlevoix, MI 49615.

The family would like to give special thanks to all of the staff at Boulder Park Terrace, who took great care of Marie in her last

Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Beverly Charlotte Barrett, 87

(OCT. 10, 1931 - MAY 1, 2019)

Beverly C. Barrett of Charlevoix passed away Wednesday May 1, 2019. No services are planned at

this time. Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester

Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-

Bruce K Shanahan, 85

(JULY 26, 1933 - APRIL 29, 2019)

Kim Shanahan Charlevoix died Monday April 29, 2019.

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born in Charlevoix on July 26, 1933 to parents Phila and Edward. As a military child, Bruce spent much of his childhood in various places across the country, but attended high school in Charlevoix.

After graduating high school in 1950 Bruce attended the University of Michigan where he earned a B.S. degree in Geology. Upon graduation he served in the Army for two years and then returned to the University of Michigan for two years of medical school before accepting a position

with the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company as a geologist for copper mining operations in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan. When the Keweenaw copper mines closed in the late 1960s Bruce relocated to Reno, Nevada where he also worked as a mining geolo-

Throughout much of the 1970s and early 1980s Bruce co-owned and managed a health food store in Rochester, New York. He moved back to Charlevoix in the mid-1980s to care for his aging parents.

Bruce was an avid amateur naturalist who loved to hike and camp and commune with nature. On a slow walk through the north woods with Bruce, he would happily share his knowledge of the flora and fauna, not to mention rocks and minerals. By the end of the walk you will know, among other things that a white pine has five needles per bundle whereas red and black pines have two; and you might have handfuls of wild leeks to go with dinner.

Bruce loved to sing and did so for many years with the Charlevoix Men's Chorus. He was also a faithful member of the Charlevoix First Congregational Church choir. A really good bass, say fans and fellow choralists.

As an active member of the First Congregational Church, Bruce served on several boards and committees and also held the position of assistant financial secretary.

Bruce is survived by niece Mary Kim (Michael) Pagels of Hampstead, MD, nephew Edward (Nancy) of Toledo, OH, nephew Robert (Debra) of Canton, MI, niece Kathleen (Cornel) Van Gorp of Powell, OH and seven grand nieces and nephews. He is preceded by his parents and his brother Robert Edward Shanahan.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 18th at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to:

The National Institute on Aging: Dementia Research and Clinical Trials. www.nia.nih.gov/about/donations

Dementia Society of America. www.dementiasociety.org/donate

Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

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OLIVIA ADAMS



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Addy Falk

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Judy and Troy Falk

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Addy wants to work on

Favorite Book: Addy's favorite book is Marvin K. Mooney by Dr. Seuss **Hobbies and Interests:** Addy likes to play Barbies with her friends.

School Activities: Addy loves to read at school.

Staff Comments: I have enjoyed having Addy in Kindergarten this year. She is always willing to help her peers and teachers and always has a kind word and a smile for her class. Addy works very hard and always does her best and uses her stamina! I will miss Addy next year but I

know that she will do great in First Grade. Submitted By: Ms. W

Crooked Tree Youth Art Show winners announced



Youth Art Show juror Aaron Nemec acknowledged the winning artists during CTAC's Youth Arts Awards Night on Wednesday, April 24. Courtesy photo

On Wednesday, April 24, Crooked Tree Arts Center announced the winners of the Annual Youth Art Show as part of the Youth Arts Awards Night.

This year's juror, artist Aaron Nemec, selected first, second, and third place winners, as well as numerous honorable mentions from the work of hundreds of students in the Char-Em ISD. The winning student artists are as follows:

Louise Herlocher Memorial Award: 3-D

- "Finger Bone Tea Cup, White & Raspberry Tea Cup, White & Black Cup" by Gabriel Wright, Grade 12, Boyne City High School

- First Place - "Untitled" by Gerard Conti, Grade 12, Petoskey High School

- Second Place – "Fiber Art Basket" by Andrea

Legato, Grade 11, Pellston High School

- Third Place - "Tiles" by Sarah Snyder, Grade 10, Boyne City High School

Honorable Mentions:

- "Apples" by Izabella Kopenkoskey, Grade 1, Boyne City Elementary School

- "Big Apple" by Xzandria Jazowiak, Grade 10, Boyne City High School

- "Blue Day" by Dayton McPherson, Grade 12, Boyne City High School

- "The Free Lilly" by Jade Erno, Grade 6, Boyne City Middle School

laney Little, Grade 5, Boyne City Middle School "Untitled" by Sophia

- "Lost My House" by De-

Stein, Grade 5, Central Elementary School

- "Harambe's Last Swim" by Owen Leist, Grade 10,

Concord Academy Boyne

- "Untitled #1" by Anika Manthei, Grade 12, Concord Academy Boyne City

- "The Deliciousness" by Callie Carlson, Grade 5, Concord Academy Petoskey

- "Untitled" by Lexie Goenink, Grade 12, Ellsworth Community School

- "Sunset" by SunYoung You, Grade 10, Harbor Light - "Hope" by NiiWinon-

gokwe Silver, Grade 9, Harbor Springs High School - "Wings of Flight" by Blaise Sytsma-Reed, Grade

4, Home School - "Kandinsky" by Allison Fettig, Grade 1, Ottawa Ele-

mentary School - "Flashlight at Night" by Levi Nichols, Grade 3, Pell-

ston Elementary School - "Pandas" by Ashley Cranick, Grade 12, Pellston High School

Mary's - "Untitled" by Aiden Parish, Grade 8, St. Mary's Anne Morningstar and Brian Bates, owners of Bear Creek Organic Farm, awarded the second annual Morningstar-Bates Achieve-

- "The Dye Rainbow" by

Genevieve Hunt, Grade 3,

Harbor Springs Shay Ele-

- "Untitled" by Jerome

- "Untitled" by Cecilia Mi-

- "Cat in Window" by Jil-

randa, Grade 4, St. Francis

lian Romano, Grade 7, St.

Fate, Grade 5, St. Francis

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ment Award to Haley Petersen, Grade 12, from Petoskey High School for her acrylic piece, "Untitled." An artist herself, Anne Morningstar is also Professor of Design at North Central Michigan

College, a CTAC Board

Member, and Chair of CTAC's Visual Arts Committee.

The Youth Art Show will be on display through Saturday, May 11.

Support is provided in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and CTAC's Visual Arts Presenter – Edward Jones of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Traverse City.

For more information on the Youth Art Show and the Youth Arts Awards Night, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit

www.crookedtree.org. The Youth Art Show is one of the many activities scheduled for the Annual Youth Arts Festival. Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in Petoskey.



A large crowd is assembled as President of the United States Donald J. Trump delivers the keynote address during the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service in Washington, D.C., May 15, 2017. Wikipedia - U.S. Customs and Bor-

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

BY JIM AKANS

This year, National Police Week is being recognized the week of May 12 through 18 across the nation. Law enforcement officers, government officials, and citizens will pay tribute to those officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives in the line of duty while protecting and serving the public. The names of 371 officers added to the Memorial this year include 158 who made the ultimate sacrifice during 2018, in addition to 213 officers who died earlier in history but whose sacrifice had not been previously docu-

mented. The roots of National Police Week reach back to 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week following as Police Week. In August 1981, the Fraternal Order of Police National Auxiliary Board voted to hold the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service on Capitol Hill at Senate Park the following May. The event, which was initially attended by approximately 120 supporters and survivors, has grown to become National Police Week, offering a series of events that draw up to 40,000 attendees to our nation's Capitol from across the world.

President Ronald Regan sign legislation into law in October 1984 that established the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, created to raise funds for what became the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, DC. The Memorial was dedicated in October 1991 by President George

Bush. The 31st annual Candlelight Vigil will be held in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 12 at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Each year an estimated 20,000 people assemble for the Candlelight Vigil, a signature event of National Police Week. The service includes musical tributes, special remarks and reading of the names as they are dedicated on the



Plaque at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Judiciary Wikipedia photo

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Registration to view the Candlelight Vigil Webcast is available at www.nleomf.org.

On May 15 each year, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary host a ceremony on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol to honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families. In tribute to American law enforcement officers and at the request of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Public Law 103-322 designates May 15 National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is one of only two days each year during which government agencies, businesses and residents are to fly their

U.S. flags at half staff. Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a private non-profit organization dedicated to telling the story of American law enforcement and making it safer for those who serve. The Memorial Fund maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, which contains the names of officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund is now building the new National Law Enforcement Museum, which will tell the story of American law enforcement by providing visitors a "walk in the shoes" experience. The Museum is working to expand and enrich the relationship shared by law enforcement and the community through the Museum's educational journeys, immersive exhibitions, and insightful programs. For more information, visit www.nleomf.org.

Buff Up Boyne



Girl Scouts enjoy lunch in Sunset Park after helping with the clean up

INFO & PHOTOGRAPHS BY KAREN WALKER

Buff Up Boyne takes spring cleaning to a new level with nearly 100 volunteers turning out on a beautiful Saturday morning to put some sparkle and shine on downtown Boyne. The annual event organized by



Doug Bean sweeps the sidewalk

Boyne City Main Street is held the first Saturday in May. The community clean up helps prepare town for the busy summer season.

Participants were treated to hot dogs from Dearborn Sausage Company grilled by the Lions Club, doughnuts from Family Fare, cof-

fee from Boyne City Bakery, and Charlevoix State Bank provided ice cream floats.



Luann Keinath of Charlevoix State Bank serves up a root beer float

Boyne City road improvement projects

At a public open-house on May 8, the City of Boyne City presented information on the following two projects: 1) North Lake Street Mill and Resurfacing from State Street to the City Boat Launch; and 2) Crush & Shape Rehabilitation of five (5) asphalt roads on the south side of the city.

North Lake Street -Mill & Resurfacing **Project**

The existing asphalt road will be milled and surfaced with new asphalt from State Street to the City Boat Launch across from Family

Fare. The work will be done this spring commencing May 20th. The contractor for this \$200,000 component of work will be Payne & Dolan.

Crush & Shape Rehabilitation **Projects**

Five (5) existing asphalt roads along with some of the underlying stone will be pulverized, then re-shaped and compacted. The roads will also receive a new asphalt surface course. Below is the list of roads as depicted on the attached

Wilson Street (Ann Street to Avalanche Preserve)

Ann Street (Wilson Street to Pleasant Avenue)

Trent Street (S Lake Street to Pleasant Avenue)

First Street (W Divi-

Front Street (W Di-

sion Street to Ann Street)

vision Street to Lake Park) The work will be done

this spring commencing May 7th. The contractor for this \$260,000 component of work will be Rieth-Riley Construction.

EAST JORDAN

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP) contractor training workshop. The project will serve to stabilize the shoreline, educate contractors, and demonstrate to the general public the value of natural shorelines.

The next city commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on May 21 at City Hall.

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News Briefs

EAST JORDAN

MASTER PLAN INPUT SESSION

May 9, 5-7pm, East Jordan Community Center. Please join us for a Business After Hours Input Session. East Jordan is updating its community master plan and city officials are looking for input on priorities from local business representatives. All are welcome at this informal networking and input event. You will have the opportunity to review results from the community survey and help identify future development priorities. Enjoy light refreshments from local businesses.

CHARLEVOIX

MOCK PITCH NIGHT

9, 6-8:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. You are invited to attend the Charlevoix Local Investors Workshop: If you don't consider yourself an investor don't worry - this workshop is for everyone. This is a free event that will be a lot of fun for all who attend. A "mock" pitch will be presented and everyone who comes will get fake "money." It will be up to you if you invest in the business idea and how much. The event will generate great discussion around crowdfunding opportunities that our small business community could take advantage Visit www.whatisgrubstake.com or call (231) 547-3257 for info. Register at eventbrite.com.

EAST JORDAN

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

May 11, 6pm, East Jordan High School. \$8 per person, ages 5 and under free.

WALLOON LAKE

VERNAL POOL PATROL TRAINING WORKSHOP

May 11, 9am-2pm, The Talcott, 4060 M-75 North. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that are important for maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. Get your team together (family, friends, anyone!) to learn all about vernal pool ecology and how to identify these unique pools. We will visit a vernal pool nearby and practice monitoring a vernal pool in the Walloon Lake watershed. BRING: Knee boots or hiking boots. Dress in field gear for walking around in the woods: long pants, long sleeve shirts, hats, etc. Bring a brown bag lunch and water. Beverages will be provided. Free. To register contact Heather Huffstutler; heather@walloon.org or (231) 535-6112.

BOYNE CITY

FAMILY ADVENTURES EXPLORED

May 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Low-Cost No-Cost Adventures," features a filmed interview with the Abbotts, a family that regularly sets off on family adventures. Participants will get practical tips for having low- cost or no-cost adventures and explore the barriers to family adventures. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

ANNUAL RIDE OF SILENCE

May 15, Veterans Park. The Boyne City Ride of Silence is an annual free ride that asks cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph, wear helmets, follow the rules of the road, and remain silent during the ride. Cyclists will gather at Veterans Park at 6:45 p.m. for a 7 o'clock departure to Advance, and back to the park. Join us for this interesting ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees. The ride, held during National Bike Month, aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for and honor the lives of those who have been killed or injured. Wear a black armband to honor a cyclist who has been killed and/or a red band to honor a cyclist who has been injured while out riding. For more details on the ride contact: Michael Sheean 582-4030 or m_sheean@yahoo.com.

BOYNE CITY

ANNUAL CRAFT BEER BLOCK PARTY

May 16, 5-9pm, downtown. The 5th Annual Craft Beer Block Party will kick off the 59th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival again this year. featuring craft breweries, plus wineries, restaurants and live music from Jedi Mind Trip. The block party draws a big crowd to the middle of downtown Boyne City with the 100 block of South Lake Street blocked off for all the festivities.

BOYNE CITY

NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

May 16-19. Highlights include an Arts & Crafts Show, Carnival Rides, Morel Out-Recreation Show, Guided Mushroom Hunt, Wine & Dine Gourmet Dinner, Competitive Mushroom Hunt, The Taste of Morels and the Great Morel Giveaway. Full schedule www.morelfest.com.

PETOSKEY

ANNUAL NLEA SPRING LUNCHEON

May 17, Registration starts at 11am, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. celebrating economic development with fellow businesses, and community and government leaders involved in the economic vitality of our area. The event format will be a little different than in years past. Guests will watch the program first in the auditorium. Following the program, rather than a traditional seated lunch, there will be food stations set up around the facility for guests to partake in while networking and exploring the building.

Registration from 11:00am to 11:30am. Proceed to the auditorium for the program from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Networking/Lunch stations until 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and you may purchase up to 10 tickets per transaction. Tickets are mandatory at the door. NLEA will mail tickets to the address you include on your order. Please fill tickets out and bring with you as admission into the Purchase event. eventbrite.com.

CHARLEVOIX

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

May 17, 5:30pm reception, dinner at 6pm, Grey Gables Restaurant. The Charlevoix County Republican Party is hosting a Lincoln Day Dinner. Special guest speaker will be RNC Committeeman, Rob Steele. Dinner is \$60 per person and must be purchased in advance. To RSVP and purchase tickets contact CCR Chair Sue Cook at (231) 547-

EAST JORDAN

ENHANCE EAST JORDAN May 18, 9am-3pm, Meet in Memorial Park. Five Projects

To Choose TonWork On At-Friends of the Jordan, City of East Jordan-Parks, East Jordan Public School- Bike Trail, Grandvue Medical Care Facility and Raven Hill Discovery Center. Registration via email to - info@ejchamber.org or call 231-536-7351. All volunteers will receive a pair of gloves courtesy of East Jordan True Value Hardware.

BOYNE CITY

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EXPLORED

May 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "An Immigrant in the Sanctuary: When Faith and Politics Collide," features a filmed interview with Rev. Mike Morran, whose church offered sanctuary to Arturo Hernandez Garcia, an undocumented immigrant. Garcia moved into the church basement knowing he faced immediate deportation should he leave the church At this Lifetree building. episode, participants will have the opportunity to share their views concerning illegal immigration, immigration reform, and responding to undocumented immigrants. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COUNTY WIDE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

May 21, 5:30-7:30pm, Lavender Hill Farm, Horton Bay. Members of the Boyne, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Beaver Island Chambers of Commerce will be attending this event, which always draws a big crowd. For the past 21 years, these chambers have teamed up to host this joint Business After Hours to provide networking opportunities for the entire county. Admission is \$5 including hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, drawings and networking. There will be great food and beverages as always. Each of the participating Chambers will bring a giveaway/door prize that represents their community.

EAST JORDAN

OVER SHOPPING & OVER SPENDING PRESENTATION

May 23, 6pm, Jordan Valley District Library. Terrence Shulman from Franklin, Michigan will present on how to not over spend on unnecessary items. Facts such as 15% of internet shoppers are compulsive shoppers, men and women shop/spend about equally, and the average credit card debt for a U.S. Citizen is nearly \$10,000. He has been on CNN, Nightline, CNBC, Entertainment Tonight,

48 Hours, Oprah Winfrey Show, etc. His book "Bought out and spent!" is available to check out from the library. This is a free event, but you need to register at 536-7131

CHARLEVOIX

ROUND LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 24-26, 5-8pm, Bridge Park. Free concerts and fun. Featuring the Jelly Roll Blues Band, The Hustlers and the Jill Jack Band. Info at livefromcharlevoix.com

BOYNE CITY

PRIME MINISTER'S "GOD **ENCOUNTER" AIRED**

May 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Former Ethiopian prime minister Tamrat Layne tells about his controversial "encounter with God" in a filmed interview at Lifetree Café on Potluck Sunday, May 26. Bring a dish to share at 5:30. Program begins at 6:30. After serving as prime minister, Lavne was convicted of corruption charges and served 12 years in prison. During his incarceration, Layne claims he experienced a supernatural visit from God. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

June 7, The Mallard Golf Club. Lunch is at noon, shotgun start at 1pm. Nine holes with cart, lunch and snacks, golfer gifts, prizes and games. \$60 per person or \$240 per team. Contact the chamber at (231) 536-7351 for details.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SPRING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

June 7; 5-8pm and June 8; 9am-1pm. Accepting common hazardous items, electronics, appliances and mattresses. Registration is May 28-June 6th. For information or to register call 231-547-7221 between 8-4pm or visit charlevoixcounty.org.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 13, 4-8pm, downtown. Specials, refreshments and giveaways at participating street musicians on Bridge Street from 6-8pm. Visit charlevoix.org for more infor-

EAST JORDAN

SHARPS DROP-OFF June

9am-1pm, McLaren Northern MI, 915 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777.

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

CURBSIDE TRASH PICK-

June 22. Curbside pickup

will be held on Saturday, June 22 this year. Items you would like to have picked up need to be at the curb by the evening of June 21.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9 am - Noon. . The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is located in the main lobby and training room of the City Facilities Building, which is located across the street from the summer market location in Veterans Park. Twenty vendors are confirmed for the indoor market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Features gospel music on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 7pm. East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water.

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.

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 Hospi-Wellness Wednesday,

every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: 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, lowcost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net

have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, **DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS**

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

 Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session - The Boyne District Library

Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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News

Dorothy Gerber Strings Program presents Spring Concert

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, May 11, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. The concert will begin with a prelude of student soloists at 5:40, followed by the main program at 6pm. It will be the culmination of a year of study for over 100 students, ranging from preschool to high school. Students will converge on Bay Harbor from a variety of locations served by the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, including Elk Rapids, Ellsworth, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Pellston and Beaver Island.

The program will include a wide variety of music and ensembles. String quartets of students from Charlevoix and Beaver Island will perform, in addition to The Cummings Quartet, the professional ensemble of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program. The Cummings Quartet will also be joined by student Ricky Bristol, a Boyne City student who won the opportunity to play with the professionals during the recently concluded March Madness Practice Challenge. Student soloists will be featured, including Eeva Rintala, a recent prize winner at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Young

Artist Competition. The advanced students of the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra, Boyne City Junior Orchestra and the Beaver Island Ensemble will perform arrangements of "Spring" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons and the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The performance will conclude with more Beethoven – the iconic "Ode to Joy" from his Ninth Symphony.

The month of May ends with two additional performances by the students of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program. More than twenty private lesson students will perform their

solos in Charlevoix on May 31 at 7pm. The following day (June 1), the Suzuki Program will give its yearend performance at 4pm. Both recitals will take place at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. All performances of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program are open to the public and admission is free. The Dorothy Gerber

Strings Program, administered by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, provides education on the bowed string instruments throughout the region. Directors Dr. David Reimer and Chas Helge lead a team of area teachers to provide students with an excellent musical



The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, May 11, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Courtesy photo

education. The program also offers upcoming summer opportunities, including three camps and a Summer School of Music.

More information can be found at CharlevoixCircle.org.

'Tis the season for morel mushrooms

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – It's that time of the year again ... finally.

Though spring-like weather has been delayed and frustratingly sporadic so far this year, the calendar has turned to May and that does mean the prime mushroom-hunting season has arrived, or will soon arrive.

The northern Lower Peninsula is an excellent area for morel hunting with all the hardwood forests and state land that is easily accessible. And, with the aid of the user-friendly Mi-HUNT app available through the DNR, the likelihood of success in morel hunting has increased.

We spoke last week with U.P. native and lifelong morel enthusiast and hunter Andy Evans of the Department of Natural Resources, who is based out of the DNR's Gaylord office. Andy wrote a popular article on the subject for the "Showcasing the DNR" series about this time a year ago that appeared in numerous newspapers across the state, including the Weekly Choice.

We were curious about the prospects for this year's morel hunting, which will likely begin in earnest this week or next, depending on the mood of the weather.

"Every year's a little different with morel hunting but every year is an adventure," said Evans, who grew up across the bridge in Mackinac County but lives these days in Cheboygan County while working in Otsego County.

"The nice thing about northern Michigan is there are so many acres of hardwoods, especially ash trees and aspens. The Gaylord area, Cheboygan County and Montmorency County are prime places to look, but all across the northern Lower Peninsula there are numerous locations likely to have morels. The tip of the mitt is excellent for morels."

Evans said a successful early hunt, in terms of bringing home the morels, is largely dependent on weather, particularly during the month of May. On one hand, sunshine is important to induce the morels out of the ground, but rain is important as well.

"Moisture and warmth are two key factors," he noted. "What we're waiting for now here in the north is the ground temperature to warm up a little more. They're already going after morels downstate and having some success; up here, we're not ready yet."

Traditionally, Mother's Day weekend is the kickoff point for active morel hunting in the north. This year, though, Evans thinks the morels may need another week or so to make their appearance.

"Traditionally, around Mother's Day weekend you will start finding the early morels but with the cool spring we've been having to this point, the third weekend in May could be more realistic," he said.

When the time finally

comes to get out the compass, jackknife and mesh bag and search the hardwoods, Evans strongly recommends using the Mi-HUNT website, which provides interactive maps and can direct morel hunters to likely locations all across the state. Just follow the link to morels.

"Mi-HUNT is an excellent tool for morel hunting," Evans said. "It shows where there have been recent wild-fires and prescribed burns, which create an excellent environment for the morels to flourish."

Evans said he personally prefers targeting "hilly hardwoods," and those areas can be located pretty easily using the Mi-HUNT app. Mi-HUNT provides customized maps of state-managed land, showing ash and other upland deciduous tree cover types. There are also topographic maps available and maps showing what types of trees are on state land. Contour lines show where the hills are located, too. Aerial photos are also available for any area you zoom onto.

In the early weeks of morel season, the so-called "black" morels are much more common. They range in color from dark black to light brown or tan and they are smaller than the so-called "white" morels which come later in the season and are sometimes referred to as "bigfoots." The white, or bigger, morels are also yellow in color.

At the time of this writing on Tuesday, the weather

was still raw, damp and cool. When daytime temps reach into the 70s (and, yes, it will happen eventually), and, perhaps even more importantly, nighttime temps do not dip below 50, the

Another sign that the mushrooms are growing is the presence of mosquitos, since both morels and mosquito larvae grow at the

mushrooms will begin ap-

pearing rapidly.

same time.
As Evans notes, once the conditions are right, the mushrooms will start pop-

ping out of the ground

seemingly overnight.
As for the magic question
of whether this spring has
the makings of a good morel
hunting season, Evans was

optimistic.
"It's a delayed start this year because of the cooler weather but once the mushrooms start popping, there's a good chance you can find them," he said.

"Just remember that finding the morels is terrific but it's only one aspect of a very rewarding experience. Just being outdoors in northern Michigan and appreciating the sights and breathing in the fresh air is a benefit in itself."

A morel primer

If you have never tried morel mushrooms, you might want to explore their culinary power. Some people describe them as nutty, some say meaty – but most agree the morel truly is unique.

They can be added to many dishes, sautéed in butter and onions, or fried. You will be rewarded with a great dish to share with family and friends, from Michigan's natural wild bounty.

If you have never collected morels before, here are some tips for the first-timer:

Remember to bring your compass or GPS unit, and plan a route that will bring you back to your vehicle. Remember to let someone know where you will be that day – let's call that filing your "mushroomer plan" for safety.

Always cut or pinch the mushrooms off at ground level, to protect the lower portion of the fungus and ensure mushroom regrowth in future years. Pulling them out can do permanent damage. This is where a jackknife comes in handy.

For that same reason, and to maintain a good nourishing layer of leaf litter, you should never rake an area for morels or drive an offroad vehicle cross country. For more information on using ORVs in Michigan, you can visit

www.mi.gov/orvinfo.
Using a mesh bag (such as an onion bag) will allow your collected morels to stay drier, versus using a paper or plastic bag.

Most important of all know what you are eating! You will need to know the difference between a "true" morel and the "false morels," such as beefsteak mushrooms which are poisonous.Try to work with an experienced morel mushroom hunter. In addition, there is a very good mushroom identification booklet available on the U.S. Department of Agriculture website. Note that the true morels are hollow when sliced open lengthwise, and that the bottom edges of their caps are attached to the stem.

MUSHROOM Festival

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7pm. Advance registration available through Paypal. You may register on line here. This event is limited to the first 200 applicants and a few spaces will be saved for registration the day of the hunt.

- 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm — Morel Fest Wine & Dine gourmet event with live entertainment. Offered by the Boyne Area Chamber with two seatings at 5:30 and 8 p.m. at the Beach House restaurant on Deer Lake (439 E. Deer Lake Road). This event always sells out, so don't wait to make your reservations. For registration information call the Chamber at 231-582-6222.

- Friday Evening – First Annual Morel Festival Pub Crawl Enjoy food and drink specials at Boyne City restaurants, pubs and breweries. \$10 per person entry fee includes a commemorative T-shirt and complimentary admission ticket for Saturday night Beer Tent Concert featuring Yankee Station. You can call Boyne City Hardware at 231-582-6532 to reserve your T-shirt in advance. Be sure to pick up your T-shirt before 8 pm Friday at Boyne City Hard-

Saturday, May 18

- 7-10 am $\,$ – Morel Breakfast at the VFW Post 3675 @

1108 Boyne Avenue.
- 8:00 am Registration for The 59th Annual Morel
Mushroom Competitive
Hunt \$20.00 per person

Mushroom Competitive Hunt. \$20.00 per person. This is a competitive, 90minute morel hunting experience. You will be bused to a secret location to collect the most morels. Prizes are awarded. The buses will leave from the registration area at Boyne City High School, 1035 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, MI 49712 at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Plan on returning to the same location approximately three hours later. (Parking is available). Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded upon return to the registra-

tion area.
- 8:00 am – "Run for Their Lives" Humane Society 5K run.

Register in Sunset Park behind the Boyne Area Chamber office beginning at 6:30 am.

- 10 -6 pm - Craft Show - Veterans Park. Showcasing crafters with unique, handmade items.

- 11 am – Schmidt Amusements Carnival in Veterans Park

- 12 – 3 pm – Taste of Morels, Our Premiere Event! More than a dozen area restaurants & chefs will provide morel-infused delicacies! Admission is \$10 (includes 5 food tickets and a Saturday evening concert ticket!) Purchase additional taste tickets to choose the tastes you want. Beer and wine is available.

- 4 p.m. – The Great Morel Giveaway. Enter to WIN a pound of Morel mushrooms at 25 stores in downtown Boyne City. Look for the Great Morel Giveaway poster in the store windows of participating merchants. Shop downtown in participating stores ahead of time and enter individually in each participating store. Enter in as many stores as you want! Stores will have either a pound of morels or a gift certificate to their store. Drawings will begin at Freshwater Gallery at 4 p.m. Walk through downtown with Tony Williams, event organizer, leading the "Morel Mob" to watch the drawings at each store. You must be present to win!

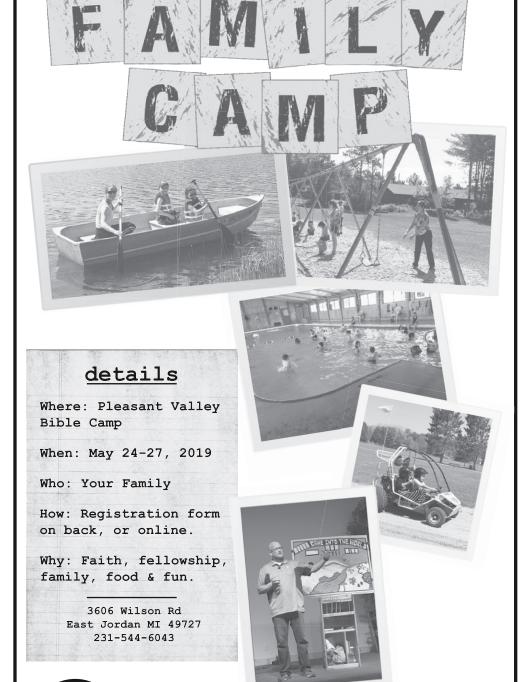
- 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm Midnight – Concert Featuring local band, "Yankee Station". Sponsored by Boyne City Ace Hardware, "Yankee Station" is a five-piece band featuring classic rock, blues and a little bit a country, too. Under the heated tent in Veteran's Park. Beer and Wine available.

Sunday, May 19

 $-11-4\ pm$ – Craft Show in Veterans Park. Showcasing crafters with unique, handmade items.

- 12 noon – Schmidt Amusements Carnival in Veterans Park.

- Shop the "Morel Festival Store" open from in the tent for all your morel gear (Tshirts, hats, etc.). All proceeds benefit the Morel Festival and scholarships.





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EJ's Engine #6 catches attention of train enthusiast



Maxwell Crosby aboard East Jordan's iconic steam locomotive.

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY KAREN WALKER

Recently, East Jordan's iconic steam locomotive, the old East Jordan & Southern Railroad's engine #6 has come to the attention of a young enthusiast from the Grand Rapids area who hopes to give #6 some much needed care. Maxwell Crosby has been in contact with East Jordan's city council and has received their permission to begin cleaning and restoration work on the 110 year old steam engine.

Mr. Crosby is a train buff with a love of old machines and history. He traveled to East Jordan this past weekend to talk with local residents and lay the groundwork for the project. Crosby hopes to enlist the help of others interested in the care and cleaning of #6 during several work bees planed throughout the sum-

"It's my hope that I will be

able to meet some of you at the work sessions. I am working very closely with the locals and I want to give back by helping preserve this piece of history." Crosby

Since retiring from service, East Jordan's Engine #6 has become a landmark for a town that once thrived on the lumbering business served by the Railroad. At the close of operation in August of 1961, engine #6 was donated to the City by the

Porter family and was on display in Memorial Park until being moved across Lake Charlevoix to Sportsman's Park in 2017. Since that time, the nearly 60 ton 2-6-0 locomotive has been open to the elements and in need of attention.

For more information on the project, visit Crosby's Facebook page "East Jordan and Southern #6"



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CARFAX 1 owner, Diesel, Assist steps, Tow package, Bluetooth, Heated













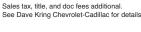














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