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Subject: The Good, the Bad and the Mad: Michigan Eccentrics

Interlochen – Michigan has historic people connected to the state who are famous all over the world, such as Henry Ford, Walter Chrysler and Charles Lindberg.

Michigan has also produced what Allison Bryant, with the Benzie Area Historical Museum, calls eccentric people: “I have always been intrigued by the ‘interesting’ people who make up our history. A variety of heroes, con men, iconic personalities and political figures are covered in the program. Did you know that Bailey of Barnum and Bailey circus was a Michigander, that the ‘world's worst poet’ is buried at Manton, that a former Governor disappeared in Brazil and that Al Capone wouldn't mess with the Purple Gang, Detroit's mob?”

Join Bryant on Thursday, April 18, 12:30 p.m., at the Golden Fellowship Hall, in Interlochen, 9700 Riley Road, as he presents his program on a few of these Michigan “eccentrics” – with humor and surprises.

Bryant is a native of Western Michigan and holds a degree in English from Olivet and a Master of Library Science from Western Michigan University. Now a resident of Frankfort, he has been a College Professor, a public and academic librarian, a haunter of cemeteries and a researcher for a Grand Rapids Area Paranormal Group. His hobby is the presentation of programs on what he calls the “corners of history” – besides Eccentric Michiganders; there are programs on Lizzie Borden, the Titanic, Bonnie and Clyde, Butch Cassidy, Gravestone Symbolism, the Romanovs and Michigan Music.

The presentation is free. An optional lunch will be served at noon for a \$3 suggested donation for those 60 and over, \$5 for all others. Advanced registration for both the lunch and presentation is required by Monday, April 15.

For more information or to register, email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or call the registration number at 231-922-2080

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The Senior Center Network, part of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, offers diverse programs to older adults in Grand Traverse County. Thousands each year enjoy dozens of activities on a daily basis at locations in Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen, and Kingsley. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 231-922-4911, or visit www.grandtraverse.org/scn or our Facebook page.