

Bayfront Spring Art & Craft show moves to Emmet County Fairgrounds

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN, 05/15/23 - Blue Ribbon Events kicks off the 1st northwest Michigan outdoor art show of the season with Bayfront Spring Art & Craft Show at Emmet County Fairground this weekend. Open Saturday & Sunday 10am to 5pm with FREE admission to the public. Conveniently located between Petosky and Charlevoix at 1129 Charlevoix Avenue (US31 North).

Whether you are visiting the area looking for a memento or a local looking for unique wall art, there will be so much to choose from. The lineup of artists will please the pickiest shopper with handcrafted items such as pottery, wood working, textiles, metal works, jewelry, and handcrafted baskets. Creativity flows from these exhibitors like honey from a beehive.

Greg's Metal works will be with us once again for the first time this year. This three-generation family business creates amazing wind spinners, yard art and garden statues. Spinners are available in many different sizes, as well as double spinners. They have sailboats, tractors, airplanes, butterflies and other critters that will add creativity and motion to any yard. Metal suet cake bird feeders are available that hang or stake into yard. Every year they bring

different size Big Foot figures and sell out so be sure to shop early for best selection.

Do you love to spoil your dog? The French Barkery sells single item and small batch dog treats for dogs of all sizes. Chicken feet, Beef Lung, Trachea, Twisted Tripe are just a few of the unusual but good for your dog treats available. Plus baked dog treats for dogs with any dietary restrictions. The French Barkery uses fresh ingredients, and custom blends dairy free, vegan and even gluten free dog treats.

Stop by this weekend, grab a fresh smashed lemonade and enjoy the beauty of all that northwest Michigan offers for spring while strolling and shopping hand-made creations.

Blue Ribbon Events have become very popular offering Northwest Michigan with quality artists and crafters as the focus for all events. Inarguably with some of the "sexiest" locations to be found, many set along lakesides and quaint towns. With dozens of successful COVID socially distanced events, the primary focus is to present art while keeping artists and patrons safe. In a world where everything was cancelled, we still moved forward safely while supporting the arts. Come for the art, stay for the fun!

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THINK ABOUT THE HELP AND GOOD WE CAN DO

BY JOHN KEYSER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan (Bigs), led by CEO Cecilia Chesney, creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Bigs provides mentors to approximately 400 children annually in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties. Mentors (Bigs) meet with a child (Little) an average of 4 to 6 hours a month, taking interest in their well-being, having lunch, playing a game, or simply hanging out. Success comes from simply listening! When a Little spends time with a Big who cares, the result is improved self-confidence, which in turn nurtures responsibility, respect and happiness and ultimately leads to a fulfilling and successful life.

Bigs' partners with community businesses, individuals, the media, and seven local schools, who refer families and volunteers to deliver their community and school-based mentoring programs to 100 youth. The goal in Charlevoix and Emmet counties is to grow programming to serve an additional 100, resulting in 200 youth annually. More than 1,700 children in Charlevoix and Emmet counties have been identified as candidates for a Bigs' mentor relationship.

As the only Bigs agency operating in northwestern lower Michigan, they are committed to expanding



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services to support the growing needs in Charlevoix and Emmet counties and surrounding communities. The total cost for background checks, various skills training of staff, mentors and parents, and administration to support a mentor relationship is \$2000 annually. Expenses have skyrocketed in the last two years, increasing by more than 40%. Only 4.7% of the agency's annual revenue is generated in

Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. An increase in financial support from within these communities, as well as additional volunteers to serve as mentors, is critical to make expansion possible. An Advisory Council made up of Emmet and Charlevoix County residents and community leaders are working alongside recently hired Advocacy Specialist Jennifer Krarup to advocate for Bigs' mission, participating in fundraising



JENNIFER KRARUP

activities, and assisting with volunteer recruitment. Krarup lives in Charlevoix and has been a Northern Michigan resident for thirty years.

With our community behind Big Brothers Big Sisters, we can rewrite the future of our children. Bigs' CEO Cecilia Chesney shares "creating friendships is changing lives. All children need to feel cared for, to feel heard, and to feel loved. By providing children with caring, adult mentors, we're connecting them with their biggest possible futures, but we can't do it alone. Your generosity will expand our services while making a big impact on the lives of local children."

To get involved, go to: bigsupnorth.com or reach out to Jennifer.Krarup@bigsupnorth.com

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2023 Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

Solgot Residence
2018 S. Advance Rd
East Jordan, MI 49727
A little bit of everything & something for everyone

Fender Residence
128 Cedar Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
Pole Barn Sale - Lots of men's stuff, tools, yard tools, fishing & camping items, portable heaters, kayak, Harley Davidson items, kitchen items, some ladies clothing and much more

Kyle Residence
01741 S. M-66
East Jordan, MI 49727
Cleaned our closets and guess what we found? Yard Sale! Antique treadle sewing machine, needle point & quilt patterns, fabric, tools, folk art, pottery, glass & dishware, circular sock knitting machine, some furniture & tools, handcrafted soap, bakeware, yarn, hand dyed yarn/sweater kits, toaster oven, quilts, blue mason jar lamps, coach & Vera Bradley Bags, framed art work, picture frames and more.

Deer Creek Junk
320 State Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
Inventory Reduction! Windows, Shutters, Doors, Picture Frames, Vintage Household, Books, Bottles, Fabric of all kinds and SO much more!

Jordan River Arts Council
301 Main Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
Art supplies, Books, Art pieces

Adams Residence
3282 S. Miles Rd.
Ellsworth, MI 49729
Household, furniture, clothing, outdoor sporting goods,

shoes, wallets/purses, tools

Barski Residence
507 2nd Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
Huge Garage Sale with lots of brand new stuff including household items, tools, records, health and beauty products including shampoos, razors, makeup, men's stuff, bath and body products, toys, baby items, cold drinks and lots more! Open from 8:30-5:30 Friday 5/26 and Saturday 5/27. 507 2nd St., East Jordan

Tradesmen Motorcycle Club
7256 Atwood Rd
Ellsworth, MI 48729
Multi - Family sale with lots of everything and something for everyone.

Lewis Residence
1111 Water St.
East Jordan, MI 49727
Closeouts on eBay, Books, Antiques, Vintage, Beeswax Wraps, and much more - still cleaning out the barn. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, May 26, 27 &

28 (1/2 price on last day)

EJ Shoppe
122 Main Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
Sidewalk Sales! Our "famous" \$10.00, \$20.00 racks will be outside! Save HUGE on remaining winter/fall ladies clothing! New spring fashions on sale! Gently used clothing 50% off. In-Store Garage Sale featuring household, books, accessories & more!

WOW! A 26-Mile Garage Sale!
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MAY 26 & 27, 2023
9 AM - 4 PM
www.RideTheBreezeway.com

RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS all along the Breezeway - from Atwood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls - are participating in our 14th Annual Breezeway Garage Sale!

Think Outside the Box! Not only for garage sales! Have a bake sale, real estate open house, fundraiser for a cause, musical performance!

Let us know about YOUR sale or event! Send complete information and a \$10 per location Participation Fee to: info@ejchamber.org to be included on our website and printed handouts.

Join us! Explore the Breezeway & Shop Til You Drop!

Map locations and distances:
 - 12.3 miles to Charlevoix
 - 11.5 miles to Charlevoix
 - 15 miles to Ironton & Charlevoix
 - 6.2 miles (Atwood to Ellsworth)
 - 6.9 miles (Ellsworth to East Jordan)
 - 10.4 miles to Boyne City
 - 12.6 miles (East Jordan to Boyne Falls)
 - 15.8 miles to Petoskey
 - 37.9 miles to Traverse City
 - 27.7 miles to Central Lake
 - 20.2 miles to Manclona
 - 28.7 miles to I-75 Gaylord

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Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



HAYDEN BYRD

Grade: 7

Parent's Name(s): Randi Scott and Kenneth Byrd

Future Plans: Undecided because there are too many options!

Favorite Book: The Goosebumps Series

Hobbies and Interests: Basketball and gaming

School Activities: Basketball

Staff Comments: Hayden is a hard-working 7th grade student that always puts forth his best effort in class, especially when he is faced with challenges. He fulfills our Logger Agreement daily, as he always comes to class with a positive attitude and ready to work. This positive attitude is what I believe will allow Hayden to accomplish whatever he puts his mind to. He shows kindness and respect to his peers and his teachers, and I am glad to be his teacher.

Submitted By: Mrs. Berg