JUNE 2016



COMMUNICATION IS KEY ...

In a joint effort with the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, Bridgman Public Library and Bridgman Public Schools, we are EXCITED to release this community newsletter.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN COMMUNICATION

As residents of the Greater Bridgman area, we should be proud of the example set forth by all the community partners involved who are working together for this one common cause, better communication with our constituents. We hope you are pleased with the results.

SCHOOL NEWS SUPERINTENDENT'S **MESSAGE**



Superintendent Shane M. Peters

Let me start by congratulating the Class of 2016.

These 84 graduates of Bridg-

man High School had an outstanding four years filled with academic, athletic and artistic accomplishments.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR JOHN GAST



Supervisor

The Township has some infrastructure projects on its list of things to do.

The biggest

John Gast

project we are undertaking is a water main replacement on Shawnee Road from Gast to Jericho. This portion of Shawnee will be resurfaced adding five foot shoulders.

LIBRARY NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY



Director Gretchen Evans

The Bridgman Public Library is thankful to be part of the inaugural issue of the Bridgman Community Buzz.

What a great opportunity to partner with our friends while getting the library news out to a larger audience!

CITY NEWS

THE BRIDGMAN BUSINESS **FAMILY IS GROWING**



City Manager Juan Ganum

Many longtime residents are likely to remember the days when **Pemco** Die Casting occupied the

city's largest

industrial building on Lake Street just east of the railroad. **Pemco** was a Bridgman mainstay for many years, but after the company closed the building fell into an extended period of neglect. Vacancy led

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Bridgman Public Schools







School may be out -- lunch is still in!

Where: Bridgman Elementary **When**: June 20 - July 29

Who: Anyone 18 and under qualifies.* It doesn't matter what your income is or where you live. Come to Bridgman Elementary and we will be serving a healthy, delicious, FREE lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Closed July 4) *(Persons 19 and over with a mental or physical disability and enrolled in a public or private non-profit school program during the school year are also qualified.)

For more information: Peggy Ferguson

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We are proud of each and every one of their achievements and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

As we end yet another fantastic school year, we continue to have an incredible school district with amazing and talented students and staff along with supportive parents and community members

We have much to be proud of as we continue to focus on our vision of "challenging our children to succeed."

The **staff at Bridgman Public Schools** needs to be recognized for their dedication and hard work. Our staff goes above and beyond daily in their work with students and parents, and provides the best educational experience in Berrien County. Thank You!

As the year closes, we have to say goodbye to one of our middle school teachers. After 19 years of teaching, **Cheryl Carr has decided to retire** from Bridgman Public Schools. Although we hate to say goodbye, we know she has plans for a fun retirement future.

We are excited to start our second annual summer camp program.

This year we are offering over 15 different athletic and extra-curricular activities. Over 211 kids are enrolled.

Pool locker rooms are now being renovated. The locker rooms were in need of some updating, and we hope you will be pleased with the results. However, our pool will remain open and patrons will have access to locker rooms in the high school.

This spring, several Bridgman residents created a program called **Bridgman Cares**. This program provides food, toiletry items, clothes, school supplies and other needed items for our students and families in need. If you would like more information about this community initiative, please contact Molly Owen at Bridgman High School 269-466-0224 or mowen@bridgmanschools.com.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at speters@bridgmanschools.com or 269-466-0271.

Shane Peters, Superintendent

The strength of our community is our schools and the strength of our schools is our community.



COMMUNITY BUZZ

Lake Charter Township

JOHN GAST CONTINUED ...

The stretch of Gast Road from Shawnee to Lemon Creek will also have the water main replaced. Projects began in May and will be completed sometime in July.

The Park is now open, if you haven't already, make reservations for your family reunions, picnics and parties now.

The curbside recycling is underway and residents who still want to participate can sign up by calling or emailing Lake Charter Township.

Supervisor John Gast

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From the Desk of Clerk Gloria Payne



Gloria Payne, Clerk

This is an election year!

August 2, 2016 is the state primary. The last day to register for the August primary is July 5, 2016. The November general elec-

tion will be held November 8, 2016. The last day to register is October 11, 2016.

If you wish to check whether you are registered or not, you can do so on line at www.michigan.gov/vote or you may contact me, Gloria A. Payne at 269-465-6601.

The State of Michigan will have three possible issues on the ballot: legalization of medical marijuana, election law changes and revenue sharing. More information can be found on the internet, as it becomes available.

Anyone ages 60 or older may vote by absentee ballot. If you have previously signed up for an absentee ballot, you do not need to do so again.

Should you vote in person remember to bring your photo identification with you to the polls. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Clerk Gloria Payne

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From the Desk of Treasurer Robert Clark

The 2015 tax collection went well.

We are no longer collecting 2015 taxes here at the Township Hall offices. Any tax payments must now go to the Berrien County Treasurer in St. Joseph, Michigan. For updated amounts due or payment information, please contact their office 269-983-7111 Ext. 8569. The 2016 summer tax bills will be out in early July and due September 14, 2016. If for some reason you do not receive the bill, please contact me for a duplicate copy at 269-465-6601.

Many residents are taking advantage of the online and automatic payment options. Automatic water and sewer payments are a convenient way to make payments directly from your checking account when the payment is due. There is no cost for this service and over 200 customers are now using it. We also have online credit card payments available for water and sewer payments (a small fee is charged by our card processor).

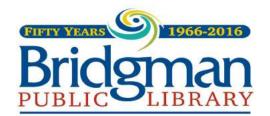
If you haven't visited our website lately, check it out at: www.lake-township.org

This site has been updated and has a wealth of information about the township. You can get forms, review meeting information, look at the park pavilion availability, find the recycling schedule and items allowed, find out information for all departments, and what is going on in the township. The site also has a link to a site that provides water and sewer billing and tax information. Check it out today!

Treasurer Bob Clark

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50th Anniversary Open House July 28, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Please join us for a brief program to recognize the library's 50 years of service followed by light refreshments and music. A timeline of library and Bridgman history will be on display. Reminisce and add your own memories to our memory book.

Upcoming Anniversary Events

July 28 Library Open House

5:00-7:00 P.M.

August 17 60's Film Discussion

6:30 P.M. @ Library

Sept. 17 Road Rally

1:30 P.M.

Meet @Library

October 8 Ghost Camp Hike

10:00 A.M.

Meet @ Library

Nov. 18 Kid's Essay Contest

Winner announced

Nov. 30

December 7 Christmas Sing-Along

6:30 P.M. @ Library

GRETCHEN EVANS CONTINUED ...

This year the big news at the library is the 50th anniversary.



Librarian Marilyn Roth

The Bridgman Public Library first opened its doors on June

30, 1966. Housed in what is now Rochefort's Next Generation, the library was furnished with a desk, a few shelves, and 2,000 donated and borrowed books. Librarian Marilyn Roth, the library's sole employee, had been hired just the week before. It was a simple but promising start. Since that day, the library has outgrown three buildings, expanded hours, increased staff,

added computers, hosted thousands of community programs and meetings, built a community garden, and amassed a collection of over 50,000 physical and digital items -- none of which could have happened without the tremendous community support the library has enjoyed since its very first day.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we've put together a special collection of 1960s books, movies, and music, created displays of library and Bridgman history, and scheduled a special anniversary event for every month in 2016.

All the events have a 1960's theme. So far this year, we've had a potluck, board game night, jazz concert, poetry reading, and a dance at Weko Beach House with 60's music. A complete schedule of upcoming events is listed at left. I hope you will celebrate with us.

Gretchen Evans, Director

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Thank you to the Bridgman community for your many years of support!

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Library Board

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JUAN GANUM CONTINUED ...



Weko Beach Concerts

Sunday, June 26 "Bat"

Sunday, July 10 "Not So Acoustic"

Sunday, July 24 "Top Secret"

Sunday, August 7 "Polar Bear Recon"

Sunday, August 21
"Jack Adams"

Sunday, September 4
"Mark Ficks"

to vandalism and theft, and the detrimental effect was further compounded by the overgrown vegetation that choked the perimeter of the building.

In the autumn of 2015, following four years of tax delinquency, the Berrien County Treasurer's office offered the property during its annual property tax foreclosure auction. Although unsold at auction the property appeared on the radar of St. Joseph based South**shore Companies**, which is a privately held and managed group of companies that provides warehousing, fulfillment services, quality control services, and transportation services as well as commercial real estate leasing. Southshore purchased the old **Pemco** building and immediately went to work by introducing **United Container Company** to Bridgman, which is a **Southshore** affiliate company that sells and recycles corrugated boxes and packaging supplies. We think that most people will agree that the building's appearance has improved greatly in a such a short period of time thanks to **United** Container.

Brewmaster Chris Betts has opened **Transient Artisan Ales**. Located in the downtown area at 4229 Lake Street, the brewery opened for business in early May. Featuring Belgian-inspired beers Chris's brewery also offers a selection of homemade sodas on tap.

Bridgman's brewing business will continue to blossom with the opening of **Haymarket Brewing Company**, which purchased the former Michigan State Police post on Red Arrow Highway. The owners of **Haymarket**, Pete Crowley and John Neurauter are moving right

along with construction and expect to be open this August. Haymarket's beer production and distribution business will be complemented by a restaurant and outdoor beer garden.

Catherine Worcestor, whose handmade rug business once occupied half of the building that is now home to Transient Artisan Ales, purchased the former Ben Franklin building across the street last year. Catherine and her crew diligently and discreetly worked behind the covered storefront throughout the winter. When she opened her doors on May 19 visitors were treated to her extensive rug selection in the expanded space. Catherine also added many new and unique offerings including textiles, home décor, haberdashery, artwork, and other treasures. Accents with *Himalaya Textiles Plus* opened is a great new addition to downtown Bridgman's retail shopping.

A unique combination of businesses has also joined our Bridgman business family. At the end of last year, Cheri Heward and her husband purchased the former home of **Thunder Alley** Cycle and Custom Cuts at 4164 Lake Street. With a goal to provide a "one stop shopping" experience for brides to be, Cheri moved in her wedding planning business, Small Town Weddings and brought in two compatible businesses to join her - Something New and Totally You. Something New is a bridal wear and formal shop carrying gowns, shoes and accessories operated by Piper Current. Beth Winter, who is Piper's mother, operates the **Totally** You hair salon.

COMMUNITY BUZZ

Bridgman Public Schools





The canal tour provided an up-close view of nature.



Students enjoy a canal ferry boat ride.



Students learn about creepy crawlies at the Monteverde Butterfly Garden.

Costa Rica Tour

Bridgman High School Spanish students went to Costa Rica for an 8-day tour.

Gabe Bachleda, Kelsey Hart, Jaden Miller, Hanna Nasseh, Madeline Necas, Haley Pope, Austin Russell, McKenna Smith, Reagan Smith, Jonah Stanage, James Thomas, Lindsay Warriner, Lilian Wisner, Raegan Yerington and China Stockbarger participated in this educational adventure led by BHS Spanish teacher Señora Sara Heil and accompanied by former shop teacher Hanns Heil and the amazing Jamie Smith (mother of McKenna and Reagan).

It was an incredible cultural opportunity and a great time was had by all.

The group started and ended the tour in San José, Costa Rica's capital. Throughout the eight days, they traveled all over the country from coast to coast. First, they went to the Caribbean Coast to visit a banana plantation and discover the four main processes involved in banana production. Later, they journeyed by boat to Tortuguero, the most important

breeding ground for the green sea turtle in all of the Caribbean. They toured rivers that were like the Amazon and learned an incredible amount about the local plants and animals. Then, they traveled inland to see the Arenal volcano, kayak Lake Arenal and visit the volcanic hot springs for a relaxing soak. They continued to the Monteverde Cloudforest Reserve and enjoyed a day hike to straddle the low continental divide and planted trees to contribute to the area's biological corridor. One of the highlights of the trip was the canopy tour where the group soared through the jungle on a zipline tour. The group appreciated the typical Costa Rican foods and culture. The trip complete, all returned with new friends and fond memories of the excursion.

If students were unable to travel to Costa Rica but were able to take the College Spanish class at BHS with SMC, the classes enjoyed a pen pal exchange with Roldán, Argentina. We exchanged several letters and packages with the technical school in Argentina and greatly enjoyed the authentic cultural experience with real teenagers from South America. We plan to continue the exchange next year!



Bridgman Public Schools

From the Principal



Chris Machiniak

This edition of the Bridgman Buzz finds us at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.

Academically, as well as athleti-

cally, our students continue to excel through hard work and determination.

We have had so many activities and life experiences take place this year that we cannot fit them all into one publication. Recent highlights from BHS include: a musical "OZ," navigating the new State of Michigan Spring Testing schedule, Senior Honors Night, hosting the All-Academic BCS luncheon, and many, many others; the list could go on and on.

As our last school days flew by, our seniors prepared for the next step

in their lives. When I step back and look at this senior class as a whole, I am confident that they can be successful in anything they choose. This class incorporates a little bit of everything, some are off to college, most within a short drive, while others are planning on being a bit further away. Several are joining the military and others are jumping straight into the workforce.

I think I speak for the staff when I say that we wish our seniors luck in their future lives and careers. We hope that the memories that we have shared through our brief time together will always put a smile on their face when they remember Bridgman High School.

GO BEES!

Chris Machiniak

Principal, Bridgman High School

Senior Portfolio Day

Thirty community members took the day off on April 12th to come in and interview our senior class. Many of our students were able to take part in multiple interviews and all of them were able to gain valuable feedback on their interviewing skills and their portfolios, which included their resumes and cover letters.

Thank you to all who took time to volunteer for our Senior Portfolio Day, it was a great success!



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Community Weight Room

The Aquatic Center also offers access to our state of the art Community Weight Room which is located in the balcony of the gym at Bridgman High School. We offer a "Punch Card" for the weight room. The punch card is available for \$20/30 visits or the fee is \$1 per visit. If you purchase an Aquatic Center Membership, use of the weight room is included. Community Weight Room hours are listed below and also on the Aquatic Center Website.

Community Weight Room Hours Expanded Summer Hours Began June 13th

Monday - Friday 5:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Monday - Thursday 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Saturday & Sunday 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Sunday 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

For more information on these and other programs including the latest pool updates, closures and schedules, visit our website at: bridgmanschools.com and click on the Aquatic Center tab or call the Aquatic Center at 269-466-0236.

Bridgman Aquatic Center

The Bridgman Aquatic Center offers a variety of activities for both children and adults.

An arthritis class is offered three days a week, a deep water aerobics and shallow water aerobics five mornings a week, along with an evening shallow water aerobics class Monday and Wednesday. We have adult lap swim times throughout the day, seven days a week. To access our schedule, please visit bridgmanschools.com and click on the Aquatic Center tab.

Bring your entire family to a Family Recreation swim. We offer a Family Recreation swim from 1:00-2:00 P.M. seven days a week, beginning June 12. Please see our website for fee schedule.

Sea Bee Swim Club begins practice June 13. Sea Bees is a competitive age group swim team for children ranging in age from six through high school. They participate in the SWMSL league and also compete in USA sanctioned swim meets. Visit the Aquatic Center website for the practice schedule. Please contact the Aquatic Center with any questions at 269-466-0236 or email loganosmo@gmail.com.

Community Diving Lessons are open to divers of all ages and all levels. Students will learn basic and advanced techniques while improving existing skills. It begins June 7. Please see the website for class session dates or contact the Aquatic Center for more in-

formation at 269-466-0236 or email 10ejpaul@gmail.com

Bridgman Aquatic Center offers Community Swim Lessons. Our website contains information regarding the levels for each of the classes we offer. Community swim lessons are FREE for children living in the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, or School of Choice. If your child is a non-resident, the fee is \$36.00/session. Each of our sessions consists of 12 lessons. To register your child for community lessons, you may register in person or by phone. If you are registering by phone, please do not leave a message. Please continue to call until you speak to someone to give them your child's information. If you have questions regarding our lessons or levels that your child should enroll in, please contact the Aquatic Center at 269-466-0236.

EVENING COMMUNITY SWIM LESSONS

Monday & Wednesday Evening 6:30/7:00 P.M. June 13 – July 25 Register: June 6, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

MORNING COMMUNITY SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday June 13 – June 30 Register: June 6, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Monday through Thursday July 11 – July 28

Register: July 6, 6:30-7:30 P.M.



Peer Mentors



To acknowledge April as **Autism Awareness Month**,
this year's Peer Mentors have
raised a total of \$128.00 by
selling Autism Awareness
Bracelets throughout the
community of Bridgman and
raising awareness for Autism.
The money was donated to **The Logan Center** in St. Joseph.
Puzzle pieces were signed with
those who purchased a brace-

let and decorated the high school cafeteria's windows during the month of April. Thank you to all the Mentors for their hard work and thank you to the citizens of Bridgman for your amazing support!



Senior Honors Night

Over 140 awards were handed out to our Senior Class. Our seniors have been awarded over \$450,000 in scholarships!



High School Musical - OZGreat work by the cast and crew of OZ!!!

The strength of our community is our schools and the strength of our schools is our community.



21ST ANNUAL BRIDGMAN STUDENT SENATE

5K Run and Walk Saturday July 9, 2016

The 5K (3.1 mile) run walk event will take place through beautiful downtown Bridgman, winding through Stelter Farms and Water Tower Place subdivisions. This is a bib chip timed event by Epic Race Timing.

CHECK-IN TIME: Check-in is in downtown Bridgman, on the corner of Elm and Lake.

START-TIME: 8:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION COSTS: \$25 registration, \$30 on race day. \$20 per family member if three or more are registered.

Online registration closes Thursday July 7 at 7:00 P.M.

Day of registration available Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 A.M.



Career & Technical Education CTE students of the year were honored at the CTE Banquet.

The following pictured CTE students were also recognized as students of the month.









The BHS Choir had the opportunity to sing backup to Foreigner at Four Winds Casino and they "rocked" it!

I Want To Know What Love Is

On April 8, 2016, the Bridgman High School Concert Choir had the opportunity to sing with the 80's Rock band, **FOREIGNER at Four Winds Casino** in New Buffalo. It was the performance of a lifetime for the choir students. They wore special #ChoirRocks t-shirts that were designed by choir director, Jennifer Ammerman.

Students were treated like rock stars from the moment they entered the event area until the time they left.

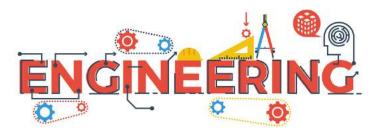
Each received an official choir backstage pass on a lanyard, as well as a seat to see the show. They sang backup on the band's hit song, *I Want to Know What Love Is*, and received a standing ovation from the crowd when they were done. Israel Ashby was chosen to play the bass guitar at the end of the song. Izzy is a huge **FOREIGNER** fan and was having the time of her life. There were nearly 2,000 concert goers in attendance. It was an amazing night.

Before the concert, the choir students sold **FOREIGNER** CDs to the concert goers as a way to raise funds for The GRAMMY Foundation, which in turn donates money to public school music programs to help keep music alive in our public school systems.

A powerpoint presentation and video of the choir's performance were presented at the *Sing Into Spring Concert* on Thursday, May 12.



Bridgman Engineering: Year past and years future



Let me introduce myself.

My name is Dale Quattrin and I am the instructor for the new Michigan State Department of Education-approved Engineering courses being taught at Bridgman High School.

As with any new program, this school year saw innovative and exciting opportunities along with a few growing pains.

The Engineering I course this year covered a very wide range of experiences and topics. Among the topics covered was an introduction of students to the 2D drawing program AutoCAD along with 3D parametric design software packages Inventor and Solidworks.

AutoCAD is the gold standard for 2-dimensional drawing throughout

the world. Inventor and Solidworks are among the most commonly used 3-dimensional design software products worldwide in both large and small industries. In addition, through The Infinity Project Curriculum developed by Southern Methodist University Engineering College, Texas Instruments, and National Instruments, the course investigated engineering through the lens of the digital world (e.g, digital sound, digital images). We started the year by reviewing several different

fields of engineering. In addition, we investigated the significant historical, social, cultural, impact of engineering and engineering inno-

vations on human existence. Delving into the implications of *Moore's Law* through lecture and labs, the students were made aware of the how quickly the total body of human knowledge about the universe doubles (less than 18 months), the wide range of fields impacted, and the future innovations emerging from this knowledge.

As part of a set of virtual labs, the students wrote software programs using the Labview System-Design Platform by National Instruments. A year-long project by the students was the building of two SeeMeCNC Rostock Max V.2 *3D* printers from a set of kits. Both printers are assembled and working with the final calibrations being completed. The flexibility of these devices will add a fun and interesting element to the manufacturing processes experienced by engineering students. Thanks to Mr. Kevin Kreitner from Lake Michigan College, the students also got their hands dirty in the BHS machine shop learning the basics of vertical mills, lathes, and drill presses.

The future of the engineering program looks bright.

This summer will see the beginning of a multi-year project where significant changes will be occurring in the high school machine shop. Additional newly purchased machinery, equipment from the Reed Middle School shop, the high school wood shop, and mills on permanent loan from Lake Michigan College will be integrated into the high school machine shop facility. The older equipment is also being inspected, repaired and/or upgraded as needed. The goal is to have a fully functioning engineering CAD/FAB lab that will provide students with a wide range of experiences covering the complete design, manufacturing, programming, and assembly process.

With this in mind, the initial offering of an Engineering II course during the 2016-2017 school year will implement and expand on the foundations established during the Engineering I course. The students will, among other projects, design, build, manufacture, program, and compete with Arduino -based robots. One goal is for the Engineering I and II students to gain numerous experiences that will more fully expand and develop the Bridgman High School involvement in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team. The Gearheads (Team 5745), jointly run with River Valley, is the Bridgman High School level program of the FIRST organization that spans the full K-12 range (FIRSTinspires.org). The younger levels are now being introduced at Reed Middle School.

This has been a fun, exciting, and evolving year. I look forward the many exciting challenges next year as well.

COMMUNITY BUZZ

Eighth graders learn about careers.



Seventh graders participate in a de-escalating conflicts game.

Challenging Students to Succeed and Supporting Their Success



Bridgman Public Schools Counseling Staff Ms. Knight, BES with Mrs. Haskins, BHS and Mrs. Teed at RMS

"Gone are the days of the guidance counselor, replaced by the needs of the 21st century student by the **school counselor**. Guidance is a service; school counselors offer a program. Guidance counselors were employed to assist students with vocational choices. School counselors use a tiered model to support not only career but academic and social emotional development in students. Guidance counselors schedule students. School Counselors belong to a professional organization that establishes a curric-

ulum delivered in classrooms and governs ethical behavior and best practice. Guidance counselors were endorsed teachers. School Counselors hold Master's level degrees and are highly qualified to teach as well as offer small group and individual interventions to help students succeed."

--- School Counselors: Partners in Student Achievement, ASCA

School counselors are professional educators with a mental health perspective; they are integral to the total education program, working with other staff challenging students to succeed. School counselors design, develop, implement and evaluate the comprehensive school counseling program.





F.C. Reed Middle School students 5-8th grade participate in Career Day. Lake Street Eat's very own Chef Tish was one of many local presenters.

Creating Positive Social Skills



Fifth and sixth graders participated in Bridgman Buddies - a fun filled student driven after school group that focuses on middle school social-emotional needs.

"Elementary and middle school students who participate in school counseling curriculum and group interventions that focus on cognitive, social and self management skills have consistently shown significantly stronger math and reading scores on state tests. Several studies have found that school counselors are very effective in assisting students with career development and college counseling. Widely used school counseling curriculum about positive social skills has been found to diminish aggressive behaviors and increase pro-social behaviors." -- American Counseling Association



Mrs. Teed working with seventh graders in Classroom Counseling Lessons on social-emotional development.

"School kids need guidance and support, especially when it comes to dealing with academic, personal, and societal pressures. Helping them reach their potential is the goal of every good school counselor."
-- All Psychology Schools



Eighth graders presented their career and post secondary aspirations to parents during Spring Conferences.

"It takes confidence to be a kid.

Whether going to a new school or stepping up to bat for the first time, kids face a lot of uncharted territory. Self confidence rises out of a sense of competence. In other words, kids develop confidence not because adults tell them they're great, but because of their achievements, big and small."

-- Kids Health





Bridgman High School DECA State Winners

Twenty-four DECA members attended DECA State Competition at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Six students qualified to attend the DECA International Career Development Conference and one student was an alternate.

Congratulations to:

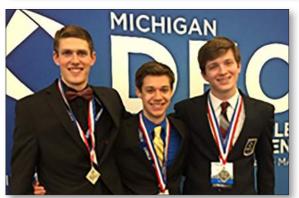
- **Gracie Prewitt** Franchise Business Plan
- Haley Pope & Lindsay Warriner
 Buying and Merchandising Team
 Event
- **John Hes**s Merit Gold in Recreation, Amusement & Attractions
- **Karl Hanke** Merit Gold in Recreation, Amusement & Attractions
- Vincent Milano Merit Gold in Recreation, Amusement & Attractions
- **Austin Russell** Food Marketing (alternate)

If you see these students, please congratulate them on a job well done! DECA is a student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Go Bees!













Bridgman Public Schools



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Bridgman Athletic Department

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COACHING ACCOLADES:

- Janet Beemer, Girls Varsity
 Swim Coach, was named MISCA
 Zone 6 Coach of the Year
- Mike Miller, Bees Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, won his 500th career game with past winter

NEW COACHING HIRES FOR 2016-17:

- Football Aaron Locke
- Volleyball Jim Ragosta

2015-16 Athletic Department – Year in Review

MHSAA STATE CHAMPION:

Congratulations to our Bees 4 x 800 Meter Relay Team – Kole Hanke, Brian Njuguna, Karl Hanke and Elliott Hanke – winning the MHSAA Division 3 State Championship with a new school-record time of 8:02.11.

MHSAA STATE RUNNER-UP:

Also congratulations to Brian Njuguna for finishing 2nd in the 800 M Run with a school-record time of 1:56.81.

BCS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:

- Bees Softball claim the school's first conference championship since 1997 in winning the BCS Red Division with a 9-1 league record as well as completing the season 29-9 overall.
- Bees Golf win the BCS Conference West Division.
- Boys Basketball won the BCS
 Red Division with a 8-2 league
 record on its way to a 16-7 season
 overall.
- Football claimed its second consecutive BCS White Division championship going 4-0 in league and completed a very successful 9-2 season overall.
- Bees Boys Cross Country won its 9th straight league championship.
- Bees Girls Cross Country won the second conference championship in school history.
- Boys Soccer completed its 17-5-1 campaign by winning the BCS Red Division.

MHSAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:

Bees Volleyball capped off a spectacular season at 31-14-6 overall by claiming the Class C District Volleyball Championship last November.

MHSAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS:

Bees Boys Cross Country

MHSAA STATE FINALS QUALIFIERS:

- Becca Stemm became the 5th player from Bridgman Tennis to win a first round match at the MHSAA Division 4 Tennis Finals in 2015-16, joining Vincent Milano, Tim Dunkel, Nick Knowlton and Nick Boyd from the 2015 MHSAA Division 4 Boys Finals.
- The Bees Boys Tennis Team qualified for the MHSAA Boys Division 4 Tennis Finals, held in Kalamazoo last October.
- Bees Girls Cross Country
 placed third in the MHSAA
 Division 3 Regional to qualify
 as a team for the first time in
 school history for the MHSAA
 State Finals.
- Bees Boys Cross Country placed 6th overall at the MH-SAA Division 3 State Finals.



Points of Pride

97% High School Graduation Rate

96% of the Class of 2016 applied to at least one college/post-secondary opportunity during College Application Week

78% of the Class of 2016 parents completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

80% of Bridgman High School graduates are enrolled in college within 12 months of graduation

92% of the Class of 2016 have accepted admission into a postsecondary institution



College Registration Day at Southwestern Community College.

BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

\$5,000 Reach Higher Grant

Bridgman High School was one of only 100 schools across the state selected by *Michigan College Access Network* to receive a \$5,000 **Reach Higher Grant** that will boost efforts to help students pursue education beyond high school. The goal of the program is to encourage a high school strategy to build a college-going culture and improve college enrollment outcomes.

"With this grant, we have been able to continue to enhance the strong college-going culture at Bridgman High School and create even more opportunities to support students in furthering their postsecondary education," said Keri Haskins, Bridgman High School Counselor.

As part of the grant, Keri Haskins established a *Post-Secondary Advisory Council (PAC)* consisting of administrators, counselors, college advisors, students, teachers and members of community based-organizations.

BHS also participated in three *College-Readiness* initiatives: College Application Week in the fall, College Cash Campaign in the winter, and College Decision Day in the spring.

The Post-Secondary Advisory Council was very committed to giving a portion of the grant funds back to BHS students through establishing a Reach Higher Scholarship. We awarded three \$500 scholarships, and also gave away three \$100 housing deposit awards to the Class of 2016.

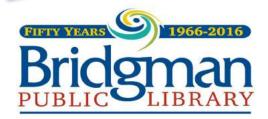
MCAN's overarching mission is to improve the college-going rate in Michigan. By the year 2025, the organization aims to boost the number of Michigan residents with postsec-

ondary degrees or certificates to 60 percent. Our state has recently experienced a modest increase in its college attainment rate from 37.4 percent to 38.4 percent; however Michigan's rate lags behind the national average of 40 percent.

"The inaugural year of the Reach Higher grant is important momentum we're hoping to build across the state," said Brandy Johnson, executive director of the Michigan College Access Network. "We are pleased to recognize the significant contributions these 100 schools are making to improve the number of students furthering their postsecondary education."

"We were informed we may have an opportunity to renew the grant into the 2016-17 school year and we are excited to continue to provide college awareness opportunities for our students," Keri Haskins said.





Adult Programs at the Library

MATTER OF BALANCE - FALL PREVENTION

Fridays at 1 -3 P.M. August 5th – Sept 23rd

Trainers from Area Agency on Aging will present an 8-week course on fall prevention for older adults. The goal of the program is to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among participants. Registration is required. Space is limited.

CARDIO DRUMMING WITH KAREN FROM NUTRI-ZONE

June 13 at 6:30 P.M.

Join Karen as she introduces you to Cardio Drumming, which combines traditional aerobic exercises along with movements to the beat of popular music to help you improve heart health, positive energy and overall wellness. Registration required.

YOGA

Thursdays at 6:00 P.M.

Cheryl Meadors, certified yoga instructor, leads a class at the library every Thursday that is appropriate for all skill levels. No registration required. Just bring a yoga mat, some water, and the \$10 participation fee.

TED TALK SERIES

TED Talks are world renowned short lectures on thought-provoking topics. Come to the library to view a previously recorded TED Talk and participate in a discussion about the topic.

July 20 at 7:00 P.M.

- Does money make you mean? August 17 at 7:00 P.M.
- What doctors don't tell you about the drugs they prescribe.

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M., Rick Fuller facilitates a lively discussion of thought provoking books. New members are always welcome.

Upcoming selections include:

June 8 - The Women by T C Boyle. A novel about Frank Lloyd Wright and four women who loved him.

July 13 - The Law of Similars by Chris Bohjalian. A fast-paced thriller of a homeopath who is charged with murder when her patient falls into an allergy-induced coma and dies.

August 10- A Killing in Capone's Playground by Chriss Lyon. Local author, Ms. Lyon, and members of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department will be on hand for a lively presentation with Tommy Guns visual aids. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into a notorious period of Berrien County history. All books are available for check out at the library one month prior to the meeting. The exception is A Killing in Capone's Playground which will be available for purchase to support the author.

MAKE CERAMIC BUTTONS

June 22 at 6:30 P.M.

Design your own unique ceramic buttons with artist Sherrie Styx. This is a free program sponsored by your library! Registration required.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Every Tuesday night in July
Do you like board games? Join us
every Tuesday in July at 6:00 P.M. for
tabletop games. Play Sushi Go!, King
of Tokyo, Once Upon a Time, or any of
the other games in our diverse collection. Registration required.

MODERN MEDIEVALISM

July 27 at 6:30 P.M.

Calling all history buffs, Chaucer fans, and *Games of Thrones* enthusiasts. Dr. Richard Scott Nokes, professor of medieval literature at Troy University and creator of ProfAwesome.com, will speak at the library on medieval influences on today's popular culture.

60'S FILM DISCUSSION

August 17 at 6:30 P.M.

Joe Hoak, host of *The Double Feature* on WRHC Harbor Country Radio and Marilyn Roth's grandson, will lead a discussion of seminal 1960's films. Reflect on or just look back with nostalgia on 2001: A Space Odyssey, Lawrence of Arabia, and others.

Get Inspired at the Library!







Youth Programs at the Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading Program starts on June 20! In keeping with our year-long anniversary celebration, this years' theme is "Reading Groovy." We have reading incentives and fun activities planned for all kids, teens and adults. Participating in a summer reading program helps kids combat "summer slide" a loss of reading skills that occurs when a child's mind sits idle for three months. Studies have shown that children who do not read over the summer lose more than two months of reading achievement. So join us for Reading Groovy and make summer reading a family event! Sign-up starts June 13. A free lunch provided by Bridgman Schools will be served on Movie Mondays at 12:30 P.M. and after the Wednesday programs around noon.

STORY TIME WITH BELLE

June 4 at 1:00 P.M.

Join Princess Belle in the library community garden to read a story and talk about feelings. Make a flower crown to take home!

ROCK 'N ROLL 60'S SHOW

June 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Listen to the music that helped define rock 'n roll while learning about life in the 60's in this funny, energetic program.

WILD SAFARI

June 30 at 11:00 A.M.

See creatures both great and small from around the world in this unique hands on program.

CURIOUS KIDS

July 7 at 1 P.M.

Explore and have fun with Curious Kids under the big top tent in downtown Bridgman!

SIDEWALK CHALK

July 8 at 1 P.M.

Bring your creativity: help decorate the library sidewalks for Celebrate Bridgman Days!

ABRACADABRA MAGIC

July 14 at 1 P.M.

Join magician Kevin Wilson for a performance that features amazing magical artistry, humor, and tons of audience participation.

KIDS COOK

July 21 at 11 A.M.

Come cook with Lisa from Martin's as she demonstrates a recipes kids can make themselves. Recipes are nut free but not gluten free or organic.

GAMING DAY

July 28 at 1 P.M.

Play King of Tokyo and Sushi-Go, or Monopoly at Gaming Day.

EARLY LITERACY

Mondays

10:45 A.M. Baby & Me

Tuesdays

9:30 or 11:30 A.M. Toddler & Me

Tuesdays

10:30 A.M. Story Hour

Sing, dance and listen to stories with Miss Tami at our early literacy programs.

STORY HOUR AT WEKO BEACH

Wednesdays at 7 P.M.
June through August
Look for us on the red blanket on the beach house porch!

MOVIE MONDAY

Mondays at 1 P.M.

In the honor of the library's 50th anniversary, we are featuring movies of the 60's. A free lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M. before the movie begins.

June 20 – Dalmatians

June 27 – Mary Poppins

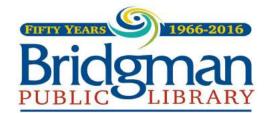
July 11 – The Parent Trap

July 18 – The Aristocats

July 25 - The Jungle Book

Have fun at the Library!





The Bridgman Library is the Place to be!

Teen Programs

GLASS PENDANTS

June 22 at 1 P.M.

Get creative and make a glass pendant with artist Sherrie Styx.

60S TIE-DYE

June 29 at 1 P.M. Bring an item from home to tie-dye.

GAME DAY

July 13 at 1 P.M. Join us for board games and snacks.

PIZZA PARTY

July 27 at 1 P.M.

Eat pizza and enjoy the 60s Batman Series!

JOIN US FOR THE 50th Anniversary Open House July 28, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a brief program to recognize the library's 50 years of service.

Library Millage

The Library has a millage renewal on the City of Bridgman's August 2 ballot.

The ballot language follows:

"In support of the continued operation of the Bridgman City Library, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in the City of Bridgman liable for taxation be set at one mill (\$1 per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The authorization to renew the levy of said millage is for a period of five (5) years, being the years of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage in the first year of levy (2018) will be approximately \$102,469.47."

Summer Book Releases

June 14

Duty and Honor (Jack Ryan), by Grant Blackwood and Tom Clancy

June 21

The Pursuit, by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg

July 12

The Black Widow (Gabriel Allon), #16, by Daniel Silva

July 31

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany

Aug 2

Sweet Tomorrow (Rose Harbor, # 5), by Debbie Macomber

Aug 9

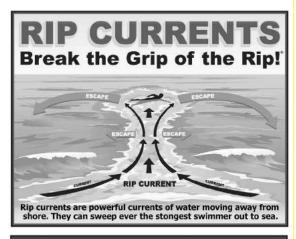
Insidious, by Catherine Coulter











IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- Don't fight the current
- Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ♦ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- Know how to swim
- **Never swim alone**
- If in doubt, don't go out





Bags and Burgers



Frequently found at family gatherings and reunions, Bag Toss (or more commonly known as "Cornhole") has been enjoyed by thousands of people from all different age groups over the years.

In June 2016, the City of Bridgman began constructing the city's first ever permanent cornhole court. The new cornhole court will be located at Toth Street Park in the space between the pavilion and basket-



ball courts. The platforms for the game meet the dimension requirements of the ACA (American Cornhole Association), and are constructed out of solid concrete weighing more than 600lbs.

In addition to the new bag toss game, the city will also be installing three new charcoal grills for patrons to use. Looking

for a fun family outing this summer, Toth Street pavilion is available by reservation, simply call Bridgman City Hall at 269-465-5144.

Grab your bags and some burgers and head to Toth Street Park for some family fun!



City of Bridgman

From the Water Plant

We strive to produce excellent quality drinking water.

For your perusal we have the Consumers Confidence report on our website. This gives insight to the water quality parameters that we follow.

We provide tours of the water plant to anyone interested. Just give us a call at: 269-465-3850.

This spring there will be a water main replacement project on Shawnee Road from Jericho Road and from Gast Road to Lemon Creek Road. The eight-inch main will be replaced with a sixteen-inch main. This will improve the flow to the water tower and to the distribution system as well, keeping our infrastructure maintained for the future. As we stride forward in this endeavor, there will be more main replacement coming in future years.

I am sure everyone has heard or read about the Flint water issues. We

test our water for lead and copper, as we have no lead service lines and a non-corrosive water supply, rest assured, we should have no issues regarding this type of problem in our system.

As the warm weather returns, you will see some of our water crew placing blue flags by curb boxes and meter pits. We are in the process of plotting and mapping our system for Geographic Information System (GIS) location. This will enable us in the future to locate mains, valves, meter pits and curb boxes accurately.

As always, if you have questions concerning anything water related, please contact Mark Panzegrau, Lake Charter Township Water Plant Superintendent at 269-465-3850.

Mark Panzegrau Water Plant Superintendent

Tips:

To report a street light out or not working properly, copy down the pole number, which is located on a metal tag and call the township hall office at 269-465-6601.

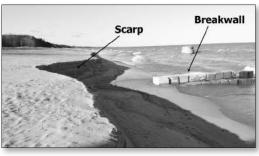
Reminder:

Our fire department has smoke alarms available at no cost to township residents. Contact Chief Heyn at 465-6351.

911 Reflective signs are available for your home.

Cost \$15.00. Contact Lake Township Hall or fire department. 465-6351 for information.







Due to rising Lake Michigan levels and the change in shoreline profile, we have experienced some significant beach erosion.

The erosion has exposed break walls, which were constructed by the City more than three decades ago. For your own safety we ask that you STAY OFF these concrete and metal structures. We also ask that you not dig or tunnel into the sides of the scarps (see photo), as this could cause the sand to collapse which could cause bodily harm including suffocation.



COMMUNITY BUZZ





July 6 - 12, 2016

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun filled week of "Celebrating Bridgman!"

Art Around Town Bridgman Schools Students

JULY 6

Story Hour 7 P.M., Weko Beach

JULY 7

Curious Kids Show 1 P.M., Under the Big Top

Book Sale Sneak Preview 5:30 P.M. -7 P.M., Library

Firemen's Teen Dance 7 P.M.-11 P.M., Under the Big Top

JULY 8

Book Sale 10 A.M.-4 P.M., Library

Sidewalk Chalk 1 P.M., Library Firemen's Dance Over 21 Only! 7 P.M.-12:30 A.M. Under the Big Top

Bridgman Police Department

9765 Maple St., Bridgman, MI 49106 Phone: 269-465-3880 Fax: 269-465-3701 Daniel J. Unruh, Sr., Chief of Police

The Bridgman Police Department was able to purchase (6)

body-cameras for officers through generous donations from businesses and citizens.

BodyCameraDonations.com helps facilitate public donations of Police Body Cameras to law enforcement agencies in the United States and Bridgman Police was one of the very first departments to partner with them.

We successfully reached our goal in eight short days after partnering with BodyCameraDonations.com in early April. The cameras have been delivered and officers will begin training in their use and maintenance.

It's unfortunate that we live and work in a culture that requires "extra" measures,

but with the outpouring of support from donors both in and outside our community, these cameras will help with the safety of the officers AND community.

Again, THANK YOU! Chief Daniel Unruh Sgt. Tom LaVanway Bridgman Police Department



Michigan Stilt Walker

Don't miss Neil Sauter the Michigan Stilt Walker Children's Show under the Big Top after the 11 A.M. Parade on Saturday, July 9.



2016 Election Information

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 is the State Primary.

The last day to register to vote in the August Primary is July 5, 2016. If you wish to check whether you are registered or not to vote you can go online at www.michigan.gov/vote or you may contact Pamela Hahaj at 269-465-5144.

The General Election is November 8, 2016.

Close of registration is October 11, 2016.

Absent Ballot Applications

If you are 60 years or older, expect to be out of town or physically unable to attend the polls you may receive an Application for an Absent Voter Ballot. You may contact Pamela Hahaj at 269-465-5144 or go to www.bridgman.org to obtain an application.

Interested in Running for City Council?

Candidates interested in running for City Council may pick up a packet starting July 12, 2016 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street. The deadline for the packet to be returned is August 2, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. Please return the packet to Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street. You must be a register voter of the City of Bridgman to run for City Council. If you have any questions please call 269-465-5144.

Pamper the Planters



Planter parents Suzy Barnes, Beth McNeil and Wendy Lozeau

"Pamper the Planters"

planter parents, from left Suzy Barnes, Beth McNeil and Wendy Lozeau, plant one of the 16 planters that have been placed around the City and at Weko Beach. For information on how you can become a "planter parent" contact Wendy Lozeau 269.465.6361, Rick Fuller 216.978.3496 or Suzy Barnes 269.465.5936.



JULY 9

5K Run/Walk 8 A.M., Start Time

Book Sale 10 A.M.-1 P.M., Library

Cars for Cancer Show 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

Parade 11 A.M.

"Whateverly Brothers" 12 P.M.–3 P.M., Sandpiper

Sand Art Contest 2 P.M., Weko Beach

Firemen's Dance Over 21 Only! 7 P.M.-12:30 A.M. Under the Big Top

JULY 10

Free Weko Beach Concert "Not So Acoustic" 7 P.M. Complimentary Sunset! Bridgman, Michigan www.bridgman.org www.bridgmanlibrary.com





One community working together to serve you better.

Bridgman High School

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Bridgman Public Schools

Central Administration 9964 Gast Road Bridgman, Ml 49106 Office: 269-465-5432

Fax: 269-466-0221 bridgmanschools.com

F.C. Reed Middle School

10254 California Road Bridgman, MI 49106 Office: 269-465-5410 Fax: 269-466-0393

Bridgman Elementary

3891 Lake Street Bridgman, Ml 49106 Office: 269-466-0241 Fax: 269-466-0248

Bridgman Public Library

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Lake Charter Township

3220 Shawnee, P.O. Box 818 Bridgman, Ml 49106 lake-township.org

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