

## Stolen trailer

### Editorial by Ron Cooper

There are reports every day about stolen property having been recovered and confiscated by police. In the last issue of FAN we wrote about a dump trailer that had been stolen from a home in Crockery Township. Three years later, the owner identified the trailer which was located at a business in Norton Shores.

Neither the Norton Shores police nor Ottawa County sheriff's deputies have returned it to the rightful, legal owner nor have they arrested the thieves, who seem to be known

When the businessman in possession of the trailer was notified that the trailer had been stolen, he stripped the wheels off the trailer and removed the battery, re-locating the trailer near the back of his business so it isn't visible from the road. The Ottawa County sheriff deputy who contacted the businessman did not even file a report about having located the trailer.

Is there an effort or lack of effort intended to protect the business owner who has the stolen trailer in his possession? What other explanation is there for Norton Shores Police Department's lack of effort?•

## Limiting senior citizens' right to use their money to save their lives

(From the August, 2011 issue, Muskegon Right to Life News)

The multi-billion dollar cuts in Medicare to finance the new law have been well-publicized. Less well known is that the law actually empowers Washington bureaucrats to keep senior citizens from using their own money to try to offset these cuts.

Under the law previously in effect — as a result of 2003 Medicare amendments championed by National Right to Life — older Americans who chose to do so were permitted to add their own money on top of the government's Medicare contribution in order to purchase private insurance (known as Medicare Advantage private-fee-for-service plans) less likely to deny treatment. However, the new law empowers bureaucrats in the Department of Health and Human Services to refuse to permit such plans to be offered — preventing senior citizens from seeking to escape rationing by making up the shortfall with their own hard-earned and carefully saved funds.

Full details and documentation, along with various other rationing concerns in the new law are available at: [www.nrlc.org/HealthCareRationing](http://www.nrlc.org/HealthCareRationing)•

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.."

Winston Churchill

## Message to dog owners

### Letter to the Editor:

Please pick up your dog's poop on the bike path!! Thanks.

Donna Pope  
Village council member

## We did have summer, didn't we?

By Lynn Edlund

Whoosh! That's how summer felt to me. And it seems we had August in July and now in August we are starting fall.

If you are like me, fall is coming on like a freight train with school starting, all the sign-ups, bowling leagues, etc., not to mention day care for the young and old. And that is where we come in.

Chariots of Fire, your own local hometown transportation company, is here to make your life simpler in many ways. We are proud to announce the acquisition of a large multi-passenger van that can handle both individuals and up to four wheelchair passengers at a time. This van allows us baby boomers like me to continue working and get mom and dad or Aunt Sue and Uncle Harry to doctor's appointments, physical therapy, day care, shopping, or to a movie. It is important for us to remind you that many seniors have medical insurance that will pay for transportation to doctor's appointments, but they won't tell you about it. Call ahead and find out if your loved one's insurance will cover it.

We've also been asked to take wheelchair adults to restaurants to join the family for get-togethers. There is no end to the possibilities we can do for you. Please call us about a day in advance at (231) 799-4828 so we can schedule your pick up and quote a price. We are prompt and specialize in caring, compassionate service for our seniors. Our vehicles and drivers are clean, licensed, and insured for your safety and peace of mind. We look forward to hearing from you, especially in view of the impending winter weather driving.•

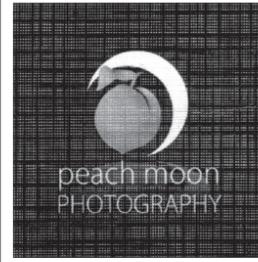
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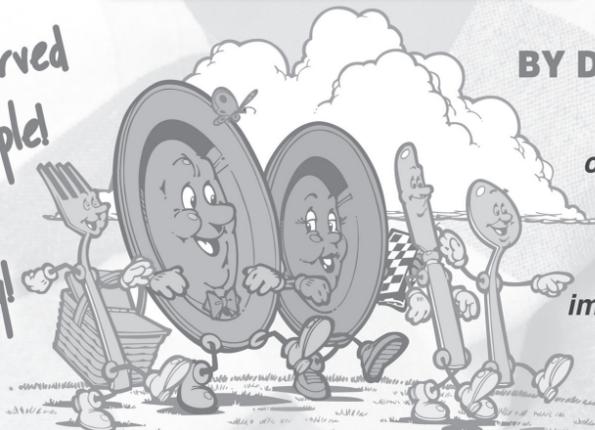
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