



# THE TOWN CRIER



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**Celebrate Bay View's 150th with Original Artwork by Kevin Barton**  
*"The Campus at 150"* – Now On View and Up for Auction

In celebration of Bay View's 150th Jubilee, we are honored to unveil *The Campus at 150*, a commissioned original oil painting by Petoskey's own **Kevin Barton**, one of Michigan's most collected contemporary artists. This stunning piece captures the timeless charm of Bay View's campus and commemorates our shared history in vivid color and brushstroke.

This one-of-a-kind painting is being auctioned to benefit the **Bay View Fund**, supporting the programs that make our nonprofit mission possible.

- **Auction closes on Association Day, Saturday, August 2nd at 1 p.m.**
- **Starting bid: \$2,000, with \$500 increments**
- **Need a proxy?** Call the Development Office at (231) 881-9711 to assign a representative.

You can view and bid on the painting in the Wade Administration Office, or at the following upcoming events:

- July 19th** – Treasures in the Trees, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- July 20th, 27th** – Vesper Concerts, 7–8 p.m. (outside west entrance)
- July 22nd** – Listening Session at Loud Hall, 9:30–10:30 p.m.
- July 23rd** – Sunset Concert, Sunset Park, 8–9 p.m.
- July 25th** – Scarrow Friday Forum, Voorhies, 9:30–10 a.m.
- July 28th** – Hot Dog Roast, Swift Field, 5:30–7 p.m.
- July 31st** – Temple Grandin Event, 6:30–7:30 p.m. (outside west entrance)
- August 2nd** – Final Viewing, Speaker's Stand, 12–1 p.m. **Bidding closes at 1 p.m.**

This is your chance to own a one-of-a-kind piece of Bay View history—and support the programs that shape our future.

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## From the Executive Director, Megan DeWindt



As we celebrate Bay View's 150th Jubilee, we pause not only to look back, but to consider the responsibility we carry forward.

Being recognized as a National Historic Landmark honors not just our architectural heritage and program traditions, but the cultural legacy we continue to build—together.

We extend sincere thanks to the Historic Awareness Committee for their dedication to preserving the stories that shape our community. In celebration of the Jubilee, they are gifting each leasehold a copy of *Documenting Bay View's History*, a new book by our own Christine Parker. This meaningful keepsake can be picked up at the Wade Administration Office—a tangible tribute to our shared past and present.

This year's Historic Awareness presentation by Tom Mayes of the National Trust for Historic Preservation reminded us that Bay View is more than a collection of buildings. It is a living expression of memory, tradition, and purpose. Our future depends on our ability to articulate why this place matters—not just to us, but to those who will carry it forward, and even to those who may one day question its relevance.

During his presentation, Tom Mayes commended Bay View for having an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) dedicated to

upholding our historic integrity. The Historic Awareness Committee's work to enhance the Green Book and ARC's adherence to Green Book guidelines is integral to the protection of this place not just for today, but as a foundation for future generations.

Bay View holds a special place in our hearts, but it is also part of a larger story. According to Mayes, historic places like ours meet a fundamental human need for continuity, memory, and identity. They offer enduring beauty, meaningful architecture, and a connection to something timeless. This exemplifies why *safeguarding and enhancing Bay View's historic campus and infrastructure* is one of the key objectives outlined in the draft of our new Long Range Plan.

Some cottages carry stories from many generations; others are just beginning their first. Each contributes something essential to the fabric of Bay View. Whether you've been here five summers or five generations, your presence matters. Together, we are writing a shared story—one that honors the past and welcomes what's next. Bay View is not only a tribute to what has been—it is a promise to what will be. We are stewards of something larger than ourselves. We do not own Bay View; we care for it, knowing that we will one day pass the torch.

Bay View is a living scrapbook. I can still conjure my childhood here: giggling girls on the raft, secrets shared on the green swings, the comfort of my grandmother's porch, the bells and music drifting through campus. These are well-worn pages held in my heart—of this place and its people.

This Jubilee invites us to reflect on our place in history—and to look ahead with purpose. May we continue to lead in preservation and in telling the story of why places like Bay View matter.

# Thank You Breakfast for Volunteers

## August 5th 9-10 a.m.

## Evelyn Hall





## From the Education Director, Julia Healy

### Dr. Temple Grandin to Advocate for Visual Thinkers in Annual Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides Lecture July 31st

The Bay View Education Program is thrilled to welcome Dr. Temple Grandin to the stage in Hall Auditorium on **Thursday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m.** Her talk, "Visual Thinking," is part of the annual "Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides" speaker series. She will address the need for society to better understand and capitalize on the unique talents of people with autism.

Dr. Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. A prominent author and speaker on autism and animal behavior, she is Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Dr. Grandin has been named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of the Year, and USA Today's 2025 Woman of the Year. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016. The HBO movie based on her life and starring Claire Danes received seven Emmy Awards.

Temple Grandin has built a successful career consulting on livestock handling equipment design and animal welfare. She has helped implement animal welfare auditing programs used by McDonalds, Wendy's, Whole Foods, and other corporations. Half the cattle in the United States today are handled in facilities she designed. Her books *Animals in Translation* and *Visual Thinking*

have been on the New York Times Bestseller List.

Dr. Grandin did not speak until she was nearly four years old. With early diagnosis and strategic intervention, however, she attended mainstream kindergarten at age five. Dr. Grandin will share practical tips and guidelines for parents, teachers, grandparents, friends, and others who have autistic children and adults in their lives, or who themselves are autistic.

In 2013, the American Psychiatric Association revised the diagnostic criteria for autism, greatly broadening the spectrum and expanding the number of people with the condition. The new criteria encapsulates a range of people from brilliant scientists, artists, and musicians to individuals who cannot dress themselves.

Kids who think differently need early intervention similar to what Dr. Grandin herself had as a child. The problem, she says, is kids can't get special services in school unless they have a "label" such as autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder or a learning disability. Those terms are ever-changing and imprecise; often, multiple labels are applied to the same child.

"Steve Jobs," Grandin says, "was probably on the autism spectrum. You've probably known people who were geeky and socially awkward but very smart. When does "geekiness" or "nerdy-ness" become autism? That's a gray area. Half the people in Silicon Valley probably have autism."

The Bridges annual lecture series began in 2016, when fourth generation Bay Viewer

Donald Loyd established a fund to foster better understanding among different kinds of people. Though Donald passed away in 2018, his family and like-minded supporters continue to honor his vision by donating to the Bridges fund.



*Temple Grandin, Ph.D.*

### New Classes Next Week, July 21-25

- Getting Your Back "Back": Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. in Evelyn Hall.
- Body Prayer: Tuesday, 10 a.m. in Evelyn Hall.
- Pie-Making 101: Tuesday, 1 p.m. in Loud Hall Kitchen.
- Drawing and Painting Nature: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. (Meet at Loud Hall Porch/Art Studio).
- Antipasto Party with Lasagna: Wednesday, 1 p.m. in Crist Hall.
- Make-Ahead Breakfast for Food Sensitivities: Thursday, 10 a.m. in Loud Hall Kitchen.
- Bay View Family Read: Thursday at 6 p.m. in Voorhies Hall.
- Scarrow Friday Forum: The Changing Healthcare Landscape: Friday, 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall.



Learn how to make cards, gifts, artwork, and more with beautiful text such as the above photo. Enroll in Laurie Pearson's class, "Introduction to Italic Calligraphy" July 28th, 29th, and 31st.

## From the Performing Arts Director, Chris Ludwa

Summer in Bay View is alive with music, energy, and the magic of tradition and innovation coming together. Unforgettable performances connect generations and celebrate the joy of live music all season long.

One of the most anticipated highlights is the return of **Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox**, presented by the Crouse Visiting Artist Series. Known for transforming today's chart-toppers into vintage masterpieces appealing to all generations, the group reimagines modern pop through the timeless lens of jazz, swing, and Motown. Back by popular demand after a sold-out show, this performance is more than a concert—it's a full-scale experience that proves classic American music never goes out of style. Their appearance is generously underwritten by David and Teresa Crouse and Karen Miller, with additional support from Brian and Jan McPheely.



Also taking center stage is this season's dynamic **Vesper Concert, Dance N' Queen**, a celebration of royalty in music and the irresistible rhythms that make us move. While ABBA's "Dancing Queen" is the inspiration, this concert journeys far beyond the 1970s, remixing the spirit of dance through the ages.

It is generously underwritten in memory of Rev. Robert and Bettirae Kimes.

Please take the opportunity to attend the Youth Theater production of *The Jungle Book* by making a \$10 donation at the Box Office from **July 22nd–24th, 9 a.m. to noon**. It's a wonderful way to support the next generation of performers!

Special this year, we are offering a **Sunset Concert: Bay View Brass at the Browns**. Our very own **Bay View Brass will perform an evening concert near the footbridge in Sunset Park on Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:30 p.m.** Free and open to all, this golden-hour gathering invites residents and visitors to bring a lawn chair and enjoy an inspiring brass performance while the sun dips below the horizon.

We also want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has hosted and supported this season's **Cottage Concerts**, which included the Voice Recital, String Quartets, and Wind Quartets. These intimate performances create space for students to explore their artistic voices in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Upcoming concerts include a **Brass Quintet** at *Set n' Rest Cottage* (1760 Encampment Ave) on **Friday, August 1st**; another **Brass Quintet** at *Squirrel's Nest Cottage* (2107 Terrace Ave) on **Monday, August 4th**; and the **Akropolis Intensive** at *Octagon Cottage* (1859 Moss Ave) on **Friday, August 8th**. These **4 p.m.** afternoon concerts embody the spirit of Bay View—community, creativity, and connection.

The season crescendos with a thrilling production of Bizet's

timeless opera **Carmen**, taking place at Hall Auditorium on **Thursday, July 24th** and **Friday, July 25th at 8 p.m.** A fiery tale of passion, jealousy, and freedom, *Carmen* features some of opera's most famous and emotionally charged music, including the seductive "Habanera" and the electrifying "Toreador Song." This production is generously underwritten by Stan and Jeri Sutton.

As we look back with pride on the success of *Ragtime*, we extend our deepest thanks to everyone who made it possible—and we look ahead with excitement, hoping for the same unforgettable experience with *Carmen*. Thank you for being part of the Bay View story, where music, memory, and community come together in harmony.

## From the Recreation Director, Amy Liddicoat Seamster

**Friday, July 25th**, campers and staff will come together for the biggest, most meaningful event of the season: **packing thousands of nutritious meals for Meals of Hope** to distribute to families in need throughout the surrounding community.

This year, we're packing hearty **cinnamon sugar apple oatmeal**, fortified with **21 essential vitamins and minerals**—a warm, wholesome meal designed to bring both comfort and nutrition. With the energy of our campers and the mission of Meals of Hope, this event is about more than food—it's about hope, compassion, and service.

## But the giving doesn't stop there.

A huge **thank you to The Bay View Inn** for their generous donation of dinner for our **Recreation Staff on July 22nd**. This incredible gift is more than a meal—it's a well-deserved moment of appreciation for a team that keeps the fun flowing and the energy high all summer long. Thank you to The Bay View Inn for recognizing their hard work in such a thoughtful way!

And finally, **a special shout-out to our lifeguards**. Day after day, these team members take on one of the toughest and most important jobs out there: keeping everyone safe. If you see a lifeguard, **say thank you, show some respect, and maybe even offer a high five**—they've earned it.

Whether you're packing meals, serving campers, or scanning the waterline, this week reminds us that behind every great program are people who care. It truly is **FUN and RECREATION for ALL!**



The beach area between the boardwalk and the swimming area is the emergency boat landing. Please keep this clear for our staff to keep us all safe. We thank you for your compliance and understanding.

## From the Worship Director, Rev. Hilary Barrett

The 2025 Worship Program proudly continues Bay View's rich tradition of welcoming preachers, teachers, visionaries, and healers from across the country—each invited to help us reflect on the things that matter most.

This week, we are honored to welcome back for her third visit, the **Rev. Grace Imathiu**, who will be delivering the message at our **Assembly Worship Service on Sunday, July 20th, at 10:45 a.m.** Please note: **Rev. Imathiu will preach on Sunday only and will not be teaching during the week.**

Rev. Imathiu is Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. She has also served churches in Kenya as a church planter, as a superintendent minister overseeing 68 rural churches in Nkubu, and as an urban minister to an ecumenical congregation in Nairobi with strong outreach to the neighboring slums of Kawangware. Pastor Grace is intimately familiar with the Church in its many theological expressions and social locations.

For Rev. Imathiu "the world is her parish". As an African who married a European and – together – they raised an American son, Grace is committed to advocating for the inclusion of all people. She has preached in Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Togo, Liberia, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, and all throughout the United States.



Rev. Grace Imathiu

*Sponsored in part by the Worship Endowment and by your generous contributions to the Worship program*

## Campus Club

### Honoring Vietnam Era Veterans

On **Tuesday, July 22nd**, as part of our nation's 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration program, Campus Club is partnering with the Association of the United States Army to ceremoniously honor Veterans who are or have been a part of our Bay View community who served during the Vietnam Era, November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of where they served or in what component – active, Guard or Reserve.

Speakers for the program include former Army Warrant Officer Phil Marshall, author and Vietnam medical evacuation "Dustoff" pilot who will tell the story of those heroic pilots and crews who evacuated over 900,000 patients during the war, and retired Army Brigadier General Dick Miller, President, 2nd Region, AUSA, who will lead the ceremony.

**The event is in Voorhies Hall at 7:30 p.m.**

Additionally, the Campus Club flowers are coming soon. Please leave clean jars and vases in the pavilion by the Post Office.



## Woman's Council

The Woman's Council enjoyed a wonderful celebration of 80+ year old Bay View women and friends at the Octogenarian Tea on Tuesday, July 15th. Entertainment was provided by Matt McFarlane and each attendee received a beautiful handmade memento by Cooper, from the Woman's Council.

**July 19th: "Treasures in the Trees".** Join us at our booth in Fairview Park for lots of cottage treasures and Cooper's Crafts. It's always a fun morning.

**July 22nd: "A Conversation with Dr. Everett McCorvey",** Opera Conductor and Director of the American Spiritual Intensive.

**July 29th: "African Adventure".** Travels with Shelley Hunsberger of the Woman's Council.

**August 5th at NOON:** Please note the time change for our **"Annual Carry-In Luncheon"** and Installation of Woman's Council Officers and Directors. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. This is our last regular meeting of the 2025 Assembly Season.

Contact Nina Howerton, the Woman's Council House Hostess, for information about the 5 rooms available for women to rent at (616) 350-1441.

Contact Patti van der Have at (239) 994-1000 regarding information and reservations for event rentals of the Woman's Council Building.

## Morning Council

Come join the Morning Council for our upcoming events. First, join us **Saturday, July 19th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** for our annual **Treasures in the Trees** event. Second, join us on **Thursday, July 24th at 9:30am** for a short business meeting followed by a "Flower Arrangements" presentation at the Woman's Council building.

For over 25 years, Fairview Park in Bay View has been home to Treasures in the Trees. Come mingle with your neighbors while you check out the many booths filled with household treasures, art, crafts, coffee, and donuts for sale.

Not interested in your own booth but still interested in donating your treasures? Morning Council will gratefully accept any donations of household items, small furniture, linens, and other treasures to sell at our Morning Council booth.

**Please bring your donations to the Morning Council booth on the morning of the event.**

**BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION**

**MORNING COUNCIL'S**

**TREASURES**  
*in the*  
**TREES**

**Saturday, July 19th**  
**9AM — 12PM**  
at Fairview Park (near Voorhies)

Rain date July 26

*Come shop for art, antiques, crafts, "too good to toss" items, and more!*

Interested in selling / donating?  
Please email sharonssiskind@gmail.com

Booths are available for \$35  
Reserve your space now!

## Important 2025 Dates from Jen Cronk

**Friday, July 25, 2025:** Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025:** Deadline for in-person applications for members voting by absentee ballot in the business office by 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 1, 2025:** Electronic voting ends at 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, August 2, 2025:** Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Hall Auditorium. Voting by paper ballot ends at 12 p.m. Election of Officers at 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 8, 2025:** Final day of Recreation Programming.

**Friday, August 8, 2025:** Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

**Sunday, August 10, 2025:** Closing day of the 150th Assembly Season.

**Friday, August 22, 2025:** Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

**Friday, September 12, 2025:** Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

**Friday, September 26, 2025:** Final Regular In-Person Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

**Friday, October 10, 2025:** - Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

**Monday, October 27, 2025:** Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

**Monday, November 3, 2025:** Final day cottagers can be in their cottage. Closing day of Bay View.

**Monday, December 15, 2025:** Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

**\*Red signifies dates regarding voting**

## From the Donor & Communications Director, Michelle Hansen

### Bay View's Chamber Music Legacy: A Front-Row Seat to the Future of Music

Did you know that Bay View is home to one of the oldest summer music festivals in the United States—and one of the few that specializes in chamber music? In fact, our program is considered one of the best in the nation. And it's no wonder: our faculty includes some of the most respected musicians and educators in the country, drawing talented students from across the U.S. and beyond.

If you haven't yet attended a student porch concert, there's still time—and you're in for a treat. These intimate concerts, held right on the porches of Bay View cottages, offer a chance to hear students perform music they've personally selected. It's a rare opportunity for young artists to shape their own program and play in a relaxed, creative setting—something they don't often experience during the academic year. Early in the season, you'll hear strings and winds; later, brass takes center stage. No matter when you come, you'll be blown away by their professionalism and passion.

Chamber music is at the heart of what makes our festival unique. In small ensembles, students learn collaboration, deep listening, and musical nuance—skills that elevate their artistry whether they're playing in a trio, quartet, quintet, or a symphony orchestra. They also form professional connections that can launch careers, and they gain fresh perspective by learning from faculty outside their home institutions.

Over and over again, students share how meaningful their Bay View experience is. Though their days are full—rehearsals, lessons, masterclasses, and performances—they often describe their time here as restorative, just like you. In contrast to the competitive pressure of the school year, Bay View provides space to grow, build relationships, reconnect with their love of music, and feel truly supported by our welcoming community.

Behind every student performance is a story of dedication—and the generosity that makes it possible. Each day of study costs \$110, and this year, we are proud to welcome 95 students to Bay View for sessions ranging from two to six weeks. Scholarship support is essential to ensuring these talented musicians can be here.

**You can help.** After the August 3rd Vesper Concert, **join us for a special Scholarship Reception on the steps of Hall Auditorium.** Meet the students, hear their stories, and learn how your support directly fuels their dreams.

Don't miss this chance to be part of something truly special—where music, mentorship, and community come together in perfect harmony.



## Russell Hall Updates Jake Porath, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

**REMINDER: Your trash WILL NOT be picked up unless it is in a blue Bay View trash bag.** Blue Bay View trash bags are available for purchase at Wade Administration, the Gathering Post, Russell Hall, and the Shirt Shoppe. Additionally all dogs MUST be leashed. This ensures the safety of yourself and others. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Memorials

#### Martha Rosacker

Thursday, July 24th  
1 p.m.

Crouse Memorial Chapel  
(Reception to follow at Woman's Council)

#### Ada Kidd

Greet the Family  
Sunday, July 27th  
2-4 p.m.

1940 Terrace Ave.

#### Rose Crandell

Celebration of Life  
Saturday, August 2nd  
4-6 p.m.

Petoskey Bay View Country Club

## Bridge for Fun

Mondays  
1 p.m.  
Campus Club

**JUST IN!**  
**AGES 12+ WELCOME**

# July TEEN NIGHTS

15 <del>Game Night</del>	16 <del></del>	17 <del>Movie Night</del>	18 <del></del>	19 Pirate Dance
22 Ping Pong Tournament	23	24 Beach Bonfire	25	26 Halloween Costume Party
29 Western Night	30	31 Beach Party	<b>8-11 P.M. REC CLUB</b>	

Join us at Rec Club from 8 to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays in the month of July! There are a ton of fun activities for teens (now 12+) and the perfect chance to meet up with friends.

## Learn Pickleball

Have you been wanting to give pickleball a try?

Now is your chance! We are offering a **FREE** beginner's clinic on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 2 p.m.** at the pickleball courts. No equipment necessary; we will have plenty to share. We will cover basic shots, rules, and scoring.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America — easy to learn, fun to play, and perfect for all ages. It's a great fit for Bay View's multi-generational community.

Paula and Brian Black love introducing new people to the game and will lead this lesson.

Be part of the vibrant, multi-

generational Bay View pickleball community.

Please email Brian if you plan to attend — it helps us plan accordingly.  
[wbrblack@comcast.net](mailto:wbrblack@comcast.net)  
Walk-ins are welcome.



## Library News

We would like to thank our many library volunteers. It takes dozens of people to make the library what it is. Thank you so much to our library volunteers.

They help day in and day out:

- All the Reading Bingo volunteers. They do all of the work including the creation of the bingo cards themselves and the prizes.
- Two sunny nine-year-old girls who label the Whirligig books.
- Those who sorted book donations right up to the day of the Big Book Sale.
- The techy volunteer who works on updating the patron database.
- Another volunteer that scours shelves for "missing" books.
- Faithful volunteers that work the circulation desk on Mondays and Fridays.
- Everyone who lent a hand for the Library Puzzle Sale.
- A cadre of volunteers for the Library Book Sale. All of the volunteers got up very early the day of the event to truck out and unbox dozens of books, sell them, then clean up afterward. Then they fill their vehicles with boxes of leftover books to donate to Goodwill, etc.

It takes many sets of hands and many hours of hard work. We are so very grateful for all who donate their time to the library. If you would like to join our dedicated group of volunteers, you may sign up on our website

<https://www.bayviewassociation.org/volunteer-opportunities/>.





## Documenting Bay View's History - A Sesquicentennial Gift

The Historic Awareness Committee has published a book which presents Bay View's history through contemporary newspaper articles and books. The book is illustrated with vintage photographs from Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey and the Little Traverse Historical Society. A photograph of F.X. Oliver, the architect of the original campus buildings, is from the Sloan Museum in Flint, Michigan. The quotations were located in newspapers contained in the *newspapers.com* and Greenwood Cemetery databases. The book is being printed by Mitchell Graphics. Each leasehold will receive one copy as a gift from the Committee in celebration of the Association's Sesquicentennial. Copies will be given to the institutions that supported the research and to those who have contributed to the preservation of Bay View's National Landmark structures. Further copies may be available in exchange for donations that cover per book printing costs.

The book is available for pick up at the office in the Wade Administration Building.



## Bay View Open & Summer Concert Recap

The 16th Annual Bay View Open (BVO) took place on **Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025**, at The Alpine Course at Boyne Mountain. A record 104 players—Bay View members, family, and friends enjoyed a perfect day of golf, hospitality, and fellowship. This year's champions are:



**Fred Fletcher**  
Winner of the Coveted Melon Jacket The Highest Honor in Northern Michigan Golf

**The New Moms**  
Winners of the Founder's Award



More than just a great time, the BVO is also a fundraiser that supports a wide range of Bay View programs. This year, over \$7,000 was raised to benefit: t-shirts for Rec Leaders, outdoor games and equipment for Tot Lot, Fawns, Craft House and Wood Shop, and the Boys' & Girls' Club, Youth Theater, Kids Triathlon, Children's Sunday School, the Waterfront, Ice Storm Relief efforts, and more!

The BVO also sponsored its second annual free community concert in Swift Field that evening. Under clear skies and ideal summer temps, The Jelly Roll Blues Band played to a crowd of more than 500 people spanning four generations. It was a joyful, high-energy night that

many called the perfect kickoff to the Fourth of July week.

Plans are already underway for next year. Save the date for the **Bay View Open: Thursday, July 2nd, 2026** and **A Summer Concert**: Featuring *Yankee Station*, a Northern Michigan favorite playing fun '70s and '80s dance hits.

Golfers of all skill levels are welcome—come join the tradition! For more information, contact: Doug Vandeveld — [dvandeveld2003@yahoo.com](mailto:dvandeveld2003@yahoo.com) Brooks McGee — [bhmcgee2@gmail.com](mailto:bhmcgee2@gmail.com) Mike Davis — [mdavis@cgglawfirm.com](mailto:mdavis@cgglawfirm.com)

## Campers of the Week

### Week 4



### Week 5



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Thanks to a  
generous  
community member, the  
Snack Shack now has

**SLUSHIES!**

**\*also open during teen nights!\***



## Campers Pack Meals— and a Lot of Heart—at Meals of Hope

On **Friday, July 25th**, the Rec kids are impacting the wider community—not for a field trip or a fun outing (though it *will* be fun)—but to do something truly meaningful. It's Youth Community Service Day, and that means our campers and counselors will spend the morning packing thousands of meal kits with **Meals of Hope** at Boys' & Girls' Club.

If you've never seen a Meals of Hope event, picture this: dozens of energetic kids, upbeat music, hairnets, teamwork, and table after table of food being portioned, sealed, and boxed—all for neighbors in Emmet County who need a little help putting meals on the table. The goal? Over **15,000 meals** packed and ready to go.

"This is one of the most important things we do every season," said Amy Seamster, our Director of Recreation. "It helps our campers understand they can make a real difference, even as kids. And they love it!"

Bay View has been partnering with Meals of Hope for **eleven years**, and it wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of **Stephen and Charisa Popper**. Thanks to their support, the food and transportation costs are completely covered—making this experience accessible for every camper. We're so grateful for their ongoing commitment to this program.

The day is always loud, joyful, and full of purpose. Campers work shoulder to shoulder with leaders,



learning what it means to serve others and building values that last long after the summer ends. Volunteering at a young age doesn't just help our community—it helps shape the next generation of thoughtful, compassionate leaders.

Bay View's dedication to serving the greater Petoskey area doesn't stop here. We support the Manna Food Project, host the local CROP Walk, and collect for Northmen Den to support hungry students during the school year. But Meals of Hope is special—because it's *our kids* doing the work.

So, if you hear stories about hairnets, measuring scoops, or how fast someone can seal a meal kit—ask them about it! And don't forget to give a shout-out to the Poppers for making this all possible.

We're proud of our campers, our leaders, and our community. They packed a lot more than food—they packed hope.



## Dick Crossland Memorial Pickleball Tournament

Get your dink on at the Dick Crossland Memorial Pickleball Tournament happening **Friday, July 25th at the Woods Courts! The tournament starts at 5 p.m.**

This is a non-competitive mixer including dinner at Hal Messacar's Cottage (1845 Beech | B 4, L 5-6). Spots fill up **FAST**, so make sure to sign up on Court Reserve!



**Join us in Sunset Park for the Sunset Concert: Bay View Brass at the Browns on Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:30 p.m.**



**We are looking for ushers!**

**Interested in giving back to Bay View? Consider becoming an usher for**

**Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer  
August 7th | 7 p.m.  
Hall Auditorium**

**Sign up at:**

<https://www.bayviewassociation.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

## Say cheese!

We want to gather as many smiling faces as possible at the Woman's Council backyard to mark our Jubilee.

Be part of our **COMMUNITY PHOTO** during our Assembly Day birthday celebration on **August 2nd!**

Come for the presentation, stay for photo and then enjoy our birthday treats.

This is one for the history books.

## Remember!

Bring your Northmen Den Food Donations to the steps of Hitchcock Hall prior to Assembly Worship on **Sunday, July 20th**



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 20th

- **Assembly Worship**  
10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium.
- **Vesper Concert - Dance N' Queen**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium.

### Monday, July 21st

- **Monday Night Movie - The Monk and the Gun - 2024** (Thanks to John and Remi Schloff).  
7:30 p.m. at Voorhies Hall.

### Tuesday, July 22nd

- **Listening Session**  
9:30 a.m. in Loud Hall.
- **Woman's Council Program & Tea - "A Conversation with Dr. McCorvey" - with Dr. Everett McCorvey of the Bay View Music Festival.**  
1:30 p.m. at Woman's Council.
- **Campus Club Program - Vietnam Era Service Commemoration - Author and Vietnam "Dustoff" pilot Phil Marshall and BG (Ret) Dick Miller, AUSA.**  
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall.

### Wednesday, July 23rd

- **Sunset Concert: Bay View Brass at the Browns**  
8:30 p.m. in Sunset Park.

### Thursday, July 24th

- **Morning Council**  
9:30 a.m. (business meeting), 10 a.m. (program), 11 a.m. (social time) at Woman's Council.
- **Bay View Family Read: Into the Wardrobe - View the film *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* with your family.**  
6-9 p.m. in Voorhies Hall.

- **Opera: Bizet's CARMEN**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium.

### Friday, July 25th

- **Historic Tent Display**  
All Day on BV Campus.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.
- **Boys' and Girls' Club Community Service Day**  
10 a.m. at Swift Field.
- **Dick Crossland Memorial Pickleball Tournament**  
5 p.m. at the Woods Courts.
- **Opera: Bizet's CARMEN**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium.

### Saturday, July 26th

- **Treasures in the Trees (Rain Date)**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Fairview Park.
- **Youth Theater: THE JUNGLE BOOK - (Sponsored by Petoskey Plastics and underwritten by Bill and Patti Van Der Have).**  
2 & 3:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall.



You're invited to a special Listening Session on **Tuesday, July 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in Loud Hall** with Executive Director, Megan DeWindt, and Board of Trustees President, Walt Byers. This is an opportunity to hear about key discussions shaping Bay View and to share your thoughts!

## STAY IN TOUCH



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*To be an institution in which Christian values\* and traditions are central. To enrich the human experience for individuals and families within Bay View and the surrounding community through a seasonal program of religious, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities. To provide a Christian perspective in a changing world.*

*\*Such as love, faith, grace, hope, respect, hospitality, and service to others.*

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