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**Consulting team presents plan for 3 key redevelopment sites in East Jordan**



Beckett & Raeder's suggestions were made after gathering public input which will help guide the City's master plan update.

**BY KAREN WALKER**

Representatives from Traverse City consulting firm Beckett & Raeder presented their conceptual design options for three key redevelopment sites in East Jordan. The public was invited to attend the presentation last Monday and provide feedback for possible uses of the Civic Center building, boat launch at the corner of Water and Bridge Streets, and EJ's former foundry property. Beckett & Raeder's suggestions were made after gathering public input which will help guide the City's master plan update. Claire Karner, associate with Beckett & Raeder stated the purpose of the public input process was to develop a community supported, trans-formative vision and conceptual design for the three priority redevelopment sites. Beckett & Raeder's suggestion for the Community Center was to remove the existing building and replace it with two, 40x85' buildings with a twelve to fifteen foot wide open walkway between the buildings to allow foot traffic from parking areas at the back of the buildings through the block to Main Street. The proposed buildings could have retail use on the main floor with housing above.

For the boat launch site, the consulting team considered the public's desire to maintain access to the lake, suggesting a plan to keep a public green space close to the water with a boardwalk, picnic shelter, and fishing pier. Retail space with possible second floor housing could be located near the center of the site with a parking area near the roadway. A proposed non-motorized trail would connect the area with Sportsmans Park and the walkway across the

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**East Jordan hosts South Arm Classics, BrewFest & Sweaty Yeti Run**

**BY JIM AKANS**

Saturday, July 13 is a full day of summer fun in East Jordan with a trio of events; The South Arm Classics boat and car show from 10am to 3pm, the annual BrewFest from 2-9pm and the Sweaty Yeti 5K/1-Mile Run, all taking place during one very exciting day and evening.

The popular South Arm Classics boat show, a signature event, features a spectacular display of many classic vintage boats, in water and on land at Memorial Park. This is a rare opportunity to view a wide array of vintage and classic watercraft, many that are award-winners, all in one scenic location.

Darrin Podskalny, organizer of the boat show, states, "We are expecting approximately 30 boats, including several boats on display in the water. We will have a variety of boats plus vendors with boating supplies. Many boats will be coming from across Michigan, as well as across the Midwest"

He adds, "Members from the ACBS (Antique Classic Boating Society) and Century Boat Club will be participating this year. We will also have Mackinac Watercraft out of Grand Ledge also returning. They have handmade kayaks, canoes and river boats plus accessories. They have been supportive of our show since the beginning."

Dan Miller, organizer of



The Classic Car Show will award the Top 40 cars, Peoples Choice, Kids Choice, Director's Choice, Best of Show and new this year; the Rat Rod award (shown here at left). The car show will feature a fascinating variety of vehicles. Dan Miller, organizer of the car show event, states, "This is the 26th year for the car show in East Jordan. We are expecting over 100 cars for the show." Courtesy photos



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The Sweaty Yeti Run professionally timed race is a family friendly event in memory of two amazing women, sisters, who both lost their battles with cancer in 2014. Courtesy photo



The South Arm of Lake Charlevoix and downtown East Jordan will be filled with classic boats and cars and a Micro Brew Beer Tent as the popular South Arm Classics takes place Sat., July 13 from 10am-3pm.. Courtesy photo

the car show event, states, "This is the 26th year for the car show in East Jordan. We are expecting over 100 cars for the show. Our pre-registrations are running well above last year. There will be a huge variety of vehicles at the show."

Taking place on Main Street, registration opens at 7am and is \$20 the day of the

event. The top 40 vehicles will receive awards, and the top award categories will be; Best Ford, Best GM, Best Chrysler, Best Non-Big Three, Best Rat Rod, Director's Choice, Best of Show and People's Choice).

The Rotary Club of East Jordan is hosting its annual

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The Rotary Club of East Jordan is hosting its annual Brew Fest East Jordan on Saturday, July 13 from 2-9 PM. Courtesy photo

**Florida Homicide Suspect Arrested in Boyne City**

On Monday July 1, Boyne City Police officers, assisted by the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department and Michigan State Police, arrested a person wanted on Attempted Homicide and Weapons Charges out of the Tallahassee Florida area.

Boyne City Police were alerted that a 37 year old male was visiting a residence in Boyne City. The tenants in the house felt uneasy about the visitor and started doing some research about him. They found information from online news and were certain the male that was visiting was a wanted person. Boyne City Police confirmed that he was wanted by Leon County Sheriff's office.

Officers from several departments stopped and surrounded a vehicle on Poplar Street after observing the wanted male get into the passenger side of the vehicle being driven by a female. The male was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Charlevoix County Jail where he will await extradition back to Florida.

Chief Jeff Gaither said "I know there was some concerns in the neighborhood when all the police cars showed up, but I felt it was necessary to safely apprehend the wanted male and protect the citizens in that area. I appreciate the assistance from officers with the other departments. It made the apprehension go smoothly without anyone getting hurt".

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HIGH: 69 LOW: 53	HIGH: 79 LOW: 62	HIGH: 76 LOW: 56	HIGH: 80 LOW: 61	HIGH: 85 LOW: 66	HIGH: 86 LOW: 66	HIGH: 86 LOW: 6

## record temps

DAY	AVE LOW	AVE HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUL 11	54°	82°	37° (1978)	93° (2005)
JUL 12	54°	82°	40° (1975)	94° (1987)
JUL 13	54°	82°	42° (1990)	93° (1995)
JUL 14	54°	82°	41° (2001)	95° (1955)
JUL 15	54°	82°	39° (1967)	93° (1977)
JUL 16	54°	82°	39° (1966)	94° (2006)
JUL 17	54°	82°	42° (1958)	92° (1953)
JUL 18	55°	82°	40° (2003)	94° (1966)
JUL 19	55°	82°	40° (1965)	95° (1977)
JUL 20	55°	82°	36° (1965)	96° (1977)

## OBITUARIES

### Mark King, 64

(JUNE 27, 1955 - JULY 8, 2019)

On the morning of July 8th 2019 Mark King of Boyne City died at the age of 64.

Mark was born to Albert and Joanne King in 1955 in Flint, Mi. Mark worked at JB Webb as machine operator for 39 years. In May of 1973 Mark met his wife Patricia and married in July 1980. They raised three children together. Mark was an avid Fisherman, Hunter, he loved to camp, mushroom hunt, and spending time with his wife, kids, Grandkids, and walking-playing with his best friend "Mac".

Mark is preceded in death by his father Albert and mother Joanne.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, his three children Wesley (Theresa) King, Corey King, and Kala (Joshua) Carr, grandkids Brett, Trevor, Joshua, Conner, Isabella, Melory and siblings Thomas (Bonnie) King, Renee (Greg) Cook, Joy (Ed) Zovishlack and Brad (Nancy) King.

A memorial service will be

held 11:00 AM Friday, July 12, 2019 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Pastor Jeff Ellis will be officiating.

### Karen Beth (Robinson) Veraldi, 55

(FEB. 14, 1964 - JULY 6, 2019)

Karen Beth (Robinson) Veraldi passed from this life on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at her home. Karen's family will remember and celebrate her life at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13th at Stone Funeral Home; Dave Crumbaugh will officiate. Karen's family will begin receiving friends at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m.

She was born Karen Beth Robinson in Petoskey on February 14, 1964 to Dorman Jack and Doris Joann (Webb) Robinson. Karen was raised in Bay Shore and attended Charlevoix Schools. She was a graduate of Charlevoix High School, Class of 1982.

Not long after High School, Karen began working for Northern Michigan Hospital. Over the last three decades

Karen worked for multiple departments and made many friends. Most recently Karen was employed by McDonald's in Petoskey, she adored her job and the people with whom she worked daily.

She was a wonderful hostess, cook and baker, she also enjoyed needle work and painting. For many years Karen had been active in Alcoholics Anonymous; her warmth and genuinely kind spirit aided her in helping others who were in need of love and guidance.

Karen's presence will be forever missed by her daughters, Krystal Winter-Barnes of Detroit and Jessica Winter of Summerville, SC., her grandchildren, Aniyah Winter-Barnes and Bowen Lee Eichelberger, her siblings, twin sister, Kathy Kehrer of Alpena, Lorri (Tom) Nelson of Lebanon OR., Larry Robinson of Mancelona, Nate Robinson of Petoskey, Mark (Maureen) Robinson of Mancelona, Dan Robinson of Central Lake, and Chuck (Becky) Robinson of Ludington, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

parents and by an infant brother, Michael.

Friends wishing to offer memorial donations are asked to make those donations C/O Karen's daughter, Jessica Winter.

### Dee Ann Rothenberger, 79

(JULY 13, 1939 - JULY 3, 2019)



Dee Ann Rothenberger of Charlevoix passed away peacefully at home on July 3, 2019.

Dee Ann was born on July 13, 1939, in Charlevoix, MI, to Dan Geneit and Beth Heise. She was born and raised in Charlevoix. On August 27, 1960, she married the love of her life, Carl Rothenberger, in Charlevoix, MI, and they were married for 58 incredible years. Dee Ann attended Central Michigan University for both her Bachelors degree and Master's degree in education. She taught for 31 years, retiring in 1993. Teaching wasn't just a job to Dee Ann; it was her passion, she truly looked forward to going to work every single day. As well as teaching, Dee Ann was involved in her community by volunteering. She volunteered at Blood Drives, the Rainbow Shop in Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Humane Society. Dee Ann's kind soul shown in everything she did, especially in her love of animals.

Surviving Dee Ann is her husband Carl Rothenberger of Charlevoix, daughter Danya "Lyn" (Chris) Drost of Charlevoix, and son Carl III (Karen) Rothenberger of Fruitport. Six loving grandchildren, Taya (Joel) Schick,

Taryn (Mark) Yager, Shayna (Tim) Partridge, Janay Drost, Ana Rothenberger, and Asia Rothenberger. Along with nine loving great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Beth.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, July 9, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Funeral Services will take place Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, 100 Oak St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Pastor Chip Sauer will officiate.

A private interment will be held at Brookside Cemetery, in Charlevoix, Michigan at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712

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## Youth Tour: An American Experience

Six area high school students recently had the opportunity to tour Washington, D.C. in June through the sponsorship of Great Lakes Energy (GLE). Youth Tour 2019, sponsored by electric cooperatives like GLE from across the country, welcomed around 1,800 high school students to our nation's capital for five days. GLE's six students were Alexandria Alma, Frederic; Delaney Bryce, Montague; Jäeger Griswold, Central Lake; Pierce Newell, Rothbury; Adam Paga, Boyne City; and Hannah Spencer, South Boardman.

Students traveled to Washington via motor coach. They toured historical locations in Gettysburg, PA and Baltimore, MD on their way. Once in Washington, they learned history firsthand through visits to monuments, museums, and memorials. A behind-the-scenes look at our nation's justice and political system through visits with legislators and tours of various legislative buildings provided students with greater insight into what it means to be a citizen. They soaked up city culture at local eating spots and a live theatre production, and they learned the background and challenges of electric cooperatives that bring power to



These six high school age students attended Youth Tour 2019 in Washington, D.C. June 15-20: front row, left to right - Alexandria Alma, Frederic; Hannah Spencer, South Boardman; Delaney Bryce, Montague; back row, left to right - Adam Paga, Boyne City; Jäeger Griswold, Central Lake; Pierce Newell, Rothbury. Courtesy photo

rural areas over roughly 75 percent of our nation's landmass.

"The cost of freedom has been made clear through the many incredibly powerful monuments," observed attendee Alex Alma. "Now I truly appreciate the value and importance of a free country. I gained a whole new respect for the way of life in America."

"I learned new perspectives on history, cooperation, and politics," said student Jäeger Griswold. "Meeting new people and communicating ideas through friendships was the best part."

The Youth Tour program has hosted over 50,000 students from rural areas since 1958. GLE attendees, whose parents or guardians are members of the electric co-

operative, were selected based on an application and interview process.

Visit [cooperativeyouthtour.com](http://cooperativeyouthtour.com) for additional information or to apply. Applications for 2020 open in December. Follow Youth Tour activities and adventures on Facebook at [facebook.com/CooperativeYouthTour/](https://www.facebook.com/CooperativeYouthTour/).

## Boyne Heritage Center receives inaugural donation

In a special ceremony, Liesel Litzemberger Meijer presented to the new non-profit, Boyne Heritage Center, its first major donation of \$15,000 plus a \$10,000 match. Her gift will go toward the construction of the historical interpretive center to be housed in the Boyne City City Hall.

Meijer commented "I think you are doing a GREAT thing for Boyne...it will be fun to be a nearly part of this super project."

Responding to the wishes of the community, the Boyne Heritage Center has set its goal to become a world-class collaborative historical hub, preserving and promoting the stories of Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Advance, Ironton, Horton Bay, and surrounding townships. The City of Boyne City will house the Boyne Heritage Center, but the new nonprofit will assume governance and management. A

board of directors has been formed, bylaws written and strategic planning done. Plans are to hire an executive director and support staff to manage, promote and develop the center for continued growth and expansion.

A professional museum design firm, Project Arts & Ideas of Dearborn, was contracted to design the exhibit. The first two of four phases of the design are complete, with the final two stages being production design and installation.

Future visitors to the Boyne Heritage Center will feel transported through time as they experience the engaging and memorable exhibit titled "Boyne Before Us." The exhibit will tell the story of how the extraordinary gifts of land and water attracted people over thousands of years to the Boyne region. After settlement in the early 1800s, the explosive harvest of these gifts, through lum-

bering and industry, built the region but left the land exploited and abandoned. In revival, the Boyne community has embraced a sustainable economy that enjoys, protects and shares these gifts in the present and for future generations. This is our heritage and our legacy.

In addition to the interpretive exhibit, the Boyne Heritage Center will offer programs, services, events and online resources to preserve and promote the history of our area.

Michelle Cortright expresses the community's enthusiasm, "In Boyne, we treasure our history. The Boyne Heritage Center is going to showcase our treasures in a unique and creative way."

Excited about this project, interested in donating or serving on the board? For more information, visit our website [www.BoyneHeritage.org](http://www.BoyneHeritage.org) or contact Kecia Freed 231-622-2492, [keciafreed@gmail.com](mailto:keciafreed@gmail.com).

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# 16th Annual Boyne Thunder



Bigger than ever, the 16th annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run brings speed, thunder, and excitement to Northern Michigan on July 12 and 13 in Boyne City. Courtesy photo

all boaters, visitors and residents for the evening in the heart of the downtown district.

Boyne Thunder is brought to you by Boyne City Main Street and supports Camp Quality, Challenge Mountain, and Boyne City Main Street programming. For more information about Boyne Thunder, visit [www.boynethunder.com](http://www.boynethunder.com) or email [mainstreet@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).



The poker run showcases over 100 high performance boats from all over the country, roaring through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 150-mile excursion in search of the best poker hand. Courtesy photo

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The poker run showcases over 100 high performance boats from all over the country, roaring through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 150-mile excursion in search of the best poker hand. The Poker Run begins with a series of parade laps starting at 10:15am on July 13 leaving from the Boyne City Marina. Veterans Park offers some of the best views for spectators. Card stops include Northport, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, Bay Harbor, with a lunch stop in downtown Charlevoix. Boaters wrap up their day on the water arriving back in Boyne City with

a dinner at Veterans Park. The Boyne Thunder web site offers a wonderful description of the Run; "A Poker Run is not a race. It's a game of chance and an assembly of some of the hottest boats in the Midwest. Local owners who just want to run their personal off-shore boat with the big rigs will also be on hand. Even before the actual event begins, you can sense the anticipation... they just can't wait to greet the waters of Lake Michigan."

Downtown Boyne City celebrates the Boyne Thunder Poker Run beginning Friday evening from 6 – 9:30pm with "Stroll the Streets," a street party with a collage of music, entertainment, dining, shopping, boat displays, and a car show. Boyne City rolls out the welcome mat to

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday June 24, 2019

- 1021 Report of debit card fraud from State St
- 1043 Found keys in Veterans Park.
- 1113 Vehicle unlock at Lake and Water
- 1116 Wallet turned in that was found in Mackinaw City yesterday.
- 1435 Report of possible fraud on S Lake St
- 1701 Assist motorist at N Lake St and Groveland.
- 1741 Vehicle Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1849 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Pleasant
- 1917 Stalking complaint filed from the 700 block of Pleasant.
- 2125 Report of possible suicidal subject in the 200 block of W Lincoln.

Tuesday June 25, 2019

- 0735 Found check dropped off at PD.
- 0830 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 0850 Civil complaint in the 400 block of N East St
- 0925 Report of subject down on sidewalk near City Hall. Refused EMS
- 1134 Report threats being received on Facebook
- 1155 Car deer crash at East and Jefferson
- 1308 Found shoes reported at Park and Water.
- 1335 Report of lost sunglasses
- 1338 Disturbance in City commission meeting
- 1523 Report of reckless driver on M-75 N heading into the city.
- 1743 Harassment complaint reported at the PD.
- 2150 Driving complaint on E Main St
- 2120 Harassment complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
- 2122 Threatened complaint received on Facebook.
- 2318 Assist intoxicated subject near Court St.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

- 0842 Burn permit issued on Earl St.
- 0914 Animal complaint in the 400 block of N East.
- 0947 Report of property damage crash that occurred last week on Elm St
- 1036 Possible suicidal subject in the 1000 block of Pleasant
- 1131 Disturbance in the 1000 block of Pleasant
- 1245 Report of possible child abuse occurring on Smith St.
- 1305 Report of possible child abuse occurring on Adams St.
- 1329 Civil dispute in the 200 block of W Cedar St
- 1342 VIN verification at the PD
- 1411 Report of stolen automobile from Cedar St
- 1545 Report of subject urinating in public.
- 2105 Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St
- 2130 911 check in the 400 block of Groveland.
- 2208 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
- 2252 Car pedestrian Personal injury crash on Boyne Ave. at High St.

Thursday, June 27, 2019

- 0041 Report of a male walking in the roadway on Pleasant Ave. near Division St.
- 0120 Report of a loud party in the park off of Spring St.
- 0903 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1037 Door to door book sales person in to advise that yesterday on Adams St subjects threatened to turn their dog loose on him.
- 1237 Report of lost stroller
- 1420 Parking violation reported on Main St
- 2019 Stolen vehicle reported yesterday was located in Kentucky.
- 2044 Road hazard/water main leak on Lincoln St. near Earl.
- 2152 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Deer Lake Rd.
- 2339 Report of a crashed moped laying on McKinley St. at Pleasant Av.

Friday, June 28, 2019

- 0805 Report of dog in window on State St.
- 0806 Harassment complaint reported at the PD.
- 0918 Request for civil standby in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1011 Report of unwanted contact in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1100 Report of found shopping bag with food products in it near Little League field.
- 1134 Burn Permit issued on Earl St
- 1204 Cell phone & ear plugs found in grass on E Water St.
- 2022 Parking violations at the 15 minute parking on Park St.
- 2025 Foot patrol for stroll the streets
- 2246 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 2349 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Addis Rd.

Saturday, June 29, 2019

- 0830 Found iPhone turned in to PD. It was returned to owner.
- 0845 Report of a water flowing out of the cemetery. Water Dept. notified of water line break.
- 1110 Report of assault at Water St. and Park St. Arrested subject for Domestic violence and outstanding warrant.
- 1207 Property damage crash at Water and Lake.
- 1227 Civil child custody dispute in the 800 block of Douglas St.
- 1403 Personal injury crash at W. Division St. and Pleasant Av.
- 1458 Report of stolen air conditioner from the 200 block of E. Cedar St.
- 1719 Dispatched to assist Sheriff Dept. on Ridge Rd.
- 2126 Driving violation on M75 N.
- 2218 Fireworks complaint in the 500 block of W. Michigan.

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- 0022 Driving violation at N. Lake St and River St.
- 0127 Deer stuck in fence at cemetery on E Division St.
- 0313 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Ridgeline Dr.
- 1045 Complaint of a dog left in a vehicle on W Water St. Windows down, not in distress.
- 1302 Lodge a stray dog at the shelter.
- 1319 Report of stolen meds in the 700 block of Pleasant Ave. No meds missing.
- 1529 Property damage crash at Lake St. and River St.
- 1735 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1740 Report of subject outside yelling and running in to things in the 700 block of Pleasant Av
- 1804 Report of possible domestic assault occurring in the 700 block of Pleasant Ave.
- 1924 Assist with armed subject at Boyne Mtn.
- 1945 Citation issued for Careless Driving at M 75 S and Topolinski Dr.
- 2101 Served subject with a no Trespass Warning letter
- 2132 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Whiting's Park.
- 2150 Fireworks complaint in the 700 block of State St.
- 2229 Fireworks complaint in the 1000 block of Pleasant.

## Family Reunion to perform on July 12 in East Jordan

The mother and daughter duo of Mary Anne Rivers and Elizabeth Rivers along with long-time friends Patrick Niemisto and Norm Wheeler known as "Family Reunion" will be performing in the East Jordan Bandshell on Friday, July 12. The concert will begin at 7pm in Memorial Park located by the beautiful City marina.

"Family Reunion" features folk music with many original songs, as well as standard tunes. The talented musicians bring to the stage the guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, fiddle, bass, uke and trumpet. They write many of their own songs and engage the audience in a fun show. Bring your chairs or blankets and be ready to enjoy a beautiful summer evening in East Jordan.

The Music in The Park Concert series runs through Friday, August 2. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351. The concerts are proudly sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority and the Jordan River Arts Council. To make a tax deductible contribution to the concert series – send your check payable to "City of East Jordan" – "Concerts in the Park" in the memo section, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or by e-mail [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org)

# EJ Lions Club Awards

The East Jordan Lions Club recently honored Lions Don Peters and Jim Shepard with Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards which were presented by District Governor Gordon Harris. The award, named for Melvin Jones who founded Lions Club International, represents a \$1,000.00 donation to the Melvin Jones Fellowship. It is the highest form of recognition for a Lions' Club member to receive. Don and Jim are charter members of the EJ Lions Club and have consistently shown outstanding leadership and character qualities in the community of East Jordan, and they proudly demonstrate to our community the Lions' motto "WE Serve."

The Helen Keller Award was presented by King Lion Bill Chase and District Governor Gordon Harris in honor and memory of Lion Jeff Argetsinger. The award was accepted by Jeff's wife Shari. The major focus of Lions Club fundraising is funding for sight preservation, which began after a speech given by Helen Keller at the Lions International Convention in 1925. At that time Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind." Jeff was instrumental in collecting used eyeglasses from community members. He worked with area optometrists to make sure the East Jordan Lions Club was notified and helped provide eyeglasses for community members when financial assistance was needed.



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## E.J. EVENTS

FROM PG. 1A

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action to create lasting change. Learn more at [www.ejrotary.com](http://www.ejrotary.com)

The Sweaty Yeti 5K Run will be professionally timed race and the One-Mile Fun Run is a family friendly event for both kids and adults.

Both races are in memory of two amazing women, sisters, who both lost their battles with cancer in 2014. Christie Galvin and Kellie Barber were both positive, inspiring and hard

working. This event was initially planned by Kellie in memory of her sister, Christie. The Sweaty Yeti Crew has worked hard to carry out Kellie's vision for a premier event which now honors her memory as well.

The annual Sweaty Yeti 5K will start at 8am and the One-Mile Fun Run at 9:15. registration is \$35 for the 5K, \$15 for the 1-Mile Fun Run. For more information and to register, visit [www.sweatyeye-tirun.com](http://www.sweatyeye-tirun.com)

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For more event information check out [www.southernarmclassics.com](http://www.southernarmclassics.com). On Facebook at "The South Arm Classics." Car and boat show participants are encouraged to pre-register, however, same day registration is available. Pre-registration forms are available on-line at [www.southernarmclassics.com](http://www.southernarmclassics.com).

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# Blissfest Music Festival starts July 12



Amy Helm, singer-songwriter daughter of Levon Helm (drummer for 60's legendary group; The Band), will also perform at Blissfest. Wikipedia photo

BY JIM AKANS

It's a celebration of music, culture, art and community, and for 39 years, the annual Blissfest Music Festival has gotten tuned up and ready to present an amazing array of musical performers on three stages. This year's event is starting on Friday, July 12, and continuing through Sunday, July 14. The event takes place at the 120-acre Blissfest Festival Farm, located about five miles outside of historic Cross Village and north of Harbor Springs.

It is an atmosphere filled people enjoying the sounds of live music in the open air. There are many dozens of

talented acts scheduled for this year's event showcasing virtually every type of musical genre. It is a gathering of families, friends and music lovers of every age who may camp out, attend a variety of workshops, peruse the fascinating wares at the numerous craft, healing arts and service booths, organized kids activities and fabulous food cooked up at the several food booths on the grounds.

This year's musical lineup features the typically diverse range of artists, bringing a wide array of Bluegrass, Blues, Zydeco, Celtic, Folk, Jazz, Latin, Ethnic, World music and dance to the Blissfest grounds. Performers this year includes such well known names as Canned Heat, Sam Bush, Martin Sexton, Amy Helm and much, much more. Blissfest is also a showcase of Michigan musical talents.

Blissfest was founded by Jim Gillespie 39 years ago, and he remains the festival's director to this day. Over 400 volunteers join together to assist putting the event on, and approximately 5,000 attendees are expected to gather at this one of a kind musical celebration.

Rustic camping is available for the weekend with a Weekend Pass. Ticket information, directions to the event, and a full schedule of performers and performance

times can be found at [www.blissfestfestival.org](http://www.blissfestfestival.org)



Blissfest features many Michigan-based acts, including Dick Siegel. Courtesy photo.



LEFT: Progressive bluegrass mandolinist, Sam Bush, will be among the performers at this year's Blissfest, taking place July 12-14. Wikipedia photo



There's something for everyone to find as a variety of talented artists and craftsmen will join together at the 51st Annual Art & Craft Show taking place in East Park in downtown Charlevoix July 13 and 14. Courtesy image

## Charlevoix Art & Craft Show & Bridge Street Boat Show

Combine one of the most picturesque settings in the state with a gathering of 160 artists and craftsmen from around the country, and the result is Charlevoix's 51st Annual Art & Craft Show. This popular event will take place downtown Charlevoix in East Park on Saturday, July 13 from 10am to 6pm and on Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

This year's show has something for everyone, offering an exciting mix of fine arts and hobby crafts. Acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture, hand blown glass beadwork, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing & accessories, hand woven rugs and quilted works are just a few of the things you will find. It is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many fun and unique products to choose from.

New this year is the first annual Bridge Street Boat Show. Walk down Charlevoix's main street and view the latest and greatest boat models available from our area dealers - Irish Boat Shop, Walstrom Marine, and Grand Bay Marine. On Saturday July 13, watch the Boyne Thunder boat race come through Round Lake and into Lake Michigan starting at 10:30am. Then peruse boats, arts and crafts, and plan your lunch and shopping through downtown Charlevoix all weekend.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org).

## Charlevoix County-wide "Pitch Night" to be held this fall

Charlevoix County will hold their first county-wide business pitch competition this fall 2019. NLEA is seeking entrepreneurs with a well thought-out business plan or businesses that are two years or younger to compete for their slice of \$15,000 in the Charlevoix County Pitch Night.

This event is one of three county pitch night competitions under the umbrella of Northern Michigan Pitch Night (Antrim, Charlevoix, and Cheboygan Pitch Night), hosted by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and in partnership with our local community partners.

Entrepreneurs will submit their business plan and application for a chance to be selected to compete. The businesses will go through a preliminary judging process and the top ten applicants will be selected to move forward in the competition.



Winners of 2018 Grand Event pictured from left: People's Choice, Ellie's Place bakery; 3rd Place, Socks Kick; 2nd Place, Emmet Drones; 1st Place, Stormy Kromer by Simply Marcella. Courtesy photo

Prior to the event, entrepreneurs will prepare their four-minute pitch and will go through a coaching night to ensure that their best foot is put forward. All businesses will also be offered free business coaching to

further strengthen their presentation throughout the pitch night process and beyond.

On the night of the competition, entrepreneurs will deliver their four-minute pitch to the audience and panel of judges. Once all

the pitches have taken place, the judges will deliberate and select the 1st (\$10,000), 2nd (\$3,500), and 3rd (\$1,000) place winners and the audience will cast their vote for the People's Choice Award (\$500). During this time, the audience

and entrepreneurs are invited to network and enjoy refreshments. Upon the completion of judging, the winners will be announced and the night will conclude. However, the excitement is not over quite yet for the entrepreneurs. The top three winners from the event will advance to the Grand Event and compete for additional funding for their new business against the top three winners from Antrim and Cheboygan Counties.

These events were made possible due to the generous support from Consumers Energy, DTE Energy Foundation and other local sponsors. For more information regarding Charlevoix County Pitch Night, please contact the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482.

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## EAST JORDAN

### JORDAN VALLEY DISTRICT LIBRARY 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

July 11, 6pm. Refreshments, gifts for all, photos of the building throughout the years available, tour of the Carnegie building. A time capsule to be opened in the year 2044 will be on display. The library is located at One Library Lane.

## BOYNE CITY

### ASTRONOMY CLUB MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOON LANDING

July 11, 7:30pm, Wildwood Observatory, 1825 Wildwood Heights Road. The discussion topic will be "Remembering the Apollo 11 Moon Landing on its 50th Anniversary." Club members will provide a tour of the night sky, weather permitting. All are welcome.

## PETOSKEY

### MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM CONCERT

July 11, 8pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. A delightful classic. As a part of the Great Lake Center for the Arts' summer concert series, the Orchestra presents Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream Overture and Symphony No. 3 along with Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4. Pre-Concert Talk by Music Director Libor Ondras at 7:00 PM. Reserved Seating: \$50, \$35, \$25. Reserve tickets at glorchestra.org

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### SWEATY YETI 5K & 1-MILE RUN

July 13. The 5K begins at 8 am and the One Mile Fun Run will follow. All levels of runners are welcome, and we have plenty of people walk it as well! Never participated in a 5K? This is a great one to sign up for. Registration is now open. Proceeds of our event benefit the Barber-Galvin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Visit our website for more information or contact Darcie Dietrich at 231-350-6008 or visit: www.sweatyyetirun.com

## EAST JORDAN

### SOUTH ARM CLASSICS CAR & BOAT SHOW

July 13, 10am-4pm. Combines a classic car show and classic boat show with both land and water displays, food, entertainment and much more. Taking place in downtown East Jordan with the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix as a backdrop. Present by the East Jordan Lions Club. Visit www.southarmclassics.com for more information.

## CHARLEVOIX

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## BOYNE CITY

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEW HOME OPEN HOUSE

July 14, 2-4pm, 335 Bailey Street. We will be looking for a Home Ready Program partner to purchase the home. Applications will be available at the Open House as well as at our Habitat Office in Harbor Springs. For questions on our programs or on this particular home, contact Julia at (231) 348-6926 ex. 105

## PETOSKEY

### ANTIQUES APPRAISER LECTURE

July 17, 9am and 7pm, NCMC Student and Community Resource Center. Dr. Lori is an award-winning TV personality and TV talk show host with a Ph.D. in art history. She is also an internationally syndicated columnist and an author with 30 books to her credit. She presents more than 150 shows each year. She will be appraising items during her presentations. Individuals interested in having an item appraised, please bring that item with you. Free appraisals limited...first come, first served. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for the morning presentation and 5:30 p.m. for the evening presentation. For more information about Dr. Lori, visit www.DrLoriV.com.

## BOYNE CITY

### FOOD TRUCK RALLY

July 18, 6-9pm. Boyne City Main Street's 6th Annual Food Truck Rally. Set in Veterans Park on the shore of Lake Charlevoix, this epicurean extravaganza is a "must attend" outdoor food festival. Guests will enjoy savory and sweet dishes with a wide variety of menu items available. The event will also feature many of the market's outstanding artisan food producers and beverages served from Michigan breweries and wineries. Admission for those 21 and over is \$10 and includes tickets for two drink tastings, and additional tickets are available. Anyone under 21 is admitted free. All proceeds benefit the Boyne City Farmers Market.

## WALLOON LAKE

### 11TH ANNUAL KAYAK FOR A CAUSE

July 20, 8:45am-8:30pm, Camp Daggett. This year a small representative group of adults who enjoy the sport of recreational kayaking will tour the shoreline around Walloon Lake led by Karen Marietti, director of the Camp Daggett Adventure Center (CDAC). The proceeds from this event will support CDAC programming for youth. Camp extends its gratitude to all who have already supported one of our kayakers, purchased dock flags or made a donation. A tentative schedule can be found at https://www.campdaggett.org/annual-cause-walloon/. For more information, contact Karen Marietti at 231-347-9742 ext. 117 or karen.marietti@campdaggett.org.

## BOYNE FALLS

### 32ND ANNUAL FLYWHEELERS ANTIQUE ENGINE AND TRACTOR SHOW

July 25-28, Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club grounds. Antique tractors, Blacksmith, Basket Shop and Veneer Mill demonstrations, Parade of Power, Tractor Safari, Live Music, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market and more. Schedule at www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com

## EAST JORDAN

### SUMMER MAGIC FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 27, 4-6pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. Families, guests and sponsors can experience fun, science, history and art for all ages! Bring the whole family and explore the hand-on museum, animals and outdoor exhibits and facilities. PLUS enjoy laser tag, rockets, robotics and more.

## BOYNE FALLS

### 45TH ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL

August 1-4. Polka Tent, Live Music, Youth Day, Grand Royale Parade, Car Show, 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run and more. Schedule at www.boynefallspolishfestival.com

## BOYNE CITY

### SIWELWALK SALES

August 2 & 3. Friday night will of course include Stroll the Streets, so it will be a good time to engage with the crowds. Sidewalk sales, when done right, are a great way to showcase your business, move some inventory, make some money and bring in new customers.

## CHARLEVOIX

### 2ND ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

August 3, Ferry Beach. The festival is the Circle of Arts' largest fundraiser, with proceeds helping support their mission to cultivate a more inspired and educated community through the arts. Dragon Boat Races are a rapidly growing sport combining rich Chinese traditions, competition, community building and a great deal of fun! The Dragon Boats will be 46' long and feature a team of 20 paddlers and one drummer. The job of the drummer is to keep an effective beat to synchronize the paddlers. This person generally dresses in some wild garb to represent their team. The boats are truly works of art, with colorful dragon scales, a dragon head and tail. For more information, you can read about the festival at www.charlevoixcircle.org.

## BOYNE CITY

### FARMERS MARKET

Veterans Park, Wednesdays and Saturday's, 8am - Noon. Shoppers can purchase fresh local produce and unique goodies from the market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

## CHARLEVOIX

### FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family - Children love to get stickers in our Junior Market program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits. Market patrons get FREE 20 minute parking along the east side of Bridge Street and East Park to make your shopping experience easy as pie.

## EAST JORDAN

### FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 9am-1pm, Memorial Park. Locally organically

grown herbs, fruits and vegetables. Baked goods, jewelry, jams, jellies, maple syrup, farm fresh eggs and more.

## ELLSWORTH

### FARMERS MARKET

There will be a farmers market every Saturday through October 12, 9am to noon, in the Village's Community Square across from the Front Porch Restaurant.

## EAST JORDAN

### SUMMER READ PROGRAM

READ program will be held each Wednesday in July at 10:30 a.m. in the library's community room. Each reader under 11 years old will receive a prize after the show. The library would suggest readers check out books of interest or read a digital ebook to keep readers reading throughout the summer.

## BOYNE CITY

### BLUE MONDAYS OPEN MIC

Mondays, 7-9pm, Freshwater Art Gallery. Hosted by Robin Lee Berry throughout the summer. We invite you to bring and sing or chill and listen. Questions call the gallery 231-582-2588.

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

## CHARLEVOIX

### WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

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

- Full Body Toning 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.



## Charlevoix Rotary new President

Rick Golding takes over as Club President for outgoing going President Abbie Hart. Courtesy Photo.

## DEVELOPMENT FROM PG. 1A

bridge.

From previous public input, the main themes for the former East Jordan Iron Works site included connecting people with nature, maintaining green space, a non-motorized trail along the waterfront, improved views of the water, connecting the site with the current business district to provide an extension of the current down town area, and housing that will attract more full time residents. Local citizens also expressed the need for a hotel as well as commercial development with employment opportunities.

The consultants considered how the transportation system would look in an extended down town and what the traffic flow would be through the site. They suggested continuing the existing street grid system, extending Division Street to the lake and the possibility of connecting Sunset and Spring Streets.

The consultants also suggested extending the current two blocks of commercial area on Main Street one more block northward with the business district gradually giving way to small home sites. Centrally located in the redevelopment, the planners suggested a hotel, either near the lake or set back with a view of the water. Another prominent feature of the suggested redevelopment was a marina and large pier near the north end to provide additional public access to Lake Charlevoix. Non-motorized pathways for bikes and pedestrians would extend from Memorial Park northward along Lake Charlevoix providing access to the water and possible public beach area. Larger home sites were suggested for the northern end of the property.

The consultants referred to the project as a "legacy redevelopment" because projects of this nature take a long time to complete. A similar project in Marquette was started in 1996 and is still in progress. The 64 acre former foundry property presents a variety of possibilities for redevelopment. Beckett & Raeder's John Iacoangeli stated that by having a series of graduated residential areas of small, medium and large lots

would integrate a diversity of income and not be exclusively for higher income individuals like the Bay Harbor development. "This is a project where working families can live within the development and graduate through different types of housing," he said. "We try to be realistic not only from a land use perspective but also from a market perspective".

Mr. Iacoangeli explained "From a framework point of view, there are a lot of options for this property. If the owner wants to move ahead with selective redevelopment, we've tried to make a framework plan that's extremely flexible. If there is one thing as a community that you walk away with, it is that there's an opportunity here to bring the community in to the site. There's an opportunity to create a circulation of open space for public access. But then there's a great opportunity to have all kinds of flexibility relative to what the real estate market will bear."

When asked by a member of the audience about a time frame for dismantling the foundry buildings, Tom Teske, General Manager of EJ replied there is no time frame. He said there are still some buildings being used for storage. The pattern shop is still fully operational and will continue in its current location for a few more years before it is eventually moved to the new manufacturing site near Elmira. However, the corporate offices will not move to the new site but will remain in East Jordan.

The consultants will use the feedback gathered at last Monday's presentation to refine the design concepts before presenting the City with their final recommendation. The content of the master plan will be unveiled at a future public open house.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JULY 9, 2019

# 3 Story Building moves closer

BY KAREN WALKER

Boyne City's "Lofts on Lake Street" development moved another step closer to becoming a reality at Tuesday's Boyne City Commission meeting. Despite some lingering concerns from the public, Commissioners adopted a resolution to approve a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the proposed development at 100 and 120 Lake Street and 114 State Street. The wording of a tax incentive agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the exemption certificate still needs to be fine-tuned

and approved by the commission.

Some of the key points of the tax incentive agreement include a requirement to maintain at least 51% of the residential units at 80% of the average median income rent or less, a prohibition on short term rentals, rights by the City to revoke the Certificate and recapture abated taxes if performance requirements are not met, and approval by the City Commission of any transfer.

The Lofts on Lake Street project consists of a three story, mixed use building with commercial space on

the first floor and 42 residential rental units on the second and third floors. Construction is slated to begin as early as this fall with a targeted completion date of December 2020.

Commissioners also approved a request by Richard Wright at 920 Edmund Street to vacate 198 feet of an alley located between Edmund and Division Streets. The alley is not developed and has not been maintained by the City.

With refined wording of the City's proposed River Jumping Ordinance, Commissioners adopted the ordinance prohibiting

jumping or diving into the Boyne River or Lake Charlevoix from any man made structure or from any object higher than the river bank on property owned by the City of Boyne City. Anyone violating the ordinance will be guilty of a civil infraction. The ordinance gives the police department a tool to help kids enjoy the river safely.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2019 at noon.



## DNR wildlife employees are lifesavers

These DNR wildlife employees are recognized for saving lives. Pictured L to R are Nate Levitte, DNR Wildlife Division field operations manager; DNR wildlife employees Ron Sting, Rob Hamilton and Jeremiah Heise; and DNR Wildlife Chief Russ Mason. (courtesy of DNR)

# Great Start Collaborative receives \$10,000 Grant from Consumers Energy Foundation

The Consumers Energy Foundation recently presented a \$10,000 grant to the Great Start Collaborative to fund preschool scholarships, part of the foundation's commitment to early childhood education in Northern Michigan and across the state.

The Great Start Collaborative Preschool Scholarship Fund fills the preschool funding gap in Charlevoix and Emmet counties from the federal and state government. The fund provides preschool tuition to high-quality preschool programs for eligible families with 3-5 year old children.

"Consumers Energy is committed to ensuring all Michigan residents have access to world-class educational resources, and that starts with providing access and opportunities at the youngest age," said Carolyn Bloodworth, secretary/treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "We are excited to continue supporting the Great Start Collaborative in these two counties, because we see the impact these scholarships have on so many young lives."

"The Consumers Energy



Tim Petrosky of Consumers Energy awards the Great Start Collaborative \$10,000 for Preschool Scholarships. Courtesy photo

Foundation has provided \$66,000 in funding since we began the scholarship program in 2011, helping serve over 70 students and their families to date. Our community benefits greatly from their continued support! With these recent funds, children will be provided pre-

school scholarships beginning this fall of 2019," said Maureen Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director.

Scholarships are awarded for up to 100% of tuition assistance for a high-quality preschool program. Preschool partners are selected based on their participation

and rating within the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System - Great Start to Quality.

The Great Start Collaborative Preschool Scholarship Fund to date has awarded 350 preschool scholarships. The fund maintains the highest local standards of both eligi-

bility and high-quality care. Through partnerships with Charlevoix - Emmet Joint Preschool Recruitment / Enrollment and the Great Start to Quality Northwest Resource Center, the fund can provide the most vulnerable children/families with the highest quality care and edu-

cation in the region, Hollocker noted.

More information about the Great Start Collaborative and opportunities for tuition-free preschool can be found at [www.greatstartforkids.com](http://www.greatstartforkids.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

## East Jordan Freedom Festival Thank You!

Dear Editor,

The weather was just beautiful for the 2019 Freedom Festival, and the event was a huge success. Fabulous Fireworks, Parades, Live Music, Contest, Food and Fun were all part of the East Jordan Freedom Festival that kicked off the start of another great summer season in the community of East Jordan. The festival ran from Wednesday, June 24 - Sunday, June 30, 2019. The festival brought families and friends from throughout the area into downtown with 5 days of fun for all to enjoy.

The East Jordan Freedom Festival would like to thank the many, many organizations, businesses, churches and individuals for their donations and support that make the festival possible.

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The Freedom Festival Committee would also like to thank the City of East Jordan and the city departments for all their hard work, East Jordan DPW, East Jordan Police Dept., East Jordan Fire Dept., and Jordan Valley EMS Authority. Thank you to the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce for their support and advertising assistance, Special thanks to the South Arm ORV Club. We would also like to thank the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, and to the many volunteers that put in lots of hours to make the event a success. As you can see...it takes

MANY people to make a successful festival. Without their time and support events such as the East Jordan Freedom Festival would not be possible! Please thank the owners and managers of these businesses as you support them throughout the year.

If you would like to be part of the volunteer planning committee or festival board for the 2020 East Jordan Freedom Festival please contact Shannon at 231-536-7351 or [info@eastjordanfreedomfestival.org](mailto:info@eastjordanfreedomfestival.org)

*Most Sincerely,  
Shannon Fender  
President  
East Jordan Freedom Festival*

### PROPANE PERILS PERSONIFIED

To the Editor,  
Breaking news, this just in, 2-3 months ago but just now coming to break. A man sitting on his couch in a mobile home in Lakes of The North startled to the explosion occurring in the furnace closet engulfing the home in pyrotechnic flames so suddenly - gas does that - that he had recourse only to run through the flames to exit the door, burning both arms in doing so. In a matter of minutes the trailer was rubble, only bare bone studs standing, all his earthly possessions burned beyond retrieval, the clothes on his back, the hat on his head his only salvage.

Gas explosions are volatile and sudden, no warning,

these caused by leaking pipes and appliances waiting only for ignition. Tim was presumably smoking a cigarette at the time, nursing a beer, expecting to shower and retire soon, but had he been in the shower he'd not have made it out in time to save body from soul.

Tim's a nice guy, a two-time houseguest for us, great helper, seems to make his way through life that way, willing to work and able even with aged health complications. He tends to gravitate toward involvement in dysfunctional work and family situations, the latest trailer adventure coming further to the ousting from a former marriage gone bad but lingering through various incarnations, disabled son, other complications of the working class that none can other than glimpse remotely. The gist is that these episodes can and do happen so suddenly especially with propane as catalyst. There was an explosion in East Jordan a decade ago, early morning hour, highly suspect but no way of tracking any culprits from a burned-out husk of the convenience store filling station that stood there.

Lakes of The North is an upscale housing recreation area with downscale residue of mostly that which was there before being upgraded to touristy potential. It's a maze of curving streets and a few lakes to verify the name, golf course, McMansions, an impressive focal point of clubhouse greeting center, yet one more gesture of fantasy for the downstate

clientele to gawk at and hopefully partake thereof for fun and profit, fun for the buyer, profit for the developer. It's located in the Mancelona-Elmira area, former farmland between US-131 and I-75, thus available for travelers, near to the East Jordan Iron Works' new factory complex which lays the soon-to-be bared groundwork for development of their old foundry on the lake-side of East Jordan town, presumably for the condo invasion, boats and fine dining and spirits etc. It's the trend of the times even with uncertain economic climate fluctuating despite pep-talk rhetoric.

Two years work and dedication to a trailerhome for Tim, in any case, ended in charred ruins and a scurry flurry hurry of scrambling for medical treatment and homesteading ending penultimately in VA housing in Gaylord while searching for housing after the two-year maximum accommodations via VA. This may or may not be indicative of the almost constant barrage of disasters occurring via news reports, but the image does tend to stick as some sort of warning. Knowing our benevolent proclivity we'd have gone to fetch him had he rung. There does loom something prescient in this episode, propane inclusive, but most will merely chalk it up to misadventures of the middle-class, yes, that disappearing social set. We're still "cooking with gas".

*Mitchell Jon MacKay,  
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