

BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

MAY 2018



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COMMUNICATION IS KEY ...

In a joint effort with the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, Bridgman Public Library, the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber & Growth Alliance, and Bridgman Public Schools, we present this community newsletter.

You can trust that we are working together to make Bridgman the best place to live, work, and raise your family.

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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent
Shane M. Peters

On behalf of the Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education and the Bridgman Public Schools

staff, let me start by congratulating the Class of 2018.

These 61 future graduates of Bridgman High School have worked

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Supervisor
John Gast

Spring is here and we are gearing up for a couple of major infrastructure projects, to include water line re-

placement on Date Road and Snow Road, which includes approximately 1.5 miles of 8" pipe and new fire hydrants and valves. We have experi-

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LIBRARY NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director
Gretchen Evans

When was the last time someone asked you to play?

Well, this summer the Library is hosting

some special programs and asking you to come play with us. First up is a **disc golf class every Thursday evening in June at 6:30 pm.** We'll meet at Lake Township Park's newly designed course.

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CITY NEWS

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager
Juan Ganum

Celebrate Summer! Celebrate Bridgman! Summer is on its way and it's time to think about the food, fun, sun,

music and even playing in the sand at this year's **Celebrate Bridgman! Festival being held July 12-15, 2018.**

As you walk around town, take a few minutes to admire the **"Art Around Town"** on

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COMMUNITY BUZZ



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE - CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

hard these past four years to come to this place in their lives that opens the way for a successful future. We are all proud of each and every one of you and wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

Although it seems like spring will never come, we are already planning our 4th annual Summer Enrichment Camps and are offering over 20 different athletic and extra-curricular activities for students. The brochure will be released via School Messenger and a copy will also be available on the district website by the time you read this newsletter.

A challenge facing Bridgman Public School for 2018-2019 is recruiting interested employees in the transportation, food service and custodial departments. **If you would like to be part of our team of employees who care about kids please visit our website at www.bridgman-schools.com and click on the Department, Human Resources tab to apply or contact me directly.**

The safety and security of students and staff continues to be of the utmost importance to our building and district administrators, the Board of Education and myself. At Bridgman Public Schools, we want to reassure you that many safety and security measures are in place to protect your children and our staff. We continue to work closely with our local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners to keep everyone safe.

Recently, school districts across Michigan have seen an increase in "school threats." Thank goodness many of these situations have proven not to be imminent and credible. They do, however, create fear and anxiety for students, parents and staff while disrupting the educational process for all.

This is a good time for all of our students and parents to talk about "school threats" and to know that Bridgman Public Schools will take each and every one of these situations seriously. Students who violate the Student Code of Conduct will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the appropriate Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education policies and may be referred to the criminal justice system, if applicable. I would also encourage you and your students to report any safety, security or threat information to school personnel or law enforcement immediately.

Here are some additional security measures we have implemented over the last several weeks:

- Installed an electronic access door system at the Aquatic Center similar to the devices already in use at our school buildings. The Aquatic Center doors will remain locked during school hours and patrons must buzz the Aquatic Center to be let in.
- Installed additional automatic "lock-down" buttons in the Central Office and Aquatic Center. (Once these buttons are activated all doors in a building are automatically locked.)
- Installed additional audio technology in each of our building gymnasiums to ensure staff and students can hear important information over the public address system.

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

Shane Peters, Superintendent

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BRIDGMAN ELEMENTARY

Bridgman Elementary Celebrates Reading

**Sight Words! Blending!
Phonological Awareness!**
**The list of important literacy terms
can seem endless.**

As a parent, it may be hard to keep track of everything your child needs to know and understand to be a successful reader.

The good news is that research shows that the amount of independent reading done by students

both at school and at home is one of the most important predictors of school success. Independent reading refers to the reading students choose to do on their own. This reading is done for pleasure or to learn more information on a self-selected topic.

With this in mind, Bridgman Elementary has started a push to get books into the hands of all children, as well as, promoting at home reading. The first event was a Sock-Hop for first and second graders. Students danced in the gym while parents listened to a presen-

tation on the *Third Grade Reading Law* and received reading goodie bags. The Parent Teacher Organization also held a book drive and collected over 1900 books. Some of these books were given away as prizes at the BINGO for Books night sponsored by the PTO. Other reading events have included guest

readers, reading beach day, and no technology day.

Future plans for promoting reading at Bridgman Elementary School

include installing a mini-lending library outside of the elementary school, placing books in local businesses for children to read, and having a library available during the summer feeding program.

If you are interested in donating any children's books, or would like to place books at your business, please contact Lori Graves, Bridgman Elementary Principal, at 269-466-0241 or lgraves@bridgmanschools.com



Bridgman Summer Feeding Program

**School's almost over,
Lunch is NOT!**

Summer lunches will once again be offered for FREE at Bridgman Elementary School Monday through Friday (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).

**BRIDGMAN RESIDENTS AND
NON-RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME**

Lunches will also be offered at Bridgman Public Library on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. as part of their summer reading program.

Closed sites: Closed sites are not open to the public, only for members of these establishments. We will be back again to the Warren Dunes Estates to offer lunches and will be serving breakfast and lunch at Immanuel Lutheran Child Care.

You do NOT need to be a part of the free and reduced lunch program to participate! This is open to any child, regardless of parent's income!

**Menus, times and more
information soon, check
www.bridgmanschools.com**



BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Sam Stine, Principal

This edition of the Bridgman Buzz finds BHS crossing the finish line on a very successful third marking period. Academically, as well as athletically, our students continue to excel through determination and hard work.

Our student body has participated in numerous activities and life experiences this year. So many, that we can't fit them all into the final publication, before the end of our academic calendar.

Recent highlights from BHS include a band competition, choir/glee club performances, DECA state competition, a musical *Once On This Island*, and navigating the State of Michigan spring assessment schedule.

As the last few weeks of school fly by, our seniors begin to prepare for the next step in their lives. When I think about this senior class, I am confident that they can be successful in any endeavor they choose. The future plans of this class represents great diversity, as many are off to college, most close by, while others are planning on continuing their post-secondary education quite a distance away. Some are joining the military and others are jumping straight into the workforce. This diversity of opportunity illustrates the great diversity of our student skills and interests and hopefully recognizes that 'success' has great and different meanings.

The staff at BHS wishes our senior class the best of luck in their future careers and lives. I believe the memories that have been shared through our time together will always put a smile on their face when they think of Bridgman High School.

Educationally yours,
Sam Stine, Principal

COMMUNITY FORUM

On March 22, 2018, Bridgman High School hosted a parent/community forum on the topic of human trafficking in Southwest Michigan. The event was sponsored by the BPS School Counseling Department.

At the event, Cathy Knauf from the Southwest Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force taught attendees about the history of human trafficking in Michigan and its local and statewide impact. Parents and community members learned key definitions, facts, and warning signs related to human trafficking in Berrien County.

The forum featured a presentation detailing how social media is used by criminals to facilitate the human trafficking process and how to monitor apps to ensure the safety of our community's children. Finally, parents and community members learned about tools and strategies for starting a healthy dialogue with their children to ensure they are asking the right questions to keep their family safe.

Ms. Knauf added, "The more we know and understand human trafficking, the harder it is for a predator to use this information against us."

Thank you, Jessica Knight, Kelly Fast, and Keri Haskins for all of their efforts in organizing and developing this informative event.



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BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING MUSICAL 2018

Mrs. Jennifer Ammerman directed the 2018 Spring Musical entitled *Once On This Island*. The cast of 23 and crew of nine students in 2nd-12th grade started working on the show in early January. They performed the musical

three times in the BHS Performing Arts Center on March 23-25. Mrs. Ammerman stated, "this cast and crew, more than any other that I've worked with, came together as a unit."



Spring Musical

"It was truly magical to see students from three district buildings work both on and off stage in such a cohesive and cooperative manner."



Glee Club

CHOIR - GLEE CLUB PERFORMANCES

On April 7, the BHS Choir performed with Foreigner at the Four Winds Resort and Casino in New Buffalo, MI. The performance was the second opportunity for our choir to sing with *Foreigner*, as they did in the Spring of 2016. The choir sang *I Want to Know What Love Is* on stage with the band. Mrs. Ammerman designed the new shirts for the upcoming performances.

The Glee Club opened for Damian McGinty on April 17 at the Acorn Theater in Three Oaks. Mrs. Ammerman was delighted when contacted by the promoter for Damian McGinty. The group prepared a 16 minute Disney movie magic medley and will also perform the song *Try Everything* from the Disney movie *Zootopia*. As a reminder, these numbers will also be included in the May 22 *Sing Into Spring* choir concert. There are 24 (7th-12th grade) students in the Glee Club. The performance included solos by the students, and they danced to the majority of the songs.

BAND FESTIVAL

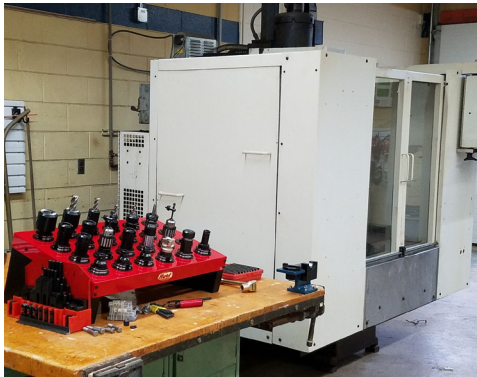
On March 8, the BHS Concert Band performed at the Spring Band and Orchestra Festival located at Lake Michigan College.

This festival competition is an annual event for the band program. This year our band received a Division 1 rating and advanced to the State Competition on April 27-28 at Paw Paw High School. The Spring Band performance will take place on Wednesday, May 16. Congratulations to the band program and director Cliff Reppart.



BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Engineering Lab Improvements



Over several weeks, the Engineering metals lab has experienced some needed updating and improvements. These activities are a continuation of the purchase of tools, storage cabinets, and tool wall hanging panels from last year.

Engineering II students Matt Harazin, James Thomas, Max Jenkins, Alec Goff, Wyatt Nash, and Sam Polym designed and installed a new pneumatic hose system that extended the reach of the hoses directly to the vertical mills, the lathes, the drill presses, and band saws. Also, retractable pneumatic hose reels were installed in strategic places around the perimeter of the room for easy reach for the other equipment.

These additions make cleanup of the machines quicker and easier. The students conducted the research into what pneumatic resources were already present in the Lab, what PSI requirements were necessary, the correcting piping and connectors, and the needed

tools to install the system. They made the proper calculations and installations. In addition, Max and Wyatt designed a device to hold the hose and hang the nozzle using Solidworks and the program's 3D printer.

Recently, a 3-Axis Fadal CNC was installed in the Engineering metals lab. The installation was made possible through a \$16,000 grant awarded to the Engineering program through a competitive grant at Berrien RESA. Additionally, digital displays were installed on the original vertical mills. The CNC machine and these readouts bring the technology of the metals lab up to an industry-level status.

Also, professional electricians wired the lathes, band saws, and other equipment in the lab. Installing a new exhaust system for the welding booths will be the final step in the upgrade process and will be completed before the end of the school year.

Engineering Projects

Engineering II students Elizabeth Cox and Spencer Knoll have developed a digital yearbook. They have gathered past yearbook information and pictures. While using the web design software Wordpress, they created yearbook pages for each BHS class starting with the 1920's. While this yearbook is not complete and open to public access yet, it is a quality project which hopefully will be available in the near future.

Engineering I and II students continue to be engaged in a number of projects including Labview programming, 2D & 3D software design, electronics system labs, and physics projects from constructing a cardboard tower to a ballista to a camera-carrying rocket.

All the newly completed improvements will allow the engineering students the opportunity to learn and experience a full range of industry knowledge; from 2D design, 3D design, hands-on machining, welding, and CNC machining. It is an exciting time for the engineering program as the improvements are integrated into the students' educational experience.

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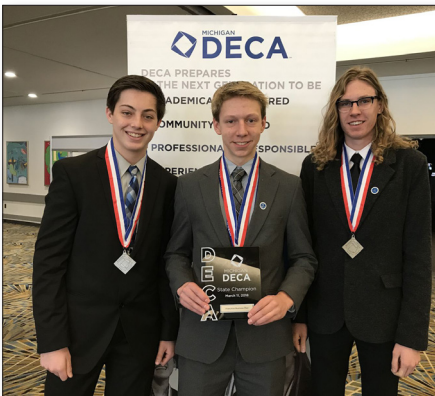


FRIEND Bridgman Public Schools on FACEBOOK.

BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL



Madi Belli and Tim Dunkel are bringing home DECA Glass in the Merit Award Program!



DECA

DECA STATE COMPETITION

37 Bridgman DECA team members participated in the state competition in Detroit on March 9-11. The students competed in various events including Apparel and Accessories Marketing, Teamwork & Leadership, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Business Law & Ethics, Principles of Marketing, Hospitality & Tourism Operations, Entrepreneurship, Travel & Tourism, Marketing Management, Start-up Business Plan, and Merit Gold.

Five students were recognized for their efforts as state finalists:

- Jonah Stange – Principles of Hospitality & Tourism
- Tim Dunkel – Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Reagan Smith, Lydia Heyn, Grace Sanderson – Hospitality & Tourism Operations

Five team members were overall finalists and earned the opportunity to compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 20-25.

Congratulations to:

- Sam Polym, Spencer Noll, Connor Blesy – Franchise Business Plan
- Madi Belli – Merit Gold
- Tim Dunkel – Merit Gold

Connor Blesy also received two awards for a high score on the math and economics test. DECA is an academic student organization and prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

2018 BRIDGMAN SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS

----- FOR ALL AGES -----

Enjoy all that Bridgman Public Schools has to offer by enrolling your student in one (or more) of the many enrichment camp opportunities this summer! With so many choices, it will be a snap to find an activity your student will enjoy. To learn more about these programs, visit our website at: <http://bridgmanschools.com>

- Boys Basketball Camp
- Football Camp
- Girls Softball Camp
- Rocket Football Camp
- Lady Bees Basketball Camp
- Volleyball Camp
- Soccer Showcase
- Crime Week Camp
- Computer Coding with Music and Sound
- Multi-Media Journalism & Broadcasting Camp
- Storytime Crafts
- Let's Experiment
- Let's Explore!
- Roots and Wings
- Museum, History and Nature Adventures Camp
- BES LEGO Robotics Camp
- BEE Robotic Camp
- Creative Painting
- Shark Week Camp
- Summer Cooking Club
- Sewing 101

Come and Enjoy the Fun!





F.C. REED MIDDLE SCHOOL



John Truesdell
Middle School Principal

The mission of F.C. Reed Middle School is to create an accepting and nurturing learning environment, which guides adolescent growth towards independence and responsibility, while also encouraging students to become contributing members of our local community.

While our teachers accept this challenge on a daily basis, we also recognize that they cannot fully achieve this vision without offering students safe and exciting learning experiences outside the structure of a regular school day. The RMS team embraces this fact, working before school, late into evenings, and throughout weekends to offer students a wide array of extracurricular activities and clubs that push students to develop self-esteem, foster creativity, develop critical thinking skills, and build healthy interpersonal relationships.

In total, despite having a population of less than 300 students, RMS teachers, coaches, and support staff offer over 20 unique programs, clubs, and teams that middle school learners may join.

When students start their journey at RMS as fifth graders, they immediately have access to a diverse catalog of extracurricular opportunities. For example, younger students may join Mrs. Ammerman's Choir Club, Mrs. Teed's Science Olympiad Team, Mrs. Ponegalek's Cooking Club, Mrs. Fast's Woodland Terrace Lunch Buddy Program, or Mr. Yauchstetter's First Lego League Robotics Program.

As they get older, new opportunities arise. Students can join one of eight unique RMS athletic teams, join the sideline cheerleading squad, compete in the Mathcounts challenge, or run for elected office in the Student Council, which serves the middle school under Mr. Milligan's guidance.

Students regardless of age can also join Mrs. Ammerman's Glee Club, Ms. O'shea's Chess Club, Mrs. deBest's RMS Broadcast News Team, or tryout for the district wide musical.

F.C. Reed Middle School is fortunate to have a dedicated staff who offers these extra learning options to Bridgman Public School students in grades 5 - 8.

This is because the extra curricular programming that is offered at RMS enables students to become mature, dependable, self-sufficient problem solvers that also understand the importance of supporting and serving their local community.

I invite all parents/guardians to continue to encourage their student(s) to join one of these programs and become part of something that extends beyond the course of our typical 8:00 am - 3:05 pm schedule.

In addition, if there are members of the community that are interested in partnering with the middle school to forge new experiences for our learners, please do not hesitate to contact me at jttruesdell@bridgmanschools.com.



Visit our YouTube channel for F.C. Reed Middle School Announcements at: <https://goo.gl/aZeirj>

Did you know that F.C. Reed Middle School broadcasts their announcements on YouTube?

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BRIDGMAN AQUATIC CENTER

For more information on programs, pool schedules, and the Aquatic Center visit www.bridgmanschools.com/aquatic-center

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

We have arthritis class three days a week, deep water aerobics and shallow water aerobics five mornings a week, along with an evening shallow water aerobics class Monday and Wednesday. Adult lap swim times are available throughout the day, seven days a week.

Please visit BridgmanSchools.com and click on the Aquatic Center tab for details on all of our programs and classes.

Community Swim Lessons

Bridgman Aquatic Center offers Community Swim Lessons throughout the year. Our website contains information regarding the levels for each of the classes we offer. Our 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 \$48.00/session. Each of our sessions consists of 12 lessons. To register your child for community swim lessons, please visit our website for a downloadable registration form and the email address where to send it. The Aquatic Center will also be running lessons in June

and July during the day – visit the website for the announcement and details.

Sea Bees Swim Club

Our Sea Bees Swim Club will begin practice on Tuesday May 29. SBSC is a competitive age group swim team for children ranging in age from six through high school. We participate in the Southwest Michigan Swim league and also compete in USA sanctioned swim meets. Visit the Aquatic Center website for the practice and meet schedule, and where to direct any questions.

Community Diving Lessons

The Bridgman Aquatic Center has a safe and impressive diving history, and is looking for interested participants. The diving lessons are open to divers of all ages and all levels. They will learn basic and advanced techniques while improving existing skills. Spring Community Diving begins on Monday April 16th and Summer Community Diving begins June 11. Please see the website for class session dates, cost and important details on how to join. Dive In!

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 on the Aquatic Center Website.

For more information on these and other programs including the latest pool updates, closures and schedules, visit BridgmanSchools.com and click on the Aquatic Center tab. Like us on Facebook too!



Our mission is to provide safe, recreational, instructional, competitive and therapeutic water activities for our community thereby providing health, fitness, and enjoyment for individuals of all ages. At Bridgman Aquatic Center, we pride ourselves by specializing in personalized and individualized program development and evaluation. We have created a safe and caring environment and that is our constant priority. Our pool and weight room staff are certified by the American Red Cross and hold certifications in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, and AED.



BEES NATION...

Welcome to the 2018 Spring Sports Season!



Ken Schmaltz
Athletic Director

On behalf of the professionals who make up our athletic administration, staff and coaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families, friends, Bees alums, and the Community of Bridgman for their support of our student athletes.

Our spring athletic program consists of six various programs with a total of 10 teams and approximately 173 Bridgman students electing to participate. These numerous choices provide the opportunity for our students to be exposed to the valuable life lessons of teamwork, self-discipline, courage, and fortitude that can be used in their futures. The experiences gained in the athletic arena can teach us how to win with grace and handle defeat with dignity while the learning that takes place in athletics – we believe – compliments our student athletes learning in the classroom while preparing them for life after Bridgman High School.

The conduct of our coaches, athletes and spectators in regard to sportsmanship and fair play are expectations that we expect to maintain, so we ask for your continued support of these standards as you interact with opposing teams, coaches, fans and contest officials. We invite the Community of Bridgman to join us in celebrating our student-athletes throughout the final stretch of the 2017-18 school year by attending and visiting with us at our upcoming athletic events and I look forward to another spring sports season that contributes to our rich tradition of athletics here at Bridgman High School.

Ken Schmaltz

Athletic & Community Recreation Director – Bridgman High School

Bridgman Public Schools Daily Schedule

	BES	RMS	BHS
Full Day Schedule	7:45 am - 2:50 pm	8:00 am - 3:05 pm	7:55 am - 3:00 pm
Half Day Schedule	7:45 am - 11:10 am	8:00 am - 11:25 am	7:55 am - 11:20 am
2hr Delay Schedule	9:45 am - 2:50 pm	10:00 am - 3:05 pm	9:55 am - 3:00 pm



2018 Spring Sports Teams & Coaches

TRACK & FIELD

Boys Varsity –

Aaron Locke & Cheri Markham

Girls Varsity –

Cheri Markham & Aaron Locke

Boys RMS –

Steve Veldman & Spencer Carr

Girls RMS –

Spencer Carr & Steve Veldman

BASEBALL

Varsity – Justin Hahaj

SOFTBALL

Varsity – Erin Weber

BOYS GOLF

Varsity – Jeff Knowlton

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity – Nick Foxworthy

RMS – Tim Tate

CO-OP GIRLS TENNIS

Varsity – Mark Ficks & Kim Siglow

Up-to-date schedules & transportation times can be found at:

BRIDGMANATHLETICS.COM

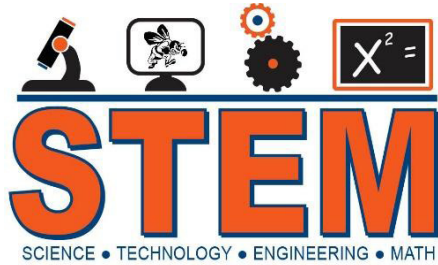
Create an account to follow the Bees – be sure to sign up for alerts.

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BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

BRIDGMAN FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Enhancing and Enriching Learning Opportunities



It has been an exciting year for the Foundation. The **Now and Forever** silent auction was another great success raising over \$ 12,500 with around 150 people attending. We appreciated all those who attended and the many donors of auction items. The **American Legion** and **Classic Catering** did another wonderful job creating a little bit of Mardi Gras right here in Bridgman.

A good time was had by all and the money raised will be put to good use supporting our school and students. Next years Now and Forever is already being planned. Mark your calendars for February 16, 2019!

The Foundation's next event is the **Links for Education** golf outing to be held May 14 at Lost Dunes Golf Club. There may still be time to register to play. Online registration and further information can be found at the Foundation website at www.bridgmanfoundation.org under events. This premier golf outing has been a favorite for many. All proceeds benefit the Foundation.

The Foundation had their first ever financial review completed by an accounting firm, Hungerford Nichols. The results were very good with the Foundation receiving a clean review, the best designation available. The assets grew nearly \$ 114,000 from last year, primarily due to the STEM Lab fund raising efforts. **Overall \$165,000 was raised for the STEM Lab alone.** This was the total including \$ 91,000 committed by the Foundation, grants, business and individual donations. Thank-you to everyone who helped with this great effort. The Lab has been a great addition to the Middle School and enjoyed by many students. A copy of the financial review is available on our website.

If you support our wonderful schools and would like to get more involved in the Foundation, we would love to have you! Volunteer opportunities are available to help with events, join one of our many committees, or become a board

Links for Education

6th Annual Premier Golf Experience presented by:
Bridgman Foundation For Educational Excellence
At Lost Dunes Golf Club

May 14, 2018



member. To learn more just ask one of our current board members listed on our website or send us an e mail by using the "contact us" feature.

OUR MISSION: The Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence exists to ENHANCE learning opportunities for students in the Bridgman Public Schools. The funds we seek will be utilized to create opportunities for learning above and beyond what the district funds.

Excellence in public education is essential to the economic and social well-being of any community. The foundation is dedicated to provide enhanced learning opportunities for our students, staff, and community; to recognize innovation, to foster excellence, and to make a positive impact on the future of our community through education.

DONATE ONLINE

Your donations provide opportunity for all Bridgman Students to experience and learn things they may never be able to otherwise. Since the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence is driven by a group of volunteers, ALL of your contributions provide enhancements for education and are tax deductible. Consider donating online today at: bridgmanfoundation.org



The Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce & Growth Alliance

MAKERS TRAIL FESTIVAL - WEKO BEACH ON JUNE 9, 2018



Director Calli Berg

Because the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (CGA) has a successful track record for putting on festivals since 2006 (then under the

Bridgman-Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance), we were selected by the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council to partner with them and produce the inaugural Makers Trail Festival at Weko Beach on June 9th. The Makers Trail was created by the Tourist Council to promote the wineries, breweries, and spirit makers in Berrien County, and their website sums up their reason for promoting this specific tourism industry:

“Every land has its makers. Crafters of furniture. Forgers of steel. Tillers of earth. Ours are masters of making wine, beer and spirits. More and more of these makers are putting down stakes near our Lake Michigan shore where they handcraft award-winning beverages. You’re just minutes from each one in Southwest Michigan.”



As the economic and community development arm for Bridgman and Lake Township, we couldn’t agree more, especially since we have many of the participating makers right here in the greater Bridgman area! Putting on this festival gives the CGA an opportunity to show off many of our best qualities such as an amazing water source for production and play, excellent climate and growing conditions, and lots of other fun activities to engage residents and visitors when they are not enjoying an adult beverage – from go-karting to shopping, from dining to golfing, from fruit picking to bicycling, swimming, and hiking – there is much to enjoy in this beautiful region.

Our festivals are also fundraisers for the CGA, providing much needed operating revenues to a small (but growing!) organization that works on a small budget. Through our operations, we work to improve the community, help local businesses grow and provide chamber administration and support to our members.

For those of you who have attended any of our past festivals, you know that our events offer a day of fun in the sun on the Lake Michigan shores (a real treat for guests who don’t get to enjoy it every day like we do), great food, and terrific live music. What you may not know is that this year we are expanding the festival AND DROPPING THE AD-

MISSION PRICE! Since we will have so many more vendors present, we will be using the entire parking lot for this festival (beachgoers can still access the beach by parking at Eagle Technologies and taking our fast and easy shuttle right to the beach) and partnering with Bridgman schools to offer additional guest parking. Also, with the support of our partnership with the Tourist Council, we are bringing in former Michigan resident and rising Nashville bluegrass star Billy Strings, who last year was named one of the Top 10 Country Artists to Watch by Rolling Stone Magazine. Billy draws an incredibly broad audience of die-hard fans who go out of their way to attend one of his festivals and for our \$10 admission price, we anticipate record crowds. We hope you will join us this year and sample all the delicious goodness offered by our makers, by our food vendors and CGA members Classic Catering and Lake Street Eats (as well as the addition of food trucks!) and by our additional lineup of local talent - The Undertakers Blues Band, The Andrew Fisher Quartet, StarHeart, and James Neary & The Bevy Blue.

You can get more information and buy your tickets at www.makerstrailfestival.org or get your tickets at Harding’s in Bridgman - buy in advance and avoid the \$15 admission at the gate! Please support local tourism and the CGA by coming out and enjoying the day with us - we hope to see you there.





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR - JOHN GAST CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

enced a high rate of water line breaks in the area disrupting water service.

Another major infrastructure project will occur on Red Arrow Highway from south city limits to Browntown Road, which is scheduled to begin after Labor Day and will be an overlay of the current four lanes.

The Weko Beach boat ramp has been a topic of discussion in the past month.

Thanks to our community partner, Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant, for donating \$8,000.00 to cover expenses for construction of the ramp.

The City Commissioners have the oversight on fee structure and there will be an adjustment to annual user fees.

The Lake Charter Township Park has opened and some maintenance and improvements are underway. Primarily, the disc golf course is being worked on with new tee stations and placements of tee stations throughout the park. Youth sports, i.e., soccer, girls softball and baseball all have record sign ups.

Fireman's Pancake Breakfast

Fireman's Pancake Breakfast will be held June 10th from 8:00- 12:00 at the Lake Township Public Safety Building located at 3169 Shawnee Rd. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and beverages will be served. Please come and support your fireman!

Lake Charter Township Water Department

It is nice to see spring approaching but winter seems to want to stick around with the cooler temperatures. With the snow gone and all of the recent rain, we have received calls of what residents may think could be a water leak. A lot of the water in the ditches and low laying areas has been due to the wet weather. If you ever suspect a leak don't hesitate to give us a call. We would rather it be nothing than have an actual leak that has been leaking for quite a while.

I would also like to let all of our customers know that the 2017 Consumer Confidence Report is now available to be viewed on the townships website, www.lake-township.org, you can access this from the main page of the website by clicking on the report. This report details Lake Townships drinking water quality. We are required by the EPA & Michigan DEQ to have this report available. With the Flint water issues in the news regarding the lead problems, you can be assured that this is not an issue with our water. We will be conducting another round of testing this

year with those who have participated in the past.

You may see our crews out flushing hydrants and checking valves this spring, to ensure that they function properly. Please drive cautiously as they may be working close to the road. Those who live on the south end of Date Road will notice activity later this spring as a water main replacement project gets underway. This is being done to improve reliability. If you live in this area and experience any pressure problems or water quality issues during this time please let us know and we will try to remedy any problems. You can contact us 24/7 at 269-465-3850.

I would like to invite anyone that would like a tour of our facility or knows of someone who may want to pursue a career in water treatment to give us a call as well. Enjoy the spring and summer.

Jeff Burkhard

Superintendent of Lake Township Water System

Recycling News

Republic Services calculated Lake Township resident's recycled 137 tons of material this past year!

That equates to 18 pounds per resident per pick up (well above the 11-12 pounds state average). We now have 621 residents recycling or about half of all residents participating. Please contact our office if you want to join the hundreds that are help keeping refuse out of the land fills!





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Lake Township Treasurer Report

The 2017 tax collection has been completed. Any remaining 2017 or prior years payments must be sent to the Berrien County Treasurers office in St Joseph. Please contact their office at 269-983-7111 ext. 8569 for current amounts due.

The 2018 summer tax bills will be coming out the first part of July and due September 14th without penalty or interest charges.

The 2017 audit has been completed and the Township received the best possible rating. Funds were set aside in 2017 for a large water main project scheduled for this summer. The Township now has two years reserve covering average monthly expenses. This is outstanding since having six months reserves is average. We anticipate this reserve to be reduced in 2018 as anticipated projects are paid for with cash reserves.

LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK NEWS

The park is now re-opened for the season.

Softball, baseball, soccer and disc golf leagues are all getting started for the next season. We estimate there are about 425 youth from our community participating in these leagues.

The pavilions are also filling up with reservations for the summer season. If you are planning a graduation party, family reunion, or other group get together; keep Lake Township Park in mind. Last season they were used for 72 gatherings!

The big news is the progress on the disc golf course renovations.

By press time we should have the new astro turf tee pads installed. The park crew has made significant progress in clearing trails and paths for the new lay out. Permanent hole signs will also be installed. The new design and improvements will make the Township course one of the nicest in the area.

Look for news on the completion, grand opening ceremony, and numerous tournaments that are being scheduled for this season.

WEBSITE

The website continues to grow in use every year. Residents are using it to obtain water/ sewer utility billing information, to make utility and tax payments, obtain information about ordinances, get the latest on Township news and upcoming events, obtain forms, and other important information. The new Echeck payment option is becoming more popular with 25 residents using the system to make tax payments this past season. The savings by using Echeck over conventional card payment systems was over \$900! Echeck is available for utility payments also. Automatic utility payments also continue to increase. Some payment cycles are seeing as much a half of all payments being made this way. **Please contact our office for more information about these new secure, convenient payment options.**

{ *The park is re-opened for the season!* }





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

From the desk of the Lake Charter Township Clerk . . .



Gloria Payne
Township Clerk

The primary election for Governor is August 7, 2018 and the general election is November 6, 2018.

We will be voting on the following:

- Governor, Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- U.S. Senator (1 seat)
- U.S. Representative in Congress (all 14 districts)
- State Senator (all 38 districts)
- State Representative (all 110 districts)
- State Board of Education (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate District Court
- Judge of Probate Court
- Specified County, City, Township, and Village Offices
- Specified School District Positions

If you are already registered, you do not need to register to vote for each election. Those of you who are not registered need to do so by July 9, 2018 for the August primary and October 9, 2018 for the November general election.

I will be mailing absent voter ballot applications sometime in the middle of July for the primary and the middle of November for the general election.

Please remember you cannot split your votes in a primary, (the August 7, 2018 election), you must vote either Republican, Democrat, or Independent, or your vote will not count. Stay within your “party” to cast an accurate ballot.

Should you need an absentee ballot, please call me at 269-465-6601 Ext. 11 to place you on the absent voter list.

Reminder if you are 60 years or age, or older you are automatically eligible to vote absentee, but still need to be placed on the absent voter list.

Also, please remember to bring you picture ID with you to the polls.

The polls will be open on election from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**SEE YOU AT
THE POLLS!**



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

CITY MANAGER - JUAN GANUM
CONTINUED FROM COVER ...



Celebrate Bridgman! - By F.C. Reed 7th graders

display in many of the businesses. F.C. Reed Middle School seventh grade students, under the direction of Julie Bender, have again designed some captivating art that reminds them of Bridgman for this event.

The Bridgman Library will be hosting the **Curious Kids under the Big Top** Thursday, July 12 at 1 p.m. On Friday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in front of the library help decorate the library sidewalks to Celebrate Bridgman Days! Put on your creativity hats, chalk will be provided!

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a **Used Book Sale**. This annual event will be held at the library Thursday, July 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday will also feature a bag sale from noon to 1:00 p.m. Buy a bag for \$1 and fill it up! Information on these and other events is available on the library website www.bridgmanlibrary.org

Annual 5k-10K Run/Walk

Start your Saturday, July 14, with the **Annual 5K-10K Run/Walk**. The 5K race will take place through beautiful downtown Bridgman, winding through Stelter Farms, around the high school, and through Water Tower Place. Those completing the 10K will take a detour and continue south on Gast Road and through scenic Lake Township Park. Medals will be given to the top 3 runners of each male and female age group. Course maps are available for the 5K at www.plotaroute.com/route/207867 and for the 10K at www.plotaroute.com/route/579006. Online registration is available at www.snapregistration.com/bridgman5k

Join Us at the Parade



The parade will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday and travel west on Lake Street from Gast Road. Floats, bands, motorcycles, fire trucks, police cars, popcorn, a stilt walker, llamas and Shuler's calves

again! If you or anyone you know might be interested in participating in the parade, forms are available on the City of Bridgman's website www.bridgman.org or at City Hall.

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{ **Join us at the Celebrate Bridgman! Festival
on July 12-15, 2018.** }





CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Celebrate Bridgman!



Haymarket Brewery will be hosting Bridgman's "Autos n' Ales" car show.

Haymarket Brewery will be hosting **Bridgman's "Autos n' Ales" car show** again this year from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. Haymarket's wooded grounds, located at 9301 Red Arrow Highway, serve as a perfect backdrop for cars of all makes and vintages. Haymarket offers not only award winning beers but yummy wood-fired pizzas as well! Join in the fun and register your car and a very cool custom designed trophy might be yours! Suggested donation is \$10.00. Proceeds from the car show will be donated to the Caring Cupboard program. Stop in, vote for your favorites, enjoy some food and beverages and support a community program.

Miss Bridgman and her court will be hosting the **Sand Art Contest** at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Weko Beach. This is a great way to enjoy some fun in the sun, meet the young men and women that represent our community and practice your sand castle techniques.

Berrien Bus will be available throughout the day on Saturday for those who need a ride to Weko Beach or the Autos n' Ales Car Show. Come down to Weko Beach on Sunday, July 15 at 7:00 pm and enjoy the music provided by "Red Deluxe". Free admission, complimentary sunset!



Speaking of sand castles, this year local business owner **Janet Schrader a.k.a the "Sand Pirate"** will be putting up one of her outstanding sand art displays in the downtown area. The display will be going up in the middle of June and will remain for the rest of the "season". **The**

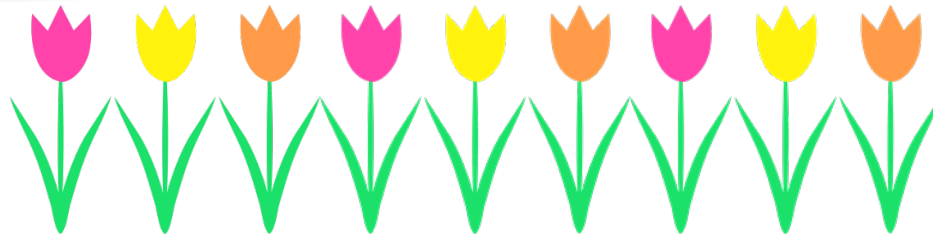
Sand Pirate will be on hand on Saturday, July 14 giving demonstrations and "hints" for making awesome sand sculptures.

Grab a lawn chair and head downtown where the **Celebrate Bridgman Street Concert** will be back for a repeat performance again this year. The concert will be in the Chase Bank parking lot on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The band line-up for this year will be "The Spaniels" and "PastTime." You can grab a snack while you are there from the "Twisted Dawg" hot dog vendor.

Of course you won't want to miss the annual Firemen's Dance. Hosted by Bridgman's dedicated Fire Department the dance is a great place to meet up with family, friends and classmates. This year's **Teen Dance** on Thursday, July 12 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. will be offering Fire Fighter themed activities for younger children along with music and dancing for the teens. Meet up with family, friends and old school chums at the adult dances Friday, July 13 & Saturday July 14 from 7 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. under the "Big Top." 21 and over so don't forget your ID!

So.... mark your calendars, join the fun and Celebrate Bridgman!





2018 Spring Cleanup Schedule

APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	
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 BAGGED LEAF PICKUP
 BRUSH PICKUP
 LARGE TRASH PICKUP
 RECYCLING

Bagged Leaf Pick Up is indicated in **GREEN** on the calendar. The city requires the use of biodegradable paper leaf bags. City workers will not pick up leaf bags made from any other material. **Leaf and brush burning within the city limits is prohibited.**

Brush is indicated in **YELLOW** on the calendar. Please limit this to your yard cleanup. Commercial tree removal and/or trimmings will not be picked up. City workers will spend no more than 15 minutes at each property.

Large Trash Pick Up is indicated in **PINK** on the calendar. Items not accepted include those larger than a refrigerator, tires and construction material. Refrigerators and air conditioners must have the freon removed with a tag attached indicating as such. A complete list of accepted items is available on the city's website and at City Hall. Republic Services also will pick up your extra-large items for a fee. To schedule such a pickup, call Republic Services at (269) 465-3773.

Curbside Recycling is indicated in **BLUE** on the calendar.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Berrien County has set the household hazardous waste collection dates for 2018. Details, including a schedule, are available on the county's web site. <http://www.berriencounty.org/564/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Collections>, or by calling the County Environmental Specialist at (269) 983-7111 ext. 8234.



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Hometown Hero Veteran's Banner Program Continues



Last year the City proudly rolled out a new initiative to honor its veterans by prominently displaying their photos on banners along Lake Street. The response from our community was overwhelming, as current and former residents sought to nominate their loved ones for the Hometown Hero program. Unfortunately, the City was not able to accommodate the tremendous demand it received due to the limited number of decorative street lamps on Lake Street. We were truly disappointed to have turned away so many worthy applications when the cap of 52 was reached.

Due to the popularity of the Hometown Hero banner program the City will be accepting 52 new applications this year. Our aim is to produce new banners and install them in early September, where they will remain until shortly after Veteran's Day. Thereafter, we expect to rotate the banners every two years, so that banners from 2017 are reinstalled in 2019, and banners from this year are reinstalled in 2020. Eventually, fading and deterioration will force us to retire the banners, at

which point the City will reach out to the individuals who originally submitted applications with an offer to claim the banners for themselves.

Those seeking an application should either visit the city's website and check the news and announcements section, or stop by City Hall. As with last year the City will accept applications for the program on a "first-in, first-served" basis. There will be a charge of \$15 to help defray the cost of the banners.

Additional details:

- Nominee must be currently serving or have served in one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces between World War 1 and the current date.
- Nominee must have lived in either Bridgman or Lake Township for a minimum of two years at some point in his/her life.
- Nominator must submit a high resolution digital photo or original photo with the application.
- The nominee must be in military uniform.

The staff at City Hall is happy to assist those who bring in photographs of their nominees by scanning the images on the city's copier. We greatly enjoyed speaking with our residents about their own background as veterans or learning about their friends and family members who served.

The City of Bridgman wishes to thank each of you who participated in the program last year and who plan to participate this year. Without you taking the time to dig into the deep recesses of your closets, attics, garages or basements we could have not honored those who are so worthy of our respect.

Final Friday Gatherings
Planned in 2018

Plans are underway to add new family-oriented events in Bridgman this summer.

The success of Holiday Village in December 2017 inspired us to work with our merchants and the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber and Growth Alliance in developing a new series of downtown gatherings tentatively called Final Fridays and are part of the City's new "lighter, faster, cheaper" approach. Our aim is to have a temporary closure of Lake Street on the last Friday evening of each month between May and August, to create a lively pedestrian-friendly area with music, food and shopping.

We plan to invite our local merchants to set up within pop-up shops on Lake Street between Mathieu St. and Maple St. between 5 pm and 9 pm. Bands are being sought to play music outdoors. We are also exploring the possibility of offering free movies downtown on those evenings. Once plans have solidified the City will use its social media pages and website to share the latest details.

In the meantime, please note May 25, June 29, July 27 and August 31 on your calendars for Final Fridays in Bridgman!



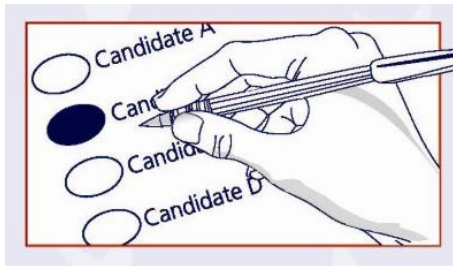
CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Election and Nominating Petition Information

This year four (4) city council seats will be available on election day (November 6, 2018).

Those seeking to serve the City of Bridgman for a four year term should visit the clerk's office at City Hall to obtain a nominating petition packet. The Bridgman City Charter states that petitions shall be signed by not less than twenty (20) nor more than fifty (50) qualified electors of the City. A person cannot sign a petition on behalf of another person, sign a petition more than once, or sign more petitions for the same office than there are persons to be elected in the office. Petitions must be returned to City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 19, 2018. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact city clerk Allyson Holm at aholm@bridgman.org or call City Hall, (269) 465-5144.

New Election Equipment



When you come in and vote later this year, you will notice new election equipment that replaced the decade old equipment. With \$30 million in federal funds left from the Help America Vote Act in 2000 and the additional \$10 million the legislators approved, the equipment was fully funded through the state. You will now cast your vote by filling in the ovals instead of connecting arrows.

Once the ballot is completed, voters will insert it in an upgraded tabulator. This new device will inform voters if there are any errors and give them the choice

to cast the ballot or make corrections before casting the ballot. Once the ballot is cast, the screen on the tabulator will inform the voter that their ballot has been recorded.

The new voter-assisted terminal is more user-friendly and much quicker to use. This equipment is now a touch screen device. It still provides audio instructions through headphones and Braille instructions on the controls. Voters can connect their own paddles or "sip and puff" aides to work the machines as well.



The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

The last day to register to vote for the Primary will be Monday, July 9, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. If you would like to register to vote or see where you are currently registered, you can visit www.michigan.gov/sos. You can also register to vote at the clerk's office at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple St.

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BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Director -- Gretchen Evans

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If you've never played disc golf before, that's okay. Our friends from Sand Ridge Golf Club will be there to demonstrate and lead the games. Disc golf is similar to golf only instead of hitting a ball into a hole; you throw a Frisbee into a chain basket. It's a great way to have fun and enjoy a walk in the park.

Next, BPL and 12 other public libraries are hosting **Fandom Fest**, a comic-con event **at the Mendel Center on Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** WoW, Dr. Who, Marvel, or GoT, come and celebrate whatever aspect of popular culture you love. At Fandom Fest there are lots of ways to play. You can make something with LMC's Fab Lab, play a board game, compete in a video game contest, experience virtual reality, play trivia, and more. Admission is free to this family-friendly event.

Lastly, we are calling all owners of micro-drones! Bring your toys and join Ted at the library at closing time on Wednesday, July 25. You can practice your flying skills by navigating a timed course that runs through, around, and over the book stacks. We promise it will be as much fun as you can have in the library after hours without a book.

This summer, come play with us!

Library Board

Randy Hill – President
Lane Kuypers – Vice President
John Wilk – Secretary
Ken Huff – Treasurer
Liz Bogue -- Trustee
Dorothea Crocker -- Trustee
Susan Collins – Trustee
Sue Janoskey – Trustee
Aaron Noll – Trustee

We hope to see you at the Library!

Friends of the Bridgman Public Library Membership Drive

It's membership renewal time! Current memberships expire June 30, 2018. Renewal information will be mailed in May. Those interested in becoming a Friend of the Bridgman Public Library can contact the library front desk or a volunteer in the used book shop for more information.

Become a member! The Library loves making new friends!



FRIEND the Bridgman Library on FACEBOOK.

36th Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale

May 18-19

Permits are \$10 and available at the library. Buy your permit by Saturday, May 12 to get your sale listed on the official map. Maps will be distributed at the library on Friday, May 18 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Community Garden

Community Garden plots are still available! Please contact the library for more information. Come grow with us! Bridgman Public Library Community Garden is on Facebook.

Friends Annual Used Book Sale

Friday, July 13, 10-4 p.m.

Saturday, July 14, 10-1 p.m.

Early Bird Book Sale:

Thursday, July 12, 5-7:30 p.m.

Come to the Friends Annual Book Sale at the library during Bridgman Days. Early Bird Book Sale admission is \$3 for the public or free to members of the Friends.



BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 10-8

Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 10-4

Sunday: Closed

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Programs

AMISH CULTURE

Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Susan Miller, of Menno-Hoff Museum, as she enlightens us about the Amish and Mennonite ways of life.

NATIVE PLANT TALK AND SALE

Wednesday, May 23 talk at 2:00 p.m. Sale from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

This presentation will give you information on planting native plants and how to incorporate them into your landscape. Pick up an order form at the library. The sale will be in the side parking lot.

KNIT N YARN

**Every Third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Every Monday and Thursday
afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Learn to knit or crochet, share your latest project, or get help with a yarning problem.

2ND ANNUAL FANDOM FEST

**Saturday, June 9
from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
THE MENDEL CENTER**



Get your geek on! Fandom Fest is a library-sponsored program with artists, exhibitors, a maker

space, gaming area, costume contests, as well as speakers and a Live Action Role Play (LARPing) demonstration. See Ring of Steel, a stunt fighting group. Visit Nova VR for a virtual reality experience. Enter the costume contest. You might even spot a Bronie. Admission is free!

DISC GOLF 101

Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn to play disc golf with the Sand Ridge Disc Golf Club. Disc golf, sometimes called Frisbee golf, is a game similar to golf that can be played by people of all ages and abilities. Meet us at the Township Park, 10801 Gast Road, every Thursday night in June at 6:30 p.m. Come to one session or come to them all. The Sand Ridge Disc Golf Club will start every program with a demonstration and explanation of the rules of play before leading us in a game. Discs will be available for purchase for \$7 each.

SKY PICTURES: FINDING THE CONSTELLATIONS

Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as Richard Bell, President of the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society, teaches us how to find the bright stars and constellations and how to read a simple star map.

MICRO DRONE RACING

Wednesday, July 25 at 8:00 p.m.

Bring your Tiny Whoop or micro drone (with prop guards) to the library for after-hours first person view racing and obstacle course.

LIFE EXPRESSIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Create a unique sign with Shawn VanKampen of Life Expressions Décor. Space is limited, so please sign up at the front desk.

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Join our friendly and interactive

reading group lead by Rick Fuller. Books are available for checkout one month before the meeting. Ask at the front desk for the latest book club title. New members are always welcome.

YIN YOGA

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Cheryl Meadors, certified yoga instructor, leads a class at the library every Thursday. The class is suitable for beginning or intermediate yoga students. Just bring a yoga mat, some water, and a \$10 participation fee. 50% of the proceeds benefit the Bridgman Public Library.

Teen Programs

For ages 13-18

Check www.bridgmanlibrary.com/teens.asp for more upcoming activities

MOVIE SINGALONG NIGHT

Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Vote for your favorites on the library's website. Refreshments provided.

ROCKING AT THE LIBRARY: COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Friday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Refinish and decorate a wooden rocking chair for use in the library.

MAKERSPACE CRAFT: DIY DRY-ERASE BOARD

Friday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Create a custom board to keep yourself organized.



COMMUNITY BUZZ

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Programs

EARLY LITERACY CLASSES WITH MISS TAMI

Classes will run May-July and start again in September

Baby and Me (ages 0-2)

– Monday at 10:45 a.m.

Toddler and Me (ages 3-5)

– Tuesdays at 9:30 or 11:30 a.m.

Story Hour (ages 3-5)

– Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

STAR WARS DAY: MAKE A PORG

Friday, May 4 at 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Star Wars Day at the library. Drop in to make a porg creature from The Last Jedi. No registration required. And May the Fourth be with you!

LIBRARIES ROCK! SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 18-July 28, 2018

Summer Reading Registration Starts June 11. Sign up for the library's summer reading program. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" Explore music through reading and participation in library activities. For ages 2-18.

MOVIE MONDAYS

June 18-July 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for movies every Monday in the Community Room. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

June 18 Moana

June 25 Ferdinand

July 2 Coco

July 9 Despicable Me 3

July 16 Wonder

July 23 Boss Baby

WAGON FLOATS FOR CELEBRATE BRIDGMAN

Registration open June 18-July 11

Would you like to be in the Celebrate Bridgman parade on July 14? Build a float using a wagon (or stroller, buggy, etc.) and walk with the library in the parade. Theme: Libraries Rock!

Float build day: Friday, July 6. All ages welcome!

JUGGLING FOR SUCCESS WITH MR. JIM

Thursday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Jim will teach you how to juggle in a hands-on program that builds coordination, concentration, perseverance, and fun!

Ages 5-12.

BINDER PARK ZOO: KEEP ON MOVING

Thursday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.

The Zoomobile will visit the library. Hopping, crawling, climbing, flying, and more! Young naturalists will become excited about the natural world as they explore how humans and animals move. Ages 3-7.

PALEO JOE

Saturday, June 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Rock out at the library with rocks and dinosaurs! Author, storyteller, and paleontologist Paleo Joe will bring dinosaurs to life with a T-rex tooth, a velociraptor skull, and a variety of amazing fossils. Ages 5 and up.

BUBBLE DAY

Thursday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Who can make the biggest soap bubble? Test your soapy skills with bubble art and activities. All ages.

BUILD DAY FOR WAGON FLOATS

Friday, July 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Work on your float at the library! We will have cardboard and decorative supplies to share.

Ages 5 and up.

CURIOUS KIDS UNDER THE BIG TOP

Thursday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Have fun with the Curious Kids Museum under the tent in downtown Bridgman.

Ages 12 and under.

SIDEWALK CHALK

Friday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m.

In front of the library Help decorate the library sidewalks to celebrate Bridgman Days! We'll supply the chalk. You bring your creativity! All ages welcome!

PARADE: WAGON FLOATS

Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Bridgman High School parking lot with your wagon floats. After the parade, cool down with a Pop-sicle behind the library on Toth Street. All ages.

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO WITH THE CITADEL

Thursday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Hands-on fun! Don't miss this opportunity for children to touch, play, and hear musical instruments.

Ages 6 and up.

SECRETS OF MUSIC

Thursday, July 26 at 11:00 a.m.

How are the sounds of music made? Who invented rock & roll? Come to our hand-clapping, foot-stomping, feel-good show for all ages!



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