

# Searching for "Pirate's Treasure"

*Outdoor book launch bash scheduled for August 22*

When three cousins find a secret trunk in their great-grandmother's attic, they get more than they bargained for. While pretending to play pirates, they soon discover it's no longer a game—it's real—and they have to find the buried treasure!

"The Traveler's Trunk: Pirate's Treasure," is the first book by Cedar Springs author Amanda Litz, and the first book in The Traveler's Trunk series. It is a fantasy adventure story full of action that is fun for both boys and girls (2nd - 4th grade reading level).

Litz, who recently returned to Michigan after 12 years, said she got the idea to write the book from her kids. "I was always telling stories for my kids at bedtime, and they said I should write them down. Once I became a new stay-at-home mom, I decided to write the book, and get it published," she explained. She also has the second book in the series in rough draft form, and expects to publish "The giant problem" next August.

Litz is holding an outdoor book launch bash for "Pirate's Treasure" next week, August 22, from 1-3 p.m. at her home at 15071 Hanna Avenue in Ce-

dar Springs. It will be a fun-filled afternoon of reading, refreshments, contests and live music by Ars Nova.

Residents will have an opportunity to meet the author and purchase a copy of the book, and children can also enter writing, drawing,



Author Amanda Litz

and costume contests to win a free copy. There will also be a free giveaway with prizes, including an autographed copy of "Pirate's Treasure," a copy of the Traveler's Trunk Coloring and Activity book, and a special "Pirate's Treasure" kid's t-shirt. The book can also be ordered at [www.travelerstrunkpublishing.com](http://www.travelerstrunkpublishing.com).

Litz lives in Cedar Springs with her husband and three children.



# Man found dead in Greenville

The Greenville Department of Public Safety is investigating the death of a man found dead in one of the city's apartment complexes last week.

Officers were dispatched about 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 6, to River's Edge Townhomes, 718 N. Hillcrest, and found a 22-year-old white male dead at the scene. The man was identified as Michael Allen Powers, of Belding.

Police have not released the cause of death and the case is still under investigation. Anyone with information concerning this case is encouraged to call Silent Observer at (616) 774-2345 or Greenville Department of Public Safety at 616-754-9161 and ask for Detective Dillon.

## Hometown Hero

Callie S. Kiamis has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

Cadets are observed and evaluated during classroom and field training exercises to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision-making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training

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