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- LAGASA 19th Annual Garden Tour Weekend is set for July 8 and from 9 am to 4 pm.
- Twilight in the Garden, LAGASA’s mid-summer fundraising garden party, will be held on Saturday, July 22nd from 5 pm to 11 pm until twilight. This year’s event is hosted by Lynda and Dale Baker of Baker Acres in Howell.

LAGASA Center is a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive home care services to residents of West Michigan, and the daylily plants also will provide creative landscaping ideas and themes.

The Specialty Growers daylily field show will feature a dazzling array of early, mid-season and late blooming daylilies, including many traditional favorites, as well as debuts from this year’s eye-catching, innovative new daylilies.

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The Summer Reading Program is underway at the Brighton District Library. Children of all ages are reading for pleasure, engaged in creative art and garden classes, build-a-thons, exotic animal programs, gaming, crafting, and more. These activities tie in with our Build a Better World summer reading theme, but did you know that the reading program is not just for children reading at grade level? The Summer Reading Program is also intended for those not yet reading or those who struggle with reading. The reading program allows a participant to read what they want, when they want, and where they want!

We are more than just books! A fun alternative for kids reading on their own are the library’s downloadable ebooks and audio book collection. Audio books help the non-reader or struggling reader to focus on the sounds in words, “read” without interruption, and provides an example of expressive reading. Listening allows the child to “read” above their ability; build their vocabulary; and gain knowledge of the world around them. Many audio books have interesting sound effects, music, and voices, helping to hold a child’s attention.

BookFlix offers interactive games to help the child connect the story to the real world. This practice builds comprehension and an enthusiasm for reading. The Tumblebook Library database is specifically created to support non-readers, beginning, and reluctant readers! Children can choose to have the book read to them or read the book on their own. Both interactive databases are available at the library at no charge.

Offering an alternative to the traditional print book is the graphic novel. These brightly colored illustrated books can help hold a visual learner’s attention by using few words and heavy graphics that allow the reader to dig deeper into the story and build comprehension. The library carries fiction and non-fiction titles for grades PreK-4.

The Brighton District Library is a fantastic resource to help you and your pre-reader, reader, or struggling reader. The Youth Department staff is always happy to help you select materials that are appropriate for your child’s interests and reading ability.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program goes to August 5. You can register in person or online at www.brightonlibrary.info. We hope to see you this summer!
My garden has been well-taken care of by nature with all the rain we’ve had this spring. I’m more alert to pest problems with my straw bale gardening. There are several ways to help control your garden insects without spraying. You can use pest resistant plants, manage your weeds, and use good garden sanitation. Your first step would be to identify what insect is actually doing the damage. Catching the pest on your plant is the best way. If that doesn’t work, you can take a picture of the damage. The internet is one of the best sources for identification. Other options available are your local garden center or county extension office.

My first concern for the vegetable plants is the slugs. They like to come out at night and I’m not waking up to check my plants. They make irregular holes in the leaves. My first defense against slugs was taken out early in the spring. Garden snakes will have slugs for lunch. I was happy to see a garden snake around my bales. Oh my, so was my dog, Loongy. Usually, she won’t harm the snakes and just plays with them. Well, there is always a first time. I dealt with the slugs last year and bought Sluggo and diatomaceous earth. As the slugs crawl along the ground, they find the diatomaceous earth hard to cross. The diatomaceous earth can be used around your prized hostas, too. You sprinkle it around them in a circle. When it rains, it will tend to take up and you will have to reapply it. Another common remedy is to put beer or milk in a cup and bury it half way into the ground and the slugs will come to a happy but unwanted death. I found out last year Loongy likes beer this way!

The next biggest problem is half eaten leaves or holes in your leaves. This is such a large topic but when it is on your vegetable leaves you have to really look at the hole. If you keep track of your holes every day, you can help narrow your search. If they are made by a slug family member, the holes will appear overnight. Neem Oil, an organic spray, has been the go-to remedy for all-purpose protection of your plants. There has been no real advancement on how to control Japanese beetles. It is still best to patrol your garden and when you see one drown it in some soapy water. My friend reminded me not to kill tomato hornworms as they turn into Hawk moths.

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RIGHT AT HOME
MISSION TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIRS WORLDWIDE

By Barry Paxton

In outlying Santiago, Chile, two elderly sisters lived just blocks apart but were disabled and could not leave their homes. When the California-based nonprofit Free Wheelchair Mission gifted each woman her own wheelchair, the siblings could finally make the walking journey to reunite face to face after 15 years. Receiving the gift of mobility is a beautiful, empowering experience for these Chilean sisters, as well as 13-year-old Ma Hao in China, 91-year-old Fidel in Mexico and nearly a million other people with disabilities helped through the Free Wheelchair Mission’s generous work.

With a doctorate in engineering and years of experience in the biomedical field, Don Schoendorfer founded his humanitarian organization in 2001 to deliver durable, inexpensive wheelchairs—at no cost—to those less fortunate in the world. The World Health Organization estimates that 100 million people in developing countries are in critical need of a wheelchair but lack the resources to obtain one. For a countless number of the planet’s poor, birth defects, land mines, disease, malnutrition, unsafe water and other untreated health disorders lead to deformity and restricted movement. Often, those with challenged mobility must be carried everywhere. Others are left to crawl on the ground or remain secluded in a back bedroom. Isolation, depression and hopelessness add to the struggle to even stand up, let alone take a step.

Throughout 93 countries to date, from desolate villages to bustling urban centers, Free Wheelchair Mission has transformed the lives of those who cannot walk. By partnering with organizations and individuals, Free Wheelchair Mission is on target to reach its 1 millionth wheelchair recipient soon. Right at Home, a leader in professional home care services for seniors and adults with a disability, is teaming up with Free Wheelchair Mission to help extend the gift of mobility to those who need it most. During Right at Home’s annual meeting, funds were collected to send 1,650 wheelchairs to children and adults in need throughout the world.

“We are excited to partner with Free Wheelchair Mission, because every day we see how lack of mobility affects the quality of life for the clients we serve,” said Barry Paxton, owner Right at Home of Central Michigan. “For those living with a disability in less-resourced nations, a wheelchair opens doors to an education, a job, independence and social interaction. Mobility encourages renewed self-confidence and hope.”

A gift of $80 will manufacture, ship, assemble and deliver one wheelchair anywhere in the world. Specifically designed to withstand rugged terrain in inaccessible communities, the wheelchairs feature common parts that can be easily maintained and repaired on-site, ensuring reliable, worry-free use for years to come. “Volunteers work with teams in-country to assemble and give away hundreds of wheelchairs at a time,” Paxton explained. “Many of us with Right at Home are eager to participate in one of these ‘Vision Trips’ to see the exuberant joy on the faces of children to aging adults who will be mobile again, or for the first time ever.”

For more information about joining efforts locally to supply wheelchairs to the world’s least fortunate, contact our office at 810-225-4724 or www.rah-mi.com. For more information, contact Right at Home of Central Michigan at www.RAH-MI.com, 810-225-4724.

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Most of the time we discuss conflicts involving TWO disputing parties (husband/wife, employee/employer, etc.), but what happens when multiple parties are involved? That is often the case when property and development disputes arise. In these unique cases, the governing parties generally have to take priority over the non-governing parties. For example, you and your neighbor could be in a dispute over a fence line, but if it crosses into designated wetland areas, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (1994) could mean that the DEQ gets the final say—not you or your neighbor. If a conflict arises over the layout of a parcel you wish to develop, the Land Division Act (1967) could mean that your hands are proverbially tied with regard to what you believe to be the orderly use of the land. In other words, very few property and development disputes occur wherein a governing agency is not allowed at least some input, which typically increases the number of parties involved in the conflict. And tread lightly if you think you’ll just do it your way nonetheless, because some of the fines for crossing these entities can include two or three orders of magnitude, dollars and even jail time in certain cases. The moral of the story with conflicts like this is that most rules of mediation go out the window because case law and existing regulations tend to have the final say. If you find yourself involved in one of these complex disputes, it may be best to seek legal counsel from someone specializing in these areas rather than trying to dispute the situation yourself.

Dr. Amy Scholl holds a B.A in psychology as well as an MA and PsyD in psychology specializing in Conflict Resolution.

### RESOLVING PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DISPUTES

**By Dr. Amy Scholl**

SATURDAY JULY 1, 2017

- Whitmore Lake Races (Register 7:00 am, Race 8:00 am)
  Registration in advance or on race day at the middle school.
  Location: Whitmore Lake Middle School, 8877 Main Street
  Info: [https://frunsignup.com/Race/Events/MI/WhitmoreLake/WhitmoreLakeRaces](https://frunsignup.com/Race/Events/MI/WhitmoreLake/WhitmoreLakeRaces)

- Dance Pro DJ Services; Lakeside (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm)
  Enjoy Summertime Music by the lake! Come and dance or just listen to the music.
  Games! Fun! Prizes!
  Location: Lakefront across from Post Office.

- Fireworks Extravaganza - Dusk (approximately 10:00 pm) Rain date is July 2.
  Enjoy a thrilling and patriotic fireworks display set off from the center of the lake! Please respect private property and keep our community clean. At request of private property owners, this is an Alcohol-Free event. We appreciate your help in respecting this request.

TUESDAY JULY 4, 2017

- Independence Day Parade (10:00 am)
  Gather all your friends and family and come down to town for the parade! Enjoy a patriotic and festive display of fire trucks, floats, decorated bicycles and more!

- Banana Split Eating Contest (3:00 pm)
  Contestants in four age groups (4-9, 10-14, 15-17, 18+) will devour banana splits for prizes in this tasty event.
  Location: Dee’s Place (734) 449-4707. (Cost - $2) Space is limited.

- Parade of Lights (10:00 pm)
  Don’t miss this beautiful parade of lighted boats. To enter, decorate your boat with festive lights and line up in front of Mac’s Marina 9:45 pm (FREE).
  Info: Mac’s Marina (734) 449-4706.

- 50/50 Raffle Drawing - Support the Fireworks (Noon)
  Drawing: Barker Road & Main Street
  All proceeds go to the Fireworks!

THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND:

- 57th Celebration T-Shirts
  Event t-shirts ($10) available throughout town

- ROAD CLOSURE
  Main Street from Barker to Marathon Gas Station will be closed to traffic on Saturday, July 1 starting at 8 pm for the fireworks show.
WHITMORE LAKE KIWANIS
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Lake Rod & Gun Club located at 11150
steak, baked potato, salad, roll, baked
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Local dance lovers got a treat recently at Gay Hollerin as the club located in the Plymouth Road Holiday Inn featured the Ann Arbor band known as “The Switchbacks.” It’s a five piece covers band that specializes in rock and roll, some blues and country, and New Orleans influenced mix music. You could tell the patrons were enjoying themselves as smiles abounded, the dancing was spirited, and the beverage consumption was brisk and steady.

“The Switchbacks” are lead by a talented vocalist Janet Benson. The lead guitarist is Kevin Budzinski and he has lots of nasty solos. Patrick Little also does some solos adding nicely to the band on keyboards and harmony vocals. The rhythm section has Kevin Lentz deep in the groove on bass guitar and vocals and the timekeeper is the very slick and steady Eric Nyhuis. As you listen to and watch this band you can’t help but notice how much fun they are having while performing. It’s infectious and rubs off on the dancers who respond with vigor.

The band already had the crowd in high gear when they invited some of their musical friends to join them on stage. This meant five became eight as they were joined by a valve trombone, a tenor sax, and a trumpet. What followed I will call New Orleans “gumbo” that really got the house hoppin. This music is guaranteed to stir the soul and set feet in motion.

If you like music from the 50’s forward and you enjoy shakin your fanny, I recommend you catch The Switchbacks sometime. They play all around the Ann Arbor area and are serious fun.

JULIAN K’S MUSIC SCENE
THE SWITCHBACKS

STORY BY JULIAN KONWINSKI
A couple notes of local events before we finish with an old time South Lyon history segment.

Operation Injured Soldiers (OIS) located in South Lyon (This is NOT Wounded Soldiers group) is having its 11th annual motorcycle ride through South Lyon into Livingston County and back Saturday, July 8th. It starts from James Atchison Park on west side of New Hudson at 5800 Grand River. The fee is $20.00 per rider with registration from 11:00 am to the 12:00 roar off! Provided is a luncheon, commemorative event shirt, kids activities 12-3:00, Lyon Township Fire Dept. “hose down” if you really had a hot ride, and there is also a motorcycle rodeo at 3:30. People lineup along Grand River and in the park to witness the true patriotism of motorcyclists!!

That evening unrelated to the OIS event the Upper Peninsula Club on 9 Mile in Green Oak Township will be celebrating their 100th year of existence with a fireworks display in case you were wondering what was going on north of Whitmore Lake the night of July 8.

Now it was around the year 1900 on the north side of Lake Street, where there is currently an insurance office, there was located an ice cream parlor owned by George Hamilton (not the actor). It was open in the summer months. A delicious strawberry sundae cost practically a day’s pay (10 cents) but your sweetheart would be pleased. Meanwhile a cone was one cent! In later years this would become the Post Office and then the Letzing Law office. The taller building next to the parlor was a bank owned by the Just Brothers. The bankers disappeared with the funds and old timer Russ Calkins said there was a “big weep” in the village. I guess they became known as the “No Justice brothers.”

Across the alley was a small barber shop (currently owned by Bob Mohn) which was run by the likes of George Thordasik, later by Jesse Gilbert, Byron Jacksons and then Howard Whipple. Russell relates that one day a drunken man on horseback rode up the steps and in the open door right into the shop. I guess the horse was in need of a grooming.

Tedd Wallace is a former mayor and retired teacher from South Lyon, email: Teddmwallace@sbcglobal.net

Northfield Human Services is ready for summer, are you?! We have lots of new healthy summer recipes in our Food Pantry lobby that we are excited to share. The Food Pantry will be closed in honor of Independence Day on Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th however we will be open on Wednesday July 5th and Thursday July 6th.

NHS is not possible without all the help from our volunteers and we would like to thank everyone who gives their time, energy and more to us. We are always looking for new volunteers, this is a great way to connect and serve your community. If you are interested in volunteering please call 734-449-0109 or e-mail northfieldhumanservices@gmail.com we would love to answer any questions and tell you more about volunteering with us.
THANK YOU WHITMORE LAKE

Every year the American Legion of Michigan hosts an event called Boys State and Girls State. Boys State is held on campus the third week in June as is Girls State on a different campus. The event is for junior high school students and is a sponsored program for girls and boys who want to learn about how the government is run and takes the commitment for these students for one whole week. The students are usually at least 3.0 GPA and are interested in history, government, politics, etc.

Kris Ward, teacher at Whitmore Lake High School, has been a key person in promoting this program over the last several years. This year has been no different since she shared information on five girls and one boy that were interested in the program. For every student that applies the Legion has to find sponsors to pay for the students for the week-long event.

WHITMORE LAKE KIWANIS came forward with the money for three students this year. For that we are extremely thankful and appreciative. This may be a small town but the big hearts always seem willing to help out.

Veronica Finch
Whitmore Lake

RULE OF LAW (NOT?) IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

I am not convinced that Livingston County government is truly operating under the rule of law.

I have had numerous communications about this topic with numerous government officials in Livingston County and in our state. There appears to be a good deal of confusion among them. And, their confusion appears evident in their lack of understanding (or ignorance or perhaps blatant disregard) for their obligations to the rule of law as they agreed to in their oath of office.

How many of us know what ‘rule of law’ actually means. And, how many realize there are some (if not many) instances where our local government has in fact broken their oath of office and thereby broken the rule of law.

For those unfamiliar with our laws, here are two pertinent examples of Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) that may be applicable when a government official appears to have broken the law:

a) MCL 750.478 details what is called “…Willful neglect of duty; public officer or person holding public trust or employment…”

b) MCL 750.10 in part says “…the term ‘act’ or ‘doing of an act’ includes ‘omission to act’…”

All MCL’s are available online and here’s a quick link to 750: http://legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-chap750.pdf

If you believe a government official is behaving unlawfully, there may be an applicable MCL that can help hold each and every government official and employee accountable to We the People, the Michigan Constitution and the US Constitution. I sure hope the Livingston County government takes their oath seriously:

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, and that you will faithfully perform the duties of the office of xxx…in and for the…County of Livingston…according to the best of your ability, so help you God.”

Linda Bullard
Brighton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ADVERTISE IN THE COURANT
Businesses need to advertise. Many businesses are now trying the direct email ads. If you’re like most people you probably delete before even reading them. The trick to advertising is to get into people’s consciousness through a visual or audible ad. For print that means visual.

A few years back we increased the size and shape of the Courant to try and ensure content on each page to go with advertising. That was done to help our existing customers keep their ads within visual range of readers for a few minutes longer. That’s something you don’t get with emails that flood people’s inbox or advertising mailers that may get a few seconds of viewing on their way to the recycling bin. The other problem with email advertising is that you get filtered out after your first email or two. GMAIL now even filters ads into a sweep out “Promotions” box that people can just swipe to delete all advertising emails. Your money is wasted.

In today’s internet world people use Google or other search engines to search for products or services. If they input a general term for your product or service you’ve probably already lost that customer to the dozen or so companies that paid more for Search Engine Optimization than you did.

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With health care back in the news it’s time to revisit a column from the early Obama era. December 2009. So far, the promised repeal and replace effort seems to be nothing more than putting the promised repeal and replace effort to lobbying by niche providers to get bad choices insurance. Politicians caved has morphed into health, lifestyle and choice to stop doing it, pay for treat-
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Since the 1970’s, health insurance

As a unique man, full of contradictions, he

One of his children stated, if he could only

sorrows by all who knew him, his

He was a successful mason contractor, a very hard

ask the mechanic
SMEAR CAMPAIGNS... THE ZEITGEIST OF TODAY

Phil Stargell | WAMM On-Air Host

It is time that loyal Americans take a moment out of everyday to demand that the congressional republican leadership meet with President Trump. They need to work together to reach a consensus on the best way to put an end to the hearings and investigations regarding whether there is actual evidence that Russia meddled with the 2016 presidential election.

Frankly, there is NO proof of collusive, co-operation, or payment of funds that affected the outcome of the 2016 election. Congress and the President can end this lame farce, but the people must demand that it happen. We must work to end this witch hunt so that the president and congress can focus on bringing prosperity back to everyday Americans, not just to the special interest groups.

The latest in the smear campaigns, coming from the Democratic Party, is the investigation that Robert Mueller is set to open on whether President Trump will be charged with obstruction of justice because he fired F.B.I. Director, James Comey. This should be the last straw. These hearings of the deep state intelligence agencies and rogue judges all determined to thwart, delay, and undermine President Trump’s authority must be stopped. It should be clear to any fair minded person that James Comey and Robert Mueller are allies with Democratic operatives. These absurd, evidenceless hearings and investigations must come to an halt.

Former lawyer and grappers, from former presidents Clinton and Obama, are using inside information from intelligence agencies to run smear in hopes of putting a few people in positions on Trump’s team. That way Mueller can strike a bargain, as Comey and Mueller did with Scooby Libby from the Bush Administration, and secure a felony perjury charge of lying to an F.B.I. official there by discrediting the entire Trump Presidency.

Once accomplished, Mueller can move for an impeachment charge of obstruction of justice.

Impeachment may seem like overreach, but Democrats have specialized in this kind of smear tactic for years. They use trinkets like Comey and Mueller and rely on the news media to run one sided stories. They show their bias by pushing the narrative that guys like Comey and Mueller are straight shooters and bow their close friends.

To the stated American, it’s obvious that both men are biased, with political ties toward the Democrat Party. That is enough to demand they be dismissed. As of June 21st, after all of the hearings and investigations, there has been no proof offered to warrant further investigations. The American People should start taking every opportunity to inform their representatives and senators of their support of President Trump, and express their anger at the obvious tombolery of these hearings and investigations.

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A GOLDEN STATE OF MIND

Derek Stone | WAMM On-Air Host

The Golden State Warriors got their revenge against the defending champions of the National Basketball Association, the Cleveland Cavaliers, by winning the NBA title on June 12th. Golden State’s star point guard, Stephen Curry, wasn’t the deciding factor, but rather it was the best basketball player in the world and the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player, Kevin Durant. He was absolutely dominant against the Cavaliers, averaging over 35 points per game, while making better than 55 percent of his shots and 47 percent of his three-pointers. Durant was missing shots every which way imaginable: with a hand in his face, off balance, driving to the basket and dunking, and wide open jump shots. What makes his shot so lethal are his long arms, they allow him to extend the ball to ten feet and three inches from the court. There is nobody in the NBA who can block his shot, which is why he can shoot when his tightly guarded. When the NBA Finals MVP wasn’t using his dazzling offensive prowess, Durant was playing stout defense versus Cavaliers star, LeBron James, by forcing bad shots and creating turnovers. Kevin Durant and Golden State accomplished what they set out to do, and there’s nothing that will stop them from doing it again.

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Medicare can be a little confusing to newcomers so we've broken it down into segments. The four parts of Medicare are as easy as A, B, C, and D.

- **Part A (Hospital Insurance)** helps cover inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, and home health care. Most people get Medicare Part A premium-free since it is earned by working and paying Social Security taxes.

- **Part B (Medical Insurance)** helps cover services from doctors and other outpatient health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventative services. Most people pay a monthly premium for Part B. Some high-income individuals pay more than the standard premium. If you don’t enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period and then decide to do so later, your coverage may be delayed and you may have to pay a higher monthly premium.

- **Part C (Medicare Advantage)** allows you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. This plan includes all benefits and services covered under Part A and Part B, usually includes Medicare prescription drug coverage, and may include extra benefits and services at an extra cost. You must have Part A and Part B to enroll in Part C. Monthly premiums vary depending on the state where you live, private insurer, and whether you select a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization.

- **Part D (Medicare prescription drug coverage)** helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Many people pay a premium for Part D. However, people with low income and resources may qualify for Extra Help to pay the premium and deductible. If you don’t enroll in a Medicare drug plan when you’re first eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty if you join a plan later. You will have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage.

For more information about Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Mike Laird is the Social Security District Manager in Ann Arbor. He can be contacted at 800-772-1213 or Mike.Laird@ssa.gov.

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**John Avey**

Whitmore Lake, Michigan

**HER LEGACY…** John Dessie Avey, 63, passed away June 21, 2017. He was born on February 17, 1955, in Detroit, Michigan to Robert Lawrence and Kay Merle (Wilson) Avey. He will be remembered as a fun loving person who loved to laugh. John worked in concrete construction most of his life. He was a man of great strength, a hard worker, fearless, and lived life to its fullest.

**HER FAMILY…** John will be missed by his spouse, Michelle Avey; his children, Jason Avey, John Avey, Ian Avey; father, Robert Avey; siblings, Rob Avey, Tim (Kim) Avey, Aimee Avey; several grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his brother, Mark; mother, Kay.

**HER FAREWELL…** John’s Community Farewell was held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 4:00pm at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Family and friends gathered from 1:00pm until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for John’s family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.
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