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CENTENNIAL YEAR FOR WHITING MEMORIAL PARK

Whiting Park is 100 years old in 2023. Centennial year! Time to remember how it came to be the treasure it is for Charlevoix County and the lasting influence one person can have upon a community. A man who grew-up on a struggling homestead in Northern Michigan, built a life with trials and triumphs that resulted in Success. In his autobiography he shares his story as a way to help and encourage each individual passing through similar circumstances that he experienced. Copies of "Autobiography of Perry Whiting" are available at the Boyne District Library, Charlevoix Public Library and the Jordan Valley District. They can be viewed in



the Library but are not out for circulation. This book is worth exploring. After buying the family Homestead from his mother while living in California he experienced challenges with managing the land from long distance. He offered Charlevoix County

the land with beautiful lake frontage and upland forest for a park. He asked the park be named "Whiting Memorial Park" in honor of his father and that the county would annually invest \$1,000. in permanent improvements to the park. In 1923 the deal was ap-



proved. The gift was 166 acres. The sun rises over Boyne City at the East end of Lake Charlevoix in full view from the campground and beach areas. Over the years two (2) public use buildings have been built, two (2) pavilions have been con-

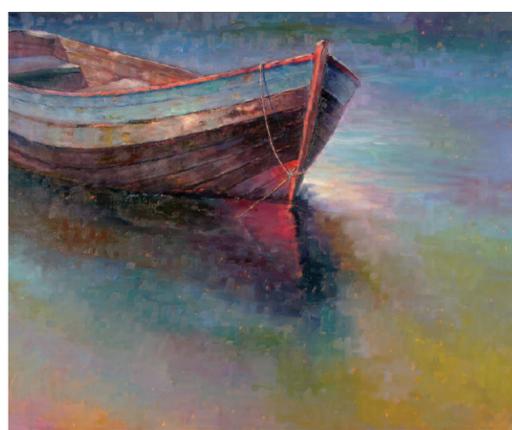
structed. The campground and beach have evolved over the decades. Swim school has trained generations with water skills for more than 50 years at Whiting Park. Trails wander over the

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Gypsy Distillery hosts Midsummer Art & Craft Show

Shop unique handmade creations while sampling and enjoying artfully crafted cocktails!

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN, 07/10/23 - Blue Ribbon Events presents Midsummer Art & Craft show this weekend July 15-16, 2023 at Gypsy Distillery located on US 31 at 5251 Charlevoix Ave. Open from 10am to 5pm daily. Admission is FREE to the public. Featuring painters, wood workers, quirky yard art, jewelry, bath & body products, hand painted gourds, pottery, skincare, fine metal smiths, upcycled art and so many other refreshing creations. Come out to support artisans and find the perfect new wall art, functional art or tourist take home treasures. Previously the Bay Harbor Equestrian Club, this marvelous hill top venue overlooking Little Traverse

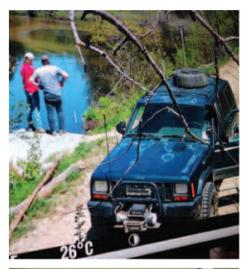


Bay is the perfect venue change from downtown Petoskey. The sprawling grounds along with Gypsy Distillery's new tasting room and events center-

grounds is the perfect place to mingle with local and national award winning artists. A unique modern vibe with rustic touches that hark back to the eques-

trian club. You will even find original stall partitions and saddle holders on the walls. Nothing goes to waste with upcycled fiber artist Annette Notman. Timeless, wearable treasures are artfully transformed into one-of-a-kind designs from vintage and repurposed materials. By utilizing these items, Annette brings functionality and beauty to items that would otherwise end up in landfills. Jeans, jackets, handbags and the most amazing carpet bags! Nature, color, texture and seeing things in a different perspective other than their original purpose are her inspiration. Northern Michigan loves

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ANTRIM COUNTY, MI. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post is investigating a larceny of traps in the Jordan Valley area that occurred in May 2023 and need your help identifying two men. On Friday, May 26, 2023, two men in an older model Jeep Cherokee tampered with traps in the Jordan Valley and they are believed to be involved with the larceny of the original traps. The MSP is requesting assistance identifying these two men. We are asking anyone who has information to contact the MSP Gaylord Post at 989-732-2778.

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17	..	.7856	..	.94	..	2011	..	.39	1958
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Caroline M. (Lemons) McCleary, 97

(FEB. 5, 1926 - JULY 7, 2023)
BOYNE CITY



Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & Great, Great Grandmother- Caroline M. McCleary, 315 E. Division Street, Boyne City, passed away peacefully with her son at her

side on at 9:00 AM on Thursday, July 7, 2023 McLaren at hospital, Petoskey, from complications following a stroke. Caroline Mae Lemons was born February 5, 1926 in her family's home on Pearl Street in Boyne City, Michigan- the daughter of Stephen J. and Mary E. (Lorentz) Lemons. She attended school in Boyne City, where she graduated from Boyne City High School in 1944. On July 26, 1946, she was united in marriage to Roy A. McCleary, also of Boyne City, and to this union three children were born: Judith Ann, Michael Bruce and Patrick Stevan. Mr. McCleary preceded her in death on May 22, 1971 after which time she remained a widow. After her marriage she worked at Boyne Products in Boyne City for a short

time. She left factory work to become a full-time mother and housewife soon after however, and did not return to work outside of her home until after her eldest son, Michael, was in high school. She returned to her position at Boyne Products at that time, returning to her home again in late 1964 after the birth of her second son, Patrick. In the mid-1970's she began working for the Boyne City Public School System. Her part-time position soon developed into a full-time one as an office aide and lunchroom cashier at the Boyne City Middle School. She remained in this position for 15 years, retiring in 1989. She was a Cub Scout Den Leader for many years; assisted with the planning of her high school class reunions for nearly 60 years; and was always ready to

lend a hand in planning, organizing and hosting family dinners, holiday gatherings and reunions. Prior to her becoming homebound, she was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. Having been baptized there as a young girl, she continued her involvement as both Sunday School Teacher and Elder as well as through membership on nearly every committee and in each of the denomination's women's circles. Throughout her life, she remained a patient and devout follower of the Lord and a shining example of her faith. Caroline's surviving family members will best remember her as a devoted mother and grandmother. Those who have preceded her in death were witness to her dedication as a daughter, wife and sister. To friends and those who were acquainted with her, her acts of kindness and friendly demeanor will long be remembered. Perhaps her most endearing qualities were her inherent belief in the good of others and her strength during

times of loss and adversity. Having witnessed the passing of nearly all of her immediate family, as well as a wide circle of life-long friends, she continued to look with hope to the growth and accomplishments of future generations while maintaining her ever-enduring faith. Surviving the deceased are one son, Patrick S. McCleary of Petoskey, Michigan; two grandsons, Christopher M. McCleary of Holland, Michigan and Shawn M. McCleary of Ashland City, Tennessee. Great grandchildren include: Riley M. and Keegan M. McCleary of Holland, Michigan; Isaiah D. McCleary of Manton, Michigan; Alexis L. McCleary and her children, Greg D., Mabel L. and Forrest M., all of Kingsley, Michigan; a former daughter-in-law, Terri L. Tompkins (Raymond) Barnes; several nieces and nephews and their families, as well as many life-long friends and extended "family." In addition to her husband, Caroline was also preceded in death by her parents, Stephen J. and Mary E. (Lorentz) Lemons;

a brother, Harold J. Lemons; two half-brothers, Leon J. and Lloyd E. Lemons; a sister, Louise F. (Lemons) Moses; a daughter, Judith A. McCleary who passed on January 6, 1950; and a son, Michael B. McCleary who passed on February 15, 2003. A memorial service will be held at Stackus Funeral Home on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM, officiated by Reverend David Behling. Visitation with the family will take place from 10:00 AM prior to service. Those wishing to celebrate Caroline's life are kindly invited to attend. Following the memorial service, the remains will be taken to the family's Lot at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City, where a short graveside committal will take place. The family has invited all in attendance to join them at the Pavilion at Lakeview Village for an afternoon luncheon to be held at 1:00 PM in Caroline's honor. Caroline was an integral part of the preservation of local history, contributing profusely to the work of her

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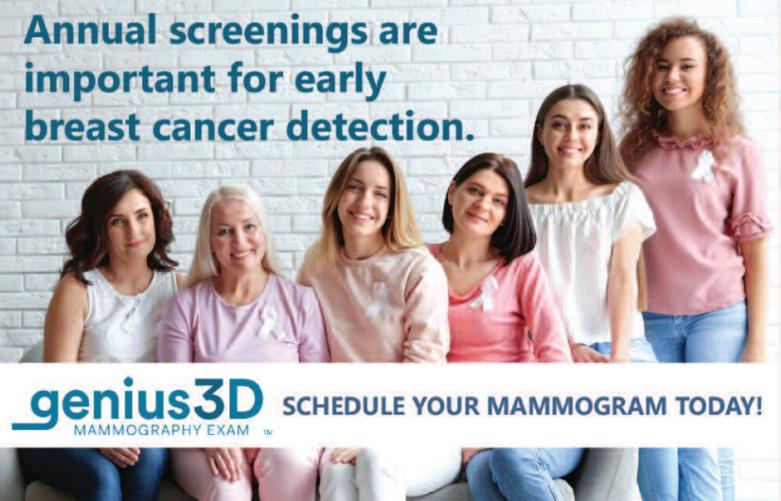
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turned into functional everyday art. Local legend Bear skillfully turns stumps, burls and slabs of unique wood into tables, chairs and even wine bars. His rocking chairs are a comfortable lakeside addition to any dock or deck. Doug from Sleeping Bear Woodworks creates intricate one of a kind cutting boards, turned bowls, charcuterie trays and wooden handle kitchen utensils for the discerning hostess. Explore other talented artisans offering bird houses, dining room sets, signs, yard art, and even traditional board games like chess, checkers and cribbage.

Folk artist Linda Huppert crafts coiled pine needle and sweet grass baskets in the Native American style. Natural found elements are primarily embellishments used on decorative and functional gourd art. Wood burned, painted and even carved gourds are rimmed with lit-

tle treasures for the perfect up north feel.

Treat yourself to creative cocktails crafted by Gypsy Farms featuring High Five Spirits including Gypsy Vodka all while shopping for unique, creative, handmade items.

Jewelry, photography, glassworkers, painters, small batch all natural bath & body, fresh baked dog treats, local authors, epoxy art, pottery and ceramics will all be offered this weekend.

Live music 10am to 5pm daily by Rhythm Architecture. A diverse sampling of upbeat tempo with a jazz influence. This act has music with horns. Trombone, sax, trumpet collide with cello, violin, guitar and bass. Not to mention hundreds of percussion instruments.

For more information and applications for all events please visit www.daniellesblueribbonevents.com.

WHITING PARK

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lands and through the woods for exploring. A few miles from East Jordan, Boyne City and a ferry ride from Charlevoix, the central location serves residents from all corners of the county.

The 100 year centennial celebration Beach Party is Sunday, July 16 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Whiting Park Day Use Beach. Please join in for some fun in the sun and reminiscing about time spent on the beach.

Whiting Park offers a 1/2-mile of beautiful beach along Lake Charlevoix, perfect for summertime activities such as swimming, kayaking and boating. There is also a flowing well down at the beach for public use. The beach includes a kayak launch with a lift, ample parking and restrooms. New this year is over 500 feet of beach access for dogs.

The campground has 54 camp sites, a modern shower and restroom facility, potable water, dump station and playground area. Rustic campsites are \$20 a night for county residents, \$25 for non-resi-



dents. Sites with electric are \$30 for residents, \$35 for non-residents

Whiting Park has nearly 240 acres featuring over 4 miles of beautiful hiking trails, offering scenic views of the park and the surrounding area! Our trails are open year-round for enjoyment and exercise. We have 4 different trailheads allowing multiple access points to this beautiful terrain.

MAIN TRAILHEAD

At the end of the paved parking lot beyond the park office is our Main Trailhead. It's a very short walk on the gravel drive past Pavilion #1.

STORYWALK

In collaboration with the Boyne District Library, the Friends of the Boyne District Library and Charlevoix County Parks, StoryWalk was recently installed at Whiting Park's main trailhead. Walk the main trail and you will see twenty different panels containing the pages of a seasonal book. So get outside, enjoy beautiful Whiting Park and

WHITING PARK ALSO HAS RENTAL FACILITIES

Large building, affectionately known as the "Green Building", that includes a kitchen and restrooms, that seats up to 250 people

A classic 1940's log cabin that seats up to 60 people

Two secluded pavilions with picnic tables and electricity.

A children's playground and more picnic tables are located in the open area near the log cabin. These facilities are perfect for a wedding reception, family reunion, graduation party, or company picnic. Our beach on Lake Charlevoix has also hosted weddings.

Come visit the park. Events will be happening during 2023 to encourage visitors to enjoy the beautiful lands of the park. Check out the Park Web page for details charlevoixcounty.org/whitingpark.



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Outdoors a large patio overlooks the grounds. The gorgeous landscaping and lawn are easily maintained by a sprinkler system. There is also a one-and-a-

half car garage to keep your vehicle safe and out of the weather. Downtown Boyne City, with plenty of shopping, dining, entertainment, parks and Lake Charlevoix are just a few blocks away.

This custom "Barndominium" plus additional one bedroom home is located on 523 South Park Street in Boyne City and it is listed at \$359,900.

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SHOULD I BUY OR SELL FIRST?

PART 2 OF 2

Brisk selling conditions in some parts of the country require more aggressive tactics.

Brett Furman, a broker in suburban Philadelphia, says the strong market dictates that homebuyers focus on buying first, and selling later.

"The housing market in the suburban Philadelphia market is moving very quickly," said Furman. "Normally we advise our buyers to sell their home first and buy second ... However with the faster moving market, we are advising many of our buyer clients to obtain a mortgage commitment that is not contingent upon selling their existing house."

In their book, House Selling for Dummies (Hungry Minds Inc., 1999), Eric Tyson and Ray Brown "strongly recommend" that you sell first.

"Even in good real estate markets, sales frequently drag on much longer than you expect," the authors say. "Selling in a weak market usually compounds the problem. Homeowners tend to overestimate their house's resale value and underestimate the length of the selling process -- a fiscally deadly one-two punch."

The Dummies book says selling first eliminates financial risk -- no double mortgages and double payments for property taxes and insurance payments. And no worrying about how you'll come up with a down payment.

But selling first isn't the perfect solution. Some of the issues that may come up include:

Being forced out of your house before you have a new place available. Where will you live? Where will your kids go to school?

Having to move twice. Do you want to go through the hassle? Where will you store your extra furniture while you live with family and friends or rent an apartment?

Not being able to find a house you like. How long are you willing to live in temporary quarters until you find a suitable house?

Whichever way you go, it always seems to work out in the end, at least in Gregor's experience.

"I've been in the business for 30 years," he said. "We've never had anyone out on the street and the vast majority of our clients that make double moves are those building new homes that had to have their property sold first."

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Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents 'From Vienna with Love,' a Night of Waltzes, at 7 pm on Thursday, July 20th at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts.

From Vienna with Love will celebrate elegant music favorites from Vienna: waltzes, polkas and quadrilles by Strauss, Lehar, Delibes, and more, including the Blue Danube Waltz and the overture to Die Fledermaus. The GLCO, led by Maestro Libor Ondras, will be joined by celebrated local vocalists Amy Joy Cross (soprano) and Jamie Beth

Platte (mezzo-soprano) in beloved opera arias and duets.

Concert tickets include an optional pre-concert talk at 6 pm by Libor Ondras, as well as a post-concert reception.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a non-profit organization in Petoskey Michigan.

Tickets from \$35 to \$65 are available at glcorchestra.org/concerts. The concert is free for veterans, active service members, and students 18 and under by calling the GLCO office at 231-487-0010.

Art in the Park this weekend

PETOSKEY - It is time once again for Art in the Park. Artists from the all over the United States will be selling their works at Petoskey's 37th Annual Art in the Park; brought to you by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park. Recognized as one of the premier art shows in the Midwest, this event will draw approximately 120 artists and thousands of people to the downtown area. Crooked Tree Arts Center will be in the gazebo with a children's painting activity as well.

This year, the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce is also excited to welcome back McDonald Garber Broadcasting into the event as the Corporate Volunteer. The staff of Lite 96 and 106 KHQ are a great addition to the chamber staff in helping create a wonderful event.

Emily Stuchell, Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Events & Program Coordinator, stated, "The



Chamber recognizes the value of art and culture to the region and is delighted to continue this traditional, annual event. It is also a wonderful way to showcase downtown Petoskey as the hub of the community. It is so exciting to be able to bring Art in the Park back in 2023."

This juried, fine arts fair features painters, sculptors, potters, jewelers, and photographers, as well as wood, graphic, fiber, glass, and mixed media artists. There is art for every taste, age, and budget. The setting in downtown Petoskey's beautiful Pennsylvania Park is a work of art in itself.

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Koz was highly recommended as someone devoted to our community, and that he surely is. I'll explain just some of his community and volunteer activities.

First, some background. Koz grew up in the Grand Rapids area, attended Grand Valley State. He had always worked as a bartender. In time, he realized he had an addiction, and successfully entered an AA program, and is his recovering continues for 22 years. Now he helps others who want help to overcome their addiction.

Koz met his wife, Lesley, while they both were in Grand Rapids. Lesley, though, was from Boyne City, and they decided to move north, first to Petoskey. Lesley, at the time, worked at the hospital and Koz at Café Sante. They subsequently moved to Boyne City. Their first daughter, Simone, just graduated from the high school and will soon attend Michigan State. Their second daughter, Camile, is 10.

Koz always loved fly fishing, which peaked his interest in bugs, which is the basic food for trout. He was able to study bugs, gain a deep knowledge, at Grand Valley State, and later at North Central Michigan College. He now does podcasts and writes

articles about fly fishing and various bugs that frequent our rivers and are attractive to trout.

It is not easy to catch fish, and knowledge and practice are important. Koz has volunteered teaching students at Petoskey schools and now at Boyne City schools. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources sponsors salmon in the classrooms, which is great for our students, and Koz assists our teachers.

While Koz and I were sitting at a table outside, he and Camile, spotted a few Mayfly bugs and explained a lot about their life journey, which is short, and their habits. While new to me, I could certainly understand how important Koz's in-depth knowledge is to his now being a sought after fly fishing guide, which he has been for 17 years.

When bugs are hatching and on the water, trout will come out of their holes or caves down in the rivers, and go after the bugs. Trees and their roots along river banks provide the holes and caves for the trout. And timing is everything.

In addition to their home in Boyne City, Koz also has a cabin in Manistee, near Fife Lake, as the Manistee River is quite long, is not as busy with boats as we are in our immediate area here. Simply, the fishing is better on the



Manistee, in fact, parts of the Manistee are for fly fishing only.

Koz is quick to point out while knowledge and practice to improve skills are important, we cannot control the fish and weather, and luck comes into play. While he himself, is a highly accomplished fly fisherman, he continues to practice his casting regularly, always trying to improve.

Also, people are surprised when Koz comes home empty handed, without a trout. He is quick to point out that to him, fishing is a sport. He catches and releases. The fish are his team members. He wants them to live on and hopefully he may even catch them again.

Typically, the best fly fishing in our area are during May and June and September and October. There just is too much boat activity during the summer and the trout stay below.

A challenge can be people who do not listen to their fishing guide, expect success regardless of the variables. Recently two folks he was guiding were casting behind the boat

rather than out ahead. He tried

to explain to them that the fish will be spooked once the boat passes and only out ahead works.

Koz is also a sales representative for numerous fishing gear, rods, flies and other equipment. If you Google him, there is a lot more info.

To attest to Koz's exceptional knowledge and skills, he is very much featured in Flyfisher's Guide to Michigan.

Koz is very much a solid and caring citizen, not about himself, simply wanting our area and our outdoor activities to be as good as possible. Bless him.

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LEADERSHIP

Being Present In Conversations Is Appreciated, And Our Relationships Are Important

BY JOHN KEYSER

Highly effective and adaptive leaders are present and aware. They value emotional intelligence, they practice the skill of listening, and they commit to being in tune with their feelings and those of others.

Leaders hear what people say—and what they do not say—and they listen for a sense of what people really want and why. They have learned to quiet their minds, to listen without personal agenda or thinking about they themselves will say.

When leaders cultivate their ability to be present, they take satisfaction in their team's success, in resolving a difficult situation

or having a difficult conversation. They enjoy when those with whom they work explain how they are striving to be the best version of themselves or share a creative idea that excites them.

Leaders realize that relationships founded on trust and respect with their team members are gifts, as are the genuine conversations that create these relationships. By genuine, they come out from behind themselves to be honest, even vulnerable, without putting on airs.

We can take a little time (even five or ten minutes can be effective), to contemplate our leadership.

For example, let's ask ourselves: "Am I encouraging, helping, mentoring and coaching to the best of my ability? As a servant leader, does my satisfaction and success come from the satisfaction and success of my team members? Am I striving for my own contin-

uous improvement, as I should be? Am I asking for ideas, advice, input and feedback, realizing that this is a sign of strength?"

Our relationships are everything. No matter what our business, it is a people business and our relationships are all important.

The best leaders are servant leaders and understand that relationships are a top priority, and take the time to be present, to have meaningful, helpful conversations and to listen without personal agenda.

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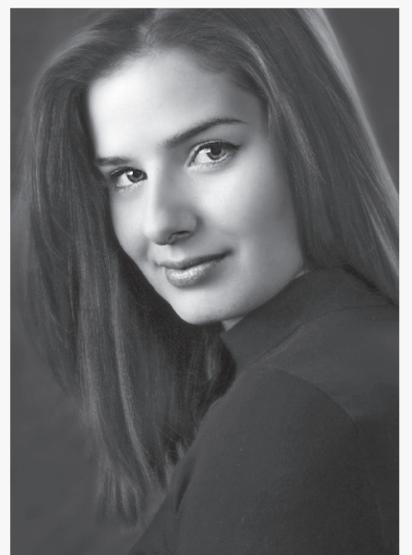
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'Our Miracle Van'

HDNW is honored to connect neighbors to meet needs

When Bryan Williams became ill and lost use of his legs earlier this year, his wife, Adell, felt defeated. The couple already cares for Adell's brother who has cerebral palsy and has become wheelchair bound.

How can she manage them both? There are doctor appointments, shopping, trips to the pharmacy, and more.

"I felt like a door slammed shut," says Adell. Her 5-foot stature and senior status left her wondering how she could physically manage the guys and their chairs. "I was feeling hopeless and closed in."

While electric wheelchairs give the men the ability to move around the house, their doctor appointments had to be staggered. The chairs don't fit in Adell's small SUV. And living near the Antrim-Charlevoix County line means both public transportation systems are a bit out of reach, leaving an option for Adell to get one family member at a time to a nearby stop to catch the bus, which isn't feasible much of the Northern Michigan year.

"Even before the electric wheelchairs, I had great difficulty just getting them into the car," Adell adds.

THE ANSWER

Community Connections is staffed by Community Health Workers, trained professionals who make it



Inside the van.

their business to know what medical and social services are available. They build relations and trust—both of which are crucial to connecting individuals and agencies who can help with residents who need help. The regional program covers a 10-county area with more than 310,000 residents.

Through a referral, Bryan and Adell Williams, and their brother, Wayne Fox, became involved with

Community Connections, an HDNW program that helps area residents with needs such as food, shelter, and transportation. When the program's HUB Coordinator and Community Health Worker Jen Vollmer received a call that a local resident had a van—fully equipped with an electric wheelchair lift—to donate, she was shocked.

"The family really couldn't go anywhere other than



(From left) Bryan and Adell Williams, and their brother, Wayne Fox, consider the lift van donated to them by Sam VanderHeide their "miracle van."

doctor appointments due to the issues with transportation," Jen says. "I've never had anything quite like this happen with Community Connections."

"We were always home," Adell says. "I had to get someone to come in and sit with whoever I wasn't taking to an appointment. Our lives revolved around going to the doctor."

In mid-May, the white van was delivered to the Williams and Fox family. Another family member helped cover insurance and the day they put the new license plate on was a day of celebration.

"It's our miracle van," Adell says, her voice rich with emotion. "I tell everybody who will listen that I asked for a miracle and that my Go Fund Me account wasn't doing well, so unless God dropped a van down, we weren't going to get one. We can't believe it's ours!"

PAYING IT FORWARD

The lift van was previously owned by Charlevoix resident Sam VanderHeide. He purchased it when they needed it to help transport his wife, Julaine, who had multiple sclerosis. Julaine has since passed, and Sam

now has a guardian who helped him facilitate the donation with family support. It's their way of continuing to share Sam's giving heart.

Now the Williams and Fox family can schedule joint doctor appointments, go sit in the park, grocery shopping together, and even occasionally eat out.

"My brother really brightens up. He dresses up to get out of the house," Adell says. "We talk about how we can pay it forward someday. We are so grateful. It's been life changing."

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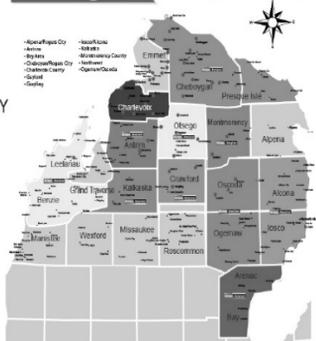
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Painted turtle laying her eggs in a shallow nest on the side of a dirt road.



New-born hognose snake sunning it's self in the warm two-track sand.



Abandoned turkey nest with 12 eggs.

Babes in the woods: Summer babies!

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

Spring and summers warm weather is great for us as it brings vacations and good times outdoors. But to plants and animals in nature, it means time to reproduce! While much of the mating that results in the birth of offspring takes place before things “warm up” (as in breeding times before birthing times); our current season is when most animals will be born.

When out and about hiking, driving dirt bikes, quads and side-by-sides, be on the lookout for young critters... especially “ground nesting” birds and reptiles (turtles, snakes, lizards). Obviously, birds lay eggs (called oviparous)... reptiles like turtles (and 70% of snakes) also lay eggs. There is great diversity/variety of methods and styles of nesting behavior among these animals and I’m sure you have come across at least the common nesting birds like robins

and other tree nesting birds.

But what you may encounter as a “surprise” are the ground nesters. An example is when my wife and I watched as a young hen turkey slowly and silently made her way across our back yard, always in the same direction. I suspected she was “nesting” somewhere close, but I didn’t realize until a few days later how close.

While working in my upstairs office, I was surprised to see a large coyote run straight up our trail from the lake toward the house. Seeing one in the daylight is out of the ordinary but lately not all that uncommon. I hurried downstairs to the slider and saw it run into the bracken ferns near our deck. I opened the slider as I watched it jumping straight up in the air a couple times and then it took off fast after seeing me.

The next morning, I grew curious as to what it was up to I wandered over for a closer look and was startled

by a loud “PUTT” and flutter of wings against the ferns. Turns out the coyote was after an easy meal...our local hen turkey was indeed nesting near our cabin. I counted 12 eggs. Quickly leaving the area by backing out, I was hoping that she wouldn’t abandon her nest.

Unfortunately, she did. It was probably due to first getting startled by the coyote the night before, followed by me the next morning. I never went back to the nest site but observed from afar with a pair of binoculars. After 2 days, I went over and observed close up. I touched the eggs in the early morning cold air and they were dew covered and ice cold. She had not come back to the nest. By the way, I don’t recommend touching eggs, but most scientists believe since birds have a really poor sense of smell, they will not abandon an egg/nest if touched by humans. But please don’t do so unless you make the same/similar observations. For several

days I observed the nest until one day all eggs were gone... shell and all. Some other animal had a meal.

NOTES OF “BABES IN THE WOODS” ENCOUNTERS:

When ever possible, once you spot a nesting animal, don’t get anywhere near it or it’s nest if at all possible. The ground nesting turkey I encountered probably would have come back to it’s nest if it hadn’t been startled/disturbed twice. The good news is, she can “re-clutch” (have another brood) either from a second mating with a different male/gobbler, or utilizing stored sperm to fertilize new eggs. Typically, these are the small poults (young turkeys) you may see born late in the season. They may have a tough winter being born so late, but they’ve got a shot. Turtles, particularly

painter turtles, are frequently encountered/seen near gravel and dirt/sand roads and trails. Females search these sites out for easy nest construction. The female will dig a small hole or indentation with her hind legs/clawed feet and deposit her soft-leathery eggs into it. She will then cover them with soil and leave them to survive on their own. After incubation and hatching, young will crawl out of the shallow nest and make their way back to what is usually a near-by body of water (lake, pond, river or stream)... probably the same one that their mother came from.

Be on the lookout for these and other species of turtles as they make their journey to nest. Don’t attempt to “bring the poor thing back to it’s pond”... let it do what it needs to do. Sadly, many nests are destroyed and eggs eaten by raccoons and other animals so they don’t need any further stress! A herpetologist friend of mine did a study

with radio transmitter-laden female painted turtles (so he could locate nesting sites), and found that a majority were destroyed and the eggs or young eaten (mostly by raccoons). Obviously enough survive to maintain the species.

Another commonly encountered critter trying to “continue the line”, are snakes. Usually making their way across the same roads/trails as turtles. Many are thermoregulating... keeping their bodies warm by sunning themselves on the nice warm sand or pavement, only to be run over by a four-wheeler! If you do see one, don’t assume it’s a nasty critter that needs killing. Let ‘em be. Snakes do well on pest control.

So, enjoy the spring and summer... June and July are prime time for the young to be hatching and making their way in the world. Watch and smile. It’s a great time to be outside!

Is heaven really just a ‘fantasy’?

BY MIKE DUNN



What happens after we die? Is there a heaven? What about hell? Does God have a

say in what happens to people after they depart this world?

Or do we all just deteriorate after death and ultimately blend in with the dust of the earth?

Famed actor and former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger made headlines recently with his remarks about heaven and the afterlife during an interview for a magazine article. He and fellow actor Danny DeVito, who was also being interviewed, both professed to be atheists and expressed their conviction that once you die, it’s the end. There’s nothing else.

Many people believe this way, of course, but Schwarzenegger’s remarks were so strongly worded they quickly went viral.

Arnold, 75, referred to the idea of heaven as a mere “fantasy.” Wishful thinking but nothing more.

After people die, he affirmed, there’s nothing: “You’re six feet under. Anyone who tells you something else is a liar.”

He added: “When people talk about, ‘I will see them again in heaven,’ it sounds so good, but the reality is that we won’t see each other again after we’re gone. That’s the sad part. I know people feel comfortable with death, but I don’t.”

The Bible says something very different.

Yes, there is indeed a heaven and an afterlife. In fact, according to the Bible, there is a very real heaven

to gain and a hell to shun. There is a clear pathway to heaven marked in the Bible. It is through faith in Jesus the Son of God. Faith that He died on our behalf on the Roman cross and paid the just penalty for the sins of fallen humanity, including my own. Faith that He rose from the dead on the third day and ascended to heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father. Faith that I as an imperfect sinner who is unworthy of heaven can be forgiven of all my sins and fully embraced by God and become His child.

Faith that I too will be resurrected like Jesus my Savior after I depart this world. Faith that Jesus will welcome me, a forgiven sinner, to heaven, a place where there is no more sorrow or pain or death. A place where God wipes all tears from our eyes. A place where those who have been the followers of Jesus in this life receive eternal rewards for the sacrifices we’ve made for others and the good things we’ve done here as we’ve striven to be like Jesus and love others as we love ourselves.

Some would say this all sounds too good to be true. Some would agree with Arnold that it’s all just a fantasy. Some would say they don’t accept the authority of the Bible, that it’s just a book written by man and not inspired by God.

But in rejecting the Bible there is great risk.

The Bible, if it is indeed true, explains who we are and why we’re here. It tells us where we came from and the reason for death and calamity and injustice in this world.

The Bible reveals that we’re made in God’s very image. That God is Personal and knows who we are and that we are all ac-

countable to Him.

He loves us and made us uniquely with a purpose in mind, a good purpose. He also made us with a free will to choose Him or reject Him. Those who choose to accept the sacrifice of Jesus for themselves and to serve God in this life receive eternal life. God cleanses us from the inside and make us into a new person. He promises us an eternal dwelling in heaven after we die.

We who are “born again” have actually been rescued by God from “the dominion of darkness” as it says in the New Testament book of Colossians 1:13-14 and we have been translated by God “into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.”

And what of those who choose to reject God’s authority in their lives? By not deciding “for” Jesus, people are actually deciding to reject Him and His offer of grace, mercy and forgiveness. If the Bible is true, then Jesus is the only way to heaven. If the Bible is true, then all of us are plagued by sin and those who’s sins are not forgiven when they depart this world are unable to be in the Presence of God. They are separated from Him forever and ever in a place of “outer darkness.”

This is not at all what God desires. The reason Jesus died on our behalf is to offer the one and only pathway to peace with God and eternity in heaven. And that is certainly no fantasy.

If the Bible is true, then the most important decision any of us will ever make centers around Jesus. He is the Good Shepherd but is He my shepherd? He came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Is He seeking you?



Officials from NCMC and Northwood University held a June 26 signing event to formally renew an articulation agreement ensuring smooth student transfer between the two institutions. Pictured are, from left: NCMC President David Roland Finley, Northwood Academics Vice President and Provost Kristin Stehouwer, NCMC Dean of Business, Education, & Adjunct Faculty Michele Andrews, and NCMC Vice President of Academic Affairs Stephen Strom.

NCMC, Northwood University renew agreement ensuring smooth transfer for students

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College and Northwood University have reaffirmed a partnership that promotes seamless transfer between the two institutions. The “3+1” transfer articulation agreement ensures that students who study at North Central for three years can transfer to Northwood to complete a bachelor’s degree in one year on the following tracks: accounting, management, and marketing.

“This agreement strengthens our partnership with Northwood University and our shared commitment to helping students reach their academic and career goals,” said Michele Andrews, dean of business, education, and adjunct faculty at NCMC.

Originally signed in 2017, North Central’s agreement with Northwood minimizes credit loss and prevents the duplication of coursework for transferring students who meet the requirements outlined.

“This transfer articulation agreement streamlines

the path for North Central Michigan College students to earn bachelor’s degrees in business at Northwood University,” said Kristin Stehouwer, academics vice president and provost at Northwood. “NCMC students can complete their Northwood degrees online or at our campus in Midland. This agreement removes barriers and strengthens the relationship between NCMC and Northwood University, but most importantly, it helps us serve the collective needs of our students.”

North Central also has articulation agreements with Ferris State University, Great Lakes Boat Building School, Lake Superior State University, Northern Michigan University, Northwestern Michigan College, and University of Michigan – Flint.

In addition to its individual articulation agreements with partner institutions, North Central participates in the Mi-Transfer Pathways agreements. Signed in 2020,

MiTransfer Pathways are multi-institutional articulation agreements that allow students to complete associate and bachelor’s degrees at participating institutions across the state. North Central offers 10 transfer pathways in the following concentrations: art, biology, business, communication, criminal justice, exercise science, mechanical engineering, psychology, public health, and social work.

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July 13 - Circle of Arts Quick Draw Paint Out. Painting 5-7pm. People's choice voting 7-9pm

July 13 - Eliza Thorp. 6pm
July 13 - Mark Lavengood. 7pm

July 27 - Traverse City Dance Project. 7pm
August 1-3 - The Soundgarden Project playing classical music in unexpected places. Various locations & times w/ a final performance on August 3rd at 7pm at the Odmark Performance Pavilion

August 3 - Childrens Activities. 5-7pm

August 3 - Distant Stars. 8pm

August 10 - Charlie Millard Band. 7pm

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SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Blissfest Music Organization and Downtown Petoskey bring you

Sounds of Summer. Enjoy live tunes in Pennsylvania Park Friday nights from July 14th through August 18th! Beginning at 7 pm these free concerts will get you grooving all summer long. Grab yourself take out or a drink from one of our Social District bars and restaurants and bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy the Sounds of Summer concert series.

July 14 - Tim Jones & Stonefolk (Americana Yacht Country)

July 21 - Silver Creek Revival (Indie-Folk & Americana)

July 28 - Bee Taylor (Delta Blues & Gypsy Jazz)

August 4 - Luke Winslow-King (Original Folk Blues)

August 11 - 1000 Watt Prophets (Soulful Americana)

August 18 - Al Bettis (Smooth Indie Soul)

PETOSKEY

PETOSKEY ART IN THE PARK

July 15th, 10am - 5pm. Artists from all over the United States will descend upon Downtown Petoskey to show off their wares. For the 37th year, over 100 booths will grace Pennsylvania Park with items ranging from pottery to jewelry, from paintings to photographs and much more. Find everything from that perfect, one-of-a-kind gift for someone special to that jaw-dropping focal piece for the office. Items range in size from small, intricate pieces of jewelry, to functional wearable art, and so much more. You'll find something for everyone, even if they're a budding art-lover or a seasoned collector of the fine things in life. The show is rain or shine, so come prepared to shop.

BOYNE CITY

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BAY VIEW

BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS

Blood, Sweat & Tears will play Bay View's Hall Auditorium on July 21 at 8pm this summer. Blood Sweat & Tears has been nominated for 10 Grammy awards and won 3. They performed in 1969 at Woodstock the same day as Jimi Hendrix among other great bands. Bobby Colomby discovered their latest vocalist, Keith Paluso of the 2018 season of "The Voice." Critics say Keith is the best singer since David Clayton-Thomas, the singer most recognize as being part of the band. Hits include "Spinning Wheel," "You Make Me So Very Happy," "God Bless the Child," and many more. Performance at John M. Hall Auditorium, Bay View Association. Tickets: <https://bva.book-tix.com/>

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Backyard Nature Program Summer Series every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30, starting June 14th through July 26th, join the Charlevoix Conservation District & the Boyne City Library at Old City Park in Boyne City for free nature programs for kids! The programs are geared toward ages 3-7, but families of all ages are welcome. Meet our intern, Miss Jalie, at the Gazebo to listen to a nature-based book related to the topic of the day before setting out to discover nature throughout the park. Gentle guidance, along with a few simple tools, will assist the children's efforts with observing and collecting. If time permits, a related art activity will wrap up the activities for the hour. There is no fee or RSVP required to attend this event, but parents or guardians are asked to stay for the duration. For questions or more information about these events or the conservation district, please

contact district manager, Alison Adams for more details.

BOYNE CITY

FREE CLINIC

The Boyne Area Free Clinic is now accepting Medicaid. Open Fridays, 8am - 4pm

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY BAND

The Jordan Valley Community Band is looking for new members, all musicians welcome! We especially would like to have you join us if you play French Horn, Trombone or Clarinet. The Jordan Valley Community Band plays concerts on Thursday evenings in July at 7:30 PM in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. For more information or questions about joining the band, contact Becky at 231-675-0543. The Jordan Valley Community Band will once again be part of the East Jordan Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's. Please join us at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, Saturday, November 26 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM where the band will be performing your favorite Christmas Carols.

PETOSKEY

SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

July 28, 29. The granddaddy of them all - Shop the 59th annual Downtown Petoskey Sidewalk Sales. Sales are 9am - 6pm Friday, July 28, 9am - 6pm Saturday, July 29

EAST JORDAN

SAND, SEA AND SHELLS

22nd annual flower show, July 29, Noon - 4pm at Jordan River Art Center, 301 N. Mai St. Free admission. You vote for the winners.

BOYNE CITY

HDSA FUN WALK

Help for today, hope for tomorrow in the battle against Huntington's Disease. Join us for a fun walk Saturday, July 29. Registration at 9am, walk begins at 10am at the Boyne City pavilion at Veterans Park. Registration is \$20. Deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is June 20. Reserve your spot at www.hdsa.org/thwboynecity

EAST JORDAN

Free apparel for girls, teens and women on Aug. 5, 10am - 1pm at My Sisters Closet inside Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd. Hosted by girls from the EJ Bright Lights group.

EAST JORDAN

PORTSIDE ART FAIR

The 60th annual Portside Art Fair is August 5 & 6, 10am - 4pm at Elm Pointe Park, 1787 M-66 (1.5 miles north of Eat Jordan). Sponsored by the East Jordan Historical Society. The Portside Arts Fair is a juried art show and is open to all artists and craftspeople who exhibit work of original design and execution. Live entertainment and concessions are available throughout the weekend. A call for artist is currently taking place, so if you are an artist or know someone that would like to be a part of this show please visit portsideartsfair.org or call to Christine Wilhelm 231-675-4841 or email Christine at christinewilhelm63@gmail.com

EAST JORDAN

FREE STROKE SCREENING

August 10, 11am - 3pm at Jordan Valley EMS Authority. 555 Maple St. Stroke is a serious medical condition that affects millions of people each year, but early detection and treatment of stroke risk factors can make a significant difference in reducing your risk. Risk reduction assessment includes Lipid Panel, A1c, Blood pressure, weight, BMI calculation, activity assessment, 3 lead EKG rhythm, stroke awareness. Contact Meghan Meyer, 231-536-7881.

CHARLEVOIX

ART FROM THE ATTIC.

\ fundraiser for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts featuring previously loved art. Saturday, Aug. 12, 11am - 3pm. Mon - Thurs, Aug. 14, 11am - 4pm. Donations to Art from the Attic

accepted now thru Aug. 4 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St. Mon. - Fri, 11am - 4pm

PETOSKEY

SUMMER SENDOFF

Celebrating Community through Craft. Raise a glass to another great summer in Downtown Petoskey. In collaboration with Beards Brewery, come celebrate the Summer Sendoff on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. Multiple concerts in the park, Movie in the Park at Dark, the Great Lakes Brass Band, street games, community partner tents, the Charlie Millard Band and more.

ELLSWORTH

CONCERTS

Concerts on the Ellsworth Community Square every Wednesday Night—7 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

MEET UP, EAT UP

Meet up and Eat up at East Jordan Elementary school. Lunch and breakfast are served daily Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is at 8:30 AM till 9 AM and lunch 11 AM to 12 PM. Free for anyone 18 and under.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

Music, art, and downtown store deals fill the streets every Friday night through the summer 6-9pm. Sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.

BOYNE CITY

ARCHERY RANGE

The Archery Range on the back side of Avalanche Park is set up with 25 targets ready for public use. The entrance to the Archery Range is off of Pleasant Avenue. Thanks to Barney Hess for setting up the targets as he has done for several years

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

CASH RAFFLE

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce serve this function for Charlevoix County, energizing economic activity throughout the region. One lucky Chamber Champion will win \$10,000 CASH! Additionally, two lucky Chamber Champions will win either \$2,000 or \$1,000 Cash! Drawing will take place on November 3rd at Castle Farms and will be livestreamed on the Chambers' Facebook page. Only 400 tickets are being offered for purchase at \$100.00 each. To purchase a ticket, call Charlevoix Area Chamber at 231-547-2101, East Jordan Area Chamber at 231-536-7351 or Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

The East Jordan Farmers Market is every Thursday. Hours 10am - 2pm at the East Jordan Tourist Park.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday at Veterans Park, 8am - Noon. Fresh produce, live music, local artwork, artisan food, kids corner and more.

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers market is now open for the season every Thursday from 8AM - 1PM on Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albie's Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN

TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224. DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com

BOYNE CITY

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, Ages 12+ at Boyne District Library. After school drawing, collage, paper crafts, and making stuff while watching anime or other cartoons. Creativity required. Art Club for ages 12+ meets Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm. You can chill and make whatever you want.

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.

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church

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Michigan expanding weatherization program to help residents of multifamily affordable housing lower their utility bills

LANSING, Mich. – Low-income residents of multifamily affordable housing will benefit from an expanded Weatherization Assistance Program provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

The MDHHS Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity has expanded its weatherization services to include a service provider focusing on multifamily affordable housing with five or more units after the department received additional federal funding.

The expansion means low-income people living in these multifamily units will gain access to the benefits of energy efficiency efforts and health and safety upgrades – providing weatherization services to hundreds of additional families.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to reduce energy costs for low-income households while ensuring their health and safety. MDHHS administers the funding in Michigan. As part of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, MDHHS received approximately \$183 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program, providing the opportunity for the expansion. These funds, issued in 2022, will be used in addition to the approximately \$21 million received annually.

"MDHHS wants to help Michigan residents pay their energy bills," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "Weatherizing your home is a good way to reduce energy costs, prevent you from falling behind on paying for your utilities, and keep your family healthy. I am so pleased that we have been able to expand the Weatherization Assistance Program to assist more people."

Through a competitive process, MDHHS selected ICAST (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology), a national 501(c)3 nonprofit, as the new provider. ICAST has a history of nationally scaling weatherization, beneficial electrification, and renewable energy solutions for multifamily affordable housing properties.

ICAST plans to begin working with eligible providers starting October 2023. It is currently developing the infrastructure and processes through select pilot projects, said Ravi Malhotra, president of ICAST. "We are honored and thrilled to bring our expertise and experience to Michigan and serve its residents who are most in need of lowering their utility bills and health care costs through weatherization services," he said. More information is available at www.icas-tusa.org.

Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers Offer 3D Mammography.

(East Jordan, MI)- Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers (EJFHC) are proud to announce the addition of two new 3D Mammography machines. The new Hologic Selenia machines will replace their current 2D mammography machines and the first in Region to Offer Genius™ 3D Mammography™ Exams.

"We are excited to offer our communities 3D mammogram technology. The 3D mammogram has been shown to detect breast cancer earlier than 2D mammography as well as reduce the need for call back mammograms," said Joelle Woodruff, EJFHC Medical Director. "To compare the two: The 2D mammogram image is created by taking two images, top to bottom and side to side. The 3D mammogram takes several images in an arc pattern in slices. This technology provides a clearer picture in all types of breast tissue but is especially useful in breast tissue that is dense. We really are fortunate to be able to offer this service to our communities and continue striving to pro-

vide quality care."

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her lifetime. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's chance of survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent.

Our Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam, available on the 3Dimensions™ and Selenia® Dimensions® systems from Hologic, are revolutionizing how breast cancer is detected by providing a better option for women of all breast densities compared to 2D alone.1-2

Researchers have found that:

- The Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam finds 20-65% more invasive breast cancers compared to 2D alone, an average increase of 41%.3
- Only the Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam is FDA approved as superior for women with dense

breasts compared to 2D alone.1-2

The Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam reduces callbacks by up to 40% compared to 2D alone.2,4

The American Cancer Society recommends women of average risk for breast cancer to start screening for breast cancer between ages 40-44 and continue with screening yearly until the age of 55 years at which time they can transition to every other year screening. If a patient is high risk for breast cancer and/or has family history of breast cancer, they need to speak with their primary care provider for different screening recommendations.

The new 3D mammography machines were made possible by a grant from the Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) and the United Health Foundation. MPCA is a statewide organization that supports primary care providers. The United Health Foundation is the philanthropic arm of UnitedHealth Group, a leading health

care company.

"We are grateful to MPCA and the United Health Foundation for their support of this important project," said Daniel McKinnon, CEO of EJFHC. "Being able to offer 3D mammography at EJFHC is a huge asset to our communities, as patients will no longer have to travel out of town for this service. Their investment will help us to provide our patients with the best possible care."

As part of the expanded 3D mammography services, EJFHC is partnering with the Know Your Lemons Foundation to bring education and awareness to the importance of breast self-exams. Monthly breast self-exams are also important and can help fill the gap between your mammograms. We suggest downloading the free 'Know Your lemons' mobile app to learn how and when to self-exam. Remember, a breast self-exam is not a hunt for cancer, but it is a great way for you to learn what your 'normal' is. The partnership with the Know Your Lemons Foundation is

an important step in EJFHC's mission to educate and empower women about breast cancer.

EJFHC encourages you to download the Know Your Lemons mobile app and to learn how to do a breast self-exam. Early detection is key to successful treatment, and breast self-exams are a simple and effective way to catch breast cancer early.

EJFHC is committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive health care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. If you would like to schedule a Genius 3D Mammography™ exam, or have questions about this important breast health procedure, please contact the Bellaire or East Jordan Family Health Centers.

For additional information on the services offered at EJFHC, including the new 3D mammography service, please visit www.ejfhc.org or follow "East Jordan Family Health Center" on Facebook.

Michigan's first ARPA-funded state park projects cross finish line

New and upgraded electrical systems, paved roads and parking lots, accessible sites and water jug fillers – these are just some of the amenities and conveniences visitors can enjoy now that planned improvement projects – made possible thanks to \$250 million in federal relief funding – have been completed at several Michigan state parks.

The funding is part of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Building Michigan Together Plan (signed into law in March 2022), a bipartisan plan to invest nearly \$5 billion in Michigan's infrastructure, grow the economy, create jobs and benefit families in every region of the state. The \$250 million allotted for state parks and trails investment will help the Michigan Department of Natural Resources address a decades-long backlog of repair and maintenance needs and build a new state park in Flint. American Rescue Plan Act funds must be committed to projects by Dec. 31, 2024, and spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

"These federal funds will allow us to deliver better, safer and more inviting visitor experiences and makes serious investments in infrastructure," said Ron Olson, DNR Parks and Recreation chief. "With what's considered a short

time frame to efficiently spend the funds for projects of this magnitude, our staff had to hit the ground running to prioritize needs and plan, bid and execute projects with contractors."

"We are proud to say that we've seen several of these projects through to successful completion, and we're excited to share this ARPA milestone – the first of many – with our visitors."

Completed projects include:

- Interlochen State Park (Grand Traverse County). Phase 1 work, completed in June, included replacement of the electrical system and addition of new pedestals in each campsite in the south campground. Future improvements will modernize the park's day-use and restroom building, replace the sanitary lift station and enhance the underground water and sewer distribution system. These projects represent a proposed \$3.5 million of ARPA-funded investment.
- Hoffmaster State Park (Muskegon County) is reopening its entire day-use area Friday, July 7. Visitors will find newly paved roads and parking lots, an improved beach road shoulder for pedestrian and bike traffic, the addition of speed bumps and two lanes for inbound traffic – one for those

who already have the Recreation Passport for vehicle entry – and a partially completed bike path just inside the park entrance.

With this first phase completed, the park's modern campground is closing July 7 through the end of the 2023 camping season to upgrade water and sewer lines, reconstruct campground roads and complete the bike path. Renovations of the day-use toilet facility and Gillette Visitor Center are slated for 2024 or later. A proposed \$6.4 million in ARPA funding is available for these projects.

• Mitchell State Park (Wexford County). The park opened June 30 with completely replaced, regressed and repaved campground roads, accessible sites and parking lots. In addition, 10 new jug fillers were replaced on accessible cement pads. (The toilet and shower building also was replaced, but the project was funded separately.) Renovations to the day-use toilet building are slated for later. A proposed \$2.2 million in federal relief funding was made available for these projects. Watch this Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau video for project highlights.

• Hartwick Pines State Park (Crawford County). The park recently replaced the roof on the

chapel and Hartwick Pines Logging Museum's bunkhouse. Upgrades to the electrical system in the modern campground are expected to begin in October. The visitor center and Memorial Building will be renovated, and the construction timeline will be announced later. A proposed \$4.1 million in federal relief funding was made available for these projects.

Other projects soon to wrap construction include:

- The Saginaw Bay Visitor Center (Bay County) in Bay City State Park is slated to reopen in September. The work entails substantial renovations to both the interior and exterior, including the reception area and exhibit hall, new roof and siding, and the addition of a new science lab. Additional park improvements – taking place in later phases – include circulation improvements in the day-use area and water, and sewer and electrical upgrades in the campground.
- Straits State Park's (Mackinac County) upper campground is slated to reopen around July 20. The project includes two new toilet and shower buildings. The replacement of the sanitary lift station will come in a later phase.
- Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park (Ontonagon County). The

visitor center, headquarters building and park road where both of these buildings sit are expected to reopen in late September. Other work, including the Summit Peak parking lot, is slated for late September. Ski hill, visitor center and campground electrical improvements are planned for the future.

Additional closure information

Find the latest details on closures at all DNR facilities and additional information on these enhancement projects at Michigan.gov/DNRClosures. Other ARPA-funded projects will start this fall and into 2024.

Follow ARPA-funded projects

To stay up to date on the status of ARPA-funded projects and learn more about funding and decision-making, visit Michigan.gov/StateParksProgress. There you'll find FAQs, a photo gallery and an interactive map identifying proposed project locations, details and status of those projects.

Questions on the projects? Contact Kristin Bennett at 248-431-1265 or BennettK@Michigan.gov.

OBITUARIES

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son, Patrick. Her 97-year wealth of knowledge about the Boyne City community and its early residents has preserved countless details that might have otherwise been lost to the annals of time. Those wishing to make memorial contributions as an expression of sympathy are asked to consider The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, c/o Patrick McCleary, 2500 Liegl Drive, Alanson, MI 49706 or to a charity of their choice.

was born on March 8, 1928, in Detroit, the son of Frederick and Lucy (Bates) Pivitt.

Fred will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Louise, in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Fred Pivitt, 95
(MARCH 8, 1928 — JULY 6, 2023)



CHARLEVOIX

Frederick George Pivitt of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at his home. He

and Letha Kiteley. Chuck was a dairy farmer for 40 years and then he and his wife, Carmen, started Kiteley Strawberry Farm, where they grew and sold specialty crops for 18 years before retiring in 2000. Chuck was a member of Charlevoix County Soil Conservation, Michigan Milk Cooperative, Charlevoix County Farm Bureau, and the National Turkey Federation. He was named young farmer of the year in 1970. Charles loved to hunt and fish here locally and in Montana.

Mr. Kiteley is survived by his wife, Carmen, and four children, Charles (Gay) Kiteley, Cindy (Ron) Shapton, Mike (Sue) Kiteley, and Dan Kiteley and one sister, LaVonn Siminski. Charles and Carmen (his childhood sweetheart) have been married 68 years and have ten grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Grandchildren: Edmund, Andrew, Adam, Fisher, Katie (Kirby), Casey, Alison Kiteley and Jason, Trevor and Emily (Cunningham) Shapton.

Funeral service was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Interment in Brookside Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, in memory of

Charles "Chuck" Kiteley, 87
(NOV. 18, 1935 — JULY 4, 2023)
CHARLEVOIX

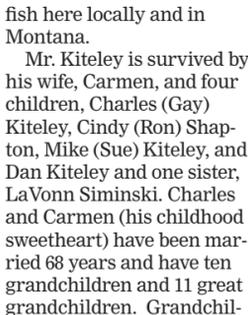


Charles (Chuck) Albert Kiteley of Charlevoix passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. He was born on November 18, 1935, in Carland, Michigan, son of George

Charles Kiteley, 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727.

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Paul M Folsom, 64
(JULY 12, 1958 — JUNE 30, 2023)



Grayling, formerly of East Jordan

Paul Michael Folsom, 64 of Grayling and formerly of East Jordan, passed away June 30, 2023 after a brief battle with cancer. He was born July 12, 1958 in Sturgis the son of Robert and Betty (Fisher) Folsom.

Paul graduated from East Jordan High School in 1976 and enjoyed life. He played a lot of baseball and slow pitch softball too. He was in several pool leagues

and liked to golf. Paul was kind and helpful and was often taking care of his neighbors and friends.

He is survived by his brother Mark (Darlene) Folsom, sister Thelma Craig, nieces Katie and Michelle, dear friend Tom Olson, several aunts and uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A gathering of family and friends was held Saturday, July 8, from Noon to 3 p.m. at the American Legion Post 227, in East Jordan.

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2012 Ford F-250 Super Duty. 4x4, tow pkg, soft tonneau cover, quad cab, 206K miles. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan.

2013 Ford F-150 XLT. Club cab, 4x4, spray-in bedliner, tow pkg, 261 K miles. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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Available for occasional after-school meetings or activities planned for students involved in the Title IA/31A program or their parents/families.

Demonstrate initiative and excellent work habits (i.e. attendance, punctuality, responsibility, and collaboration).

Able to attend conferences when Title IA/31A appropriate and applicable.

Abide by FERPA confidentiality laws in handling student and family information.

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REPORTS TO:
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS GIRLS ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

DREAM TEAM

*Lucy Uy is player of the Year.
Meg Kitson is Coach of the Year.*

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix County News is once again happy to announce one of our varsity athletic Dream Team's. Softball gets all the attention this week, and our five coverage area teams delivered some great action.

Boyne City had four players make the Dream Team, led by our player of the year, junior Lucy Uy. Uy played outfield and second base for the Lady Ramblers, and put up an impressive fielding percentage of .961.

She performed well at the plate, as one would expect, hitting for a .383 average to go along with five doubles, two triples and 17 RBI. She was also able to steal an impressive 16 bases.

Fellow junior Delaney Vollmer had a great season hitting as well, and her 10 wins as a pitcher helps her get on the dream team too. She pitched 108 innings and struck out 79 batters. On offense she had a .430 average and had five doubles, two triples, two home runs and 28 RBI.

The Ramblers also had

seniors Savannah Kroondyk and Maggie Miller make the team. Kroondyk drove in an impressive 24 runs this year and hit for a .414 average. Miller hit .383 and spent much of her time defensively as a catcher.

At East Jordan, four make the dream team list as well. Senior Skylar Barnett saw action as the team's main pitcher and she also had a good bat. She struck out 52 batters in 62 innings of work and she also hit for a .300 average.

The Lady Red Devils saw juniors Alley Whiteford and Lillian Stone make the team as well. Whiteford played as the team's catcher and she was able to throw out eight runners and also hit for a .380 average. Stone played shortstop and hit for .340 average. Freshman Sydney Guerriero played third base and also makes the dream team. She had an impressive debut varsity season, hitting .394 and she hit a key gran slam in district play. She also pitched 29 innings.

Boyne Falls senior Riley Zbacnik also gets named to the dream team. The Lady Loggers leadoff batter hit .500 on the year and she also had 15 RBI. Lastly, she earned seven wins as a pitcher and tossed a no-hitter.

At Charlevoix, senior Kylie Dorst and junior Anna Kemp got the honors on the dream team. Kemp led the team with a .419 average and also had 41 RBI. Dorst was the team's workhorse pitcher and struck out 107 batters in 129 innings of work. Ellsworth junior Avery Strange and Ellsworth sophomore Isabella Essenberg make the squad as well. They were a



LUCY UY - PLAYER OF THE YEAR



MEG KITSON - COACH OF THE YEAR

key part to a vastly successful team this spring.

Getting the nod as our coach of the year is East Jordan's Meg Kitson.

The longtime head coach was able to help the Red Devils through a tough Lake Michigan Conference schedule, and get her team to peak at the right time by winning a Division 4 district championship. Kitson

also announced this season would be her last, and this year only cementing her legacy.

"After 34 years in the program, 30 years as varsity coach, I'm hanging it up," Kitson said after the season. "It is hard to imagine my life without softball, but it is time. I'm super grateful to all of my kids this year. They were a great

bunch of girls to coach."

COACH OF THE YEAR Meg Kitson

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR



LUCY UY, BOYNE CITY (11)



Delaney Vollmer, Boyne City (11)



Savannah Kroondyk, Boyne City (12)



Maggie Miller, Boyne City (12)



Anna Kemp, Charlevoix (11)



Kylie Dorst, Charlevoix (12)



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EAST JORDAN: Meg Kitson (Coach of the Year)

BOYNE CITY: Josh Bush

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pull off a pretty remarkable turnaround. Back in 2022 the Lady Red Devils were only able to claim one win on the diamond. This spring they were able to pull off plenty of victories, and more importantly peak in the post-season to claim a Division 4 district championship.

“Comparing this year’s team to last year’s, we only had one win and then this year we had 11 and were district champs,” Kitson, who was named the Charlevoix County News softball coach of the year said. “11 wins, that is still not awesome but it was so much more fun for the girls and it was just great. Last year we were teaching kids to pitch at the varsity level and this year our pitching was more consistent and much more confident. We had a few other pieces that fit in nicely and it just worked for us. We had good defense on the field too so we could keep games in check and we batted about 40 points higher as a team, that is a lot in one year.”

The nice turnaround from last season will serve as a fitting bookend for Kit-

son as well, as she recently announced she was stepping away from the program. She was head coach of the team for the last 30 years and had spent time with the program four years prior to that as well.

“It has been historically a good solid program,” Kitson said. “We have had our ebbs and flows where we’ve been better some seasons and worse some seasons, but the thing I’m most proud of is the girls have always been good kids and good to work with. They didn’t bring drama to us and that was a really good thing.”

Kitson finishes with a 433-395-5 record and she won seven district championships and three Lake Michigan Conference championships along the way. She retired from teaching elementary at the school about five years ago. She also spent many years in the school’s volleyball and basketball programs.

“It has just been a super pleasure,” Kitson said. “I taught at East Jordan and started coaching right away. It was a really good fit for me. I loved my friends and my coworkers and Phyllis Olszewski is just awesome as our athletic director. I’m still planning on announcing at football and basketball games for the foreseeable

future and coaching a couple middle school volleyball and basketball teams. I’m still going to stay connected, it will just be a little less invasive on the body. March is really tough in northern Michigan, that weather was just so rough every year.”

Kitson hopes the timing of her departure works out for a seamless transition. In fact she has someone in mind for her successor.

“I am hopeful that my assistant coach Rachael Tison gets the head coaching job,” she said. “She has applied for it and she is ready for it. We have worked together for 15 years and she played for me before that, and it would be amazing continuity. I worked hard to build a respectful program and my goal was to teach the kids the rules to play smart and grind it out and she was one of those girls. Fingers crossed she will get the job. She is ready to take it over.”

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Lucy Uy

When it comes to the game of softball, playing solid defense is just as important as making an im-

pact on offense. With this in mind, Boyne City junior Lucy Uy has been named the Charlevoix County News softball player of the year.

“She never had a bad attitude, she stayed positive the whole time and was just a pleasure to coach,” head coach Josh Bush said. “I wish I had 12 girls like her, she was just there lifting the team up and never getting down. Especially with the position changes, she never complained or asked me why.”

Uy played her first two seasons as second base, however this spring Bush swapped her to right field. Partway through the year she moved over to left field. Finally, she went back to the infield where she finished the season at second base. All told she was able to have a fielding percentage of .961, despite having to play multiple spots.

“For multiple reasons I put her in the outfield and she just embraced that,” Bush said. “I didn’t even really have to coach her, she knew exactly what to do. She knew exactly what she had to do and where she needed to be. Halfway through the season I put her back at second base and she just totally killed it and embraced it.”

As for her offensive prowess, Uy was able to de-

liver at the plate as well. She hit .383 and had 24 singles, five doubles and two triples. She drove in 17 runs and also came in to score 30 runs. She also showed off her speed with 16 stolen bases.

“She was just an all-around smart offensive

player,” Bush said. “She had clutch hitting, when there were girls on second and third she was trying to put the ball on the right side of the field so those girls had a chance to score. She just had a great softball IQ. I was 100-percent pleased with her.”

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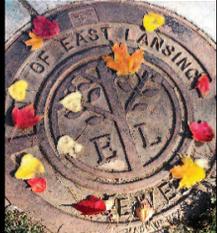
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