National Weather Service Station at Gaylord, Michigan

This National Weather Service Station forecasts the weather for Boyne Valley and 25 counties in the Tip of the Mitt including 2 counties in the upper peninsula. The WSR88D Doppler Radar is part of the mosaic of radars that are used by the National Weather Service to forecast for the entire country. Housed in the building is the high tech equipment and computers that give us the information that we rely on for planning our activities.  See Field Trip on Page 2
Coming Events

October

* Friday, October 15, 10:30 AM
FIELD TRIP
National Weather Service Station
Look to the right for information and map.

* Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
Boyne Library Conference Room
(All Members Welcome)

November

* Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 PM
General Membership Meeting
Boyne Library Community Room
Presentation: The Michigan State University, Charlevoix Co. Extension
Dean Solomon will speak to us about The function of the Extension in our community and the results of their recent survey.

* Wednesday, November 24, 6:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
Boyne Library Conference Room
(All Members Welcome)

December

Christmas Party
Friday, Dec. 10, 6:00 PM
Suzie Dickow’s house
848 State Street (M 75)
Boyne City, Michigan
(Extra parking at the storage area) east of the house

* Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
Boyne Library Conference Room
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In March when Bruce Smith, the new director of the National Weather Service Station in Gaylord, spoke to us about forecasting the weather, the response was so great that we planned a field trip to their facility. We are scheduled for a tour at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 15th. Limited to 20 people please RSVP Larry and Virginia Maltby 549-3305

Take I-75 south of Gaylord to the Waters exit, proceed to Old 27 and turn right, then immediately turn left on Passenheim Road. Stay on Passenheim for 2.8 miles to the station. You will see the radar tower on the left.

After the tour we will stop at the Sugar Bowl Restaurant in downtown Gaylord for lunch.

Happy Holidays
Join the Christmas fun at Suzie Dickow’s house!

We will enjoy a renowned FOBR potluck. The meat dish, soft drinks and utensils will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. Help us entertain Join in the singing, play an instrument, tell a story, do a magic trick….what ever.
Dick Cunningham says good-by as President and Carl Wehner takes over.

This is my last President’s Column. After being president for the last two years, I felt it was time for another face in this position. It has been a pleasure working with the board and for this organization. I will continue my position as a board member and Carl Wehner will be the new face at the head of the table. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I have enjoyed it.

Dick Cunningham

The Board wishes to thank Dick for his two years of excellent service and welcome Carl Wehner as our new President.

Old City Park is Looking Good

On September 8th Nancy Cunningham presented a program updating the status of Old City Park. The program was well attended with several members of the Garden Club joining us. As you can see from the pictures above, the foliage on the bank is luxurious. There are several reasons for this. First, we installed a sprinkler system to keep the exposed bank watered. Second, our fund raising efforts provided some money for maintenance. Most important, Nancy and Mark Contrucci keep a watchful eye on the bank and spend many hours working to keep it beautiful.

We sometimes get volunteer help. Ryan Field, of Ryan’s Landscaping, donated his labor to mulch the bank this year. Considering the length of the area this was no small task. The FOBR has given Ryan an honorary two year membership as thanks for his work. When the call goes out for weeding the bank, the membership needs to make an all out effort to turn out. It would be fun to start with coffee and donuts in the morning and finish at noon with sandwiches in the Park. The Old City Park bank stabilization project is the most visible project that we have ever done. When you walk along the bank you can’t help but feel FOBR pride.
THE ANNUAL MEETING by Candy Greene

The “Friends” gathered on Wednesday, Aug. 11 for their annual potluck and BBQ at the Pavilion in Veteran’s Park.

The board elections were held and we said goodbye and thank you to Susan Vrondran for serving on the board. We welcomed back Susie Dickow, and were very pleased to have her fish expertise and past experience to guide us along. Our treasurer, Bob Greene, presented a clear and colorful annual report for 2009.

The recipient of our annual paddle award went to honor board member Larry Maltby. Larry is the editor of our “Friends” newsletter that comes out quarterly. His dedication and leadership to our group has been invaluable and the committee felt recognition was needed for his 12 years on the board.

Pat Schroeder and son provided our delicious BBQ ribs and chicken. The side dishes and desserts were yummy. Our door prizes this year included a beautiful smoke tree donated by Mark C’s Trees, and club tee shirts and hats were won by most attendees. It was an enjoyable evening to be able to visit with friends who support the Friends of the Boyne River.

Virginia Maltby accepts the paddle from Marie Sheets on behalf of Larry who was up in the Keweenaw collecting agates with their son Ken.