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ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Water system due for upgrade

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - A new village council member took his seat for the first time and an update on the upcoming village water system upgrades was given at a brief Village Council meeting held Monday, November 9.

Newly appointed Ellsworth Village Council member Greg McCallum joined his fellow council members for the first time this month. McCallum was appointed to replace Marilyn Drenth who resigned in September.

The only thing holding up much needed upgrades to the Ellsworth Village water system is final confirmation on a \$600,000 USDA Rural Development Loan which was confirmed verbally several months ago. "All bids for the new water system will be out by spring," said Village President Hugh Campbell. In 1985 two-thirds of the village water system was upgraded and is still in good condition. The remaining third was in good condition in 85 but now

needs to be updated. A new reducing station, water meters, and repairs to the water tower are some of the issues that will be addressed once work begins.

Campbell informed the board that the Community Square project has been put on hold until the spring. "The landscapers are busy and can't get to it until then," he said. A fence and gazebo-style band shell are planned additions as well as the landscaping.

During the meeting the board also approved budget amendments, edited a contact information roster for the board and village committees and reviewed a Thank-you letter from Paddle Antrim. "It was really successful, that thing is going to be big," said Campbell in reference to the Chain of Lakes kayaking event that launched from Ellsworth River Park this past September.

The Woodshoe Holiday Festival is scheduled for December 9. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 7p.m. at the Banks Township Hall.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

Neidhamer named Mayor of Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - A new mayor appointed in Boyne City is among many big changes and developments residents here can expect to see in the coming New Year.

The city commission at its meeting Tuesday, November 10, unanimously approved naming long-time city commissioner Tom Neidhamer as new mayor, replacing Ron Grunch, who has served the city in that capacity since 2011.

Grunch said he is stepping down as Mayor in part due to health concerns, but will continue to serve on the city commission as long as his health permits.

He added that his decision to recommend the commission name Neidhamer as his replacement also came as "good business decision and exit strategy".

"Good management requires honest and forthright succession," Grunch said in a prepared statement.



TOM NEIDHAMER

He said he has great faith that Neidhamer's experience and leadership skills will serve the city well as it is poised to begin several multi-million dollar improvement and construction projects in the coming year.

Neidhamer is a licensed contractor who teaches building trades and construction management. He has served on the city's planning commission for the past 25 years and the city commission for the past four years.

"I did not seek this coming," Neidhamer said to Grunch after the commission approved Grunch's recommendation to name him new Mayor, "But I am humbled and willing and hope I can do as good a job as you have done."

City Commissioner Gene Towne was unanimously approved as Mayor pro-tem at Tuesday's meeting as well. Newly-elected member Hugh Conklin was also

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East Jordan holds State of The Community Luncheon



East Jordan City Administrator, Tom Cannon provided an overview of the City's focus on planning and placemaking. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

The mood was festive and the outlook optimistic at the annual East Jordan State of The Community Luncheon held on Tuesday, November 10 at the Harvest Barn Church. The forum began with a rousing surprise performance of the Star Spangled Banner and the East Jordan Fight Song by the East Jordan School Band, setting the stage for uplifting messages by the speakers at the early afternoon gathering attended by nearly 100 people.

Mary Faculak, Executive Director East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, presided over the event and noted in her opening statement that, "There is a whole lot to celebrate. This is a festive time for this community."

Matt Stevenson, East Jordan Public School Superintendent presented a summary of the 2014/2015



The Luncheon began with a rousing surprise performance of the Star Spangled Banner and the East Jordan Fight Song by the East Jordan School Band. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

school year and stated that East Jordan Public Schools has improved in most areas and exceeded state testing score averages in most areas. He highlighted several student accomplishments including

having the first cross country team to go to state competition in seven years as well as excellence for the Quiz Bowl team, Cheer team and

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New Senior Center opens in East Jordan

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan area senior citizens have a new place to meet, eat and play. As of October 12 the Senior Community Center has moved from 116 Main Street to 951 Mill Street in the old middle school, tentatively known as the Mill Street Campus.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has leased the kitchen, cafeteria, media center and middle section of the building. "The kids still use the gym for sporting events and three hallways with classrooms will be leased by others," explained COA executive Director Shirley Gillespie. "It's a wonderful move we're excited about it. It's really, really nice."

A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled November 13 from 10a.m to 2p.m. to allow everyone to come see the new facility. "We want to showcase the different activities that are going to be happening at the center and we just want people to come and see it," she said. According to Gillespie the center was ready for a change of place. "The city of East Jordan was very good to us. They allowed us to get out of our lease early and get up to the school," she said. Gillespie was excited that they were able to make the move smoothly. "We never skipped a beat," she said explaining that they conducted business as usual on the 11th and served a hot meal at the Mill Street Campus the next day.

Since the move, on average the center has been serving hot meals to 35 people Monday through Fri-








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OBITUARIES

Zada Lou Dobrowski, 87

(MARCH 24, 1928 - NOV. 6, 2015)

Zada Lou Dobrowski, 87, of Boyne City, passed away Friday, November 6, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born March 24, 1928, in Boyne City to John and Hazel (Smith) Koepke. Zada grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1946.



On November 9, 1946, she married Frank Dobrowski in Boyne City. They made their home in Jackson, where she worked as a seamstress for L.H. Fields Department Store. She also worked as a bookkeeper at the Parnell School. After retiring in 1979, they moved to Spring Hill, Fla., then returned to Boyne City in 1992.

Zada was an artist and enjoyed painting. She enjoyed reupholstering furniture, and loved canning food – for which she earned blue ribbons at the county fair.

Zada is survived by her children, Frank (Phoebe) Dobrowski, Jeff (Helen) Dobrowski, Brenda Brook all of Boyne City, Cindy (Russ) Koeman of Boyne Falls; grandchildren, Scott Dobrowski, Allyson Dobrowski, Eddie and Shelby Brook; sister, Janice (Carlton "Eugene") Juday of Petoskey.

Zada was preceded in death by her husband Frank in 2000, and by her son Eric.

A private burial was held at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Madeline Mary Vercruysse (DeBacker), 91

(SEPT. 28, 1924 - NOV. 10, 2015)

Madeline Mary "Chungie" Vercruysse, passed away on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Mallard Cove in Petoskey, MI.



Beloved wife of Leon, born in Rock, Michigan on September 28, 1924 the second of three daughters born to Jules and Elizabeth (Van den Bulke) DeBacker; sisters Germaine DeBacker and Adriene Moellering preceded her in death.

Madeline is survived by her husband Leon; niece Sharon Brooks; nephews Daniel and David Moellering and many great nephews and nieces.

Madeline was a former twenty-five year office supervisor of Royal Inc. in Ann Arbor, MI. Most recently she has been a resident of Mallard Cove in Petoskey for the

past four years.

Visitation will be held 5:00 – 8:00 PM Friday 13th, 2015 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Saturday, November 14th, 2015 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City with a visitation being held at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Burial will take place 1:00 PM Monday, November 16th, 2015 at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI.

Donations in honor of Madeline may be directed to the Boyne City Rotary Club.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Marleen Jill Schraw (Keene), 62

(JAN. 14, 1953 - NOV. 7, 2015)

Marleen Jill Schraw passed away at her beloved Boyne City, Michigan home on Saturday, November 7, 2015 following her short battle with pancreatic cancer.



Born January 14, 1953 in Flint, Michigan to Mason and Glanis "Mercedes" Keene, she attended Western Michigan University, graduating in 1976. On June 28, 1975 she married Thomas Schraw.

Marleen lived in many different places including Saginaw and Kalamazoo, MI; York, PA; Nairobi, Kenya; and Allentown, PA. before settling in Boyne City, where she worked at the Schraw & Associates law firm until the time of her passing.

Marleen served on the board of the WinSome Women Foundation, chairing the music ministry. In this capacity, Marleen forged personal friendships with many leading Christian artists of her time including Dallas Holm, Sandi Patti, Michael Card, Robin Mark, Fernando Ortega, Laura Story and Kathryn Scott. She will be especially remembered for her elegance mixed with a spirit of adventure, and the tenacity to share her genuine relationship with her Savior, Jesus, with women of all ages.

Survivors include her husband Tom, daughter Whitney (Joshua) Skeans, son Joel (Sarah) Schraw and her three grandsons Jamus, Finley and Keene.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., at the Walloon Lake Community Church. A brief visitation period will begin at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are also welcome to a luncheon immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are welcome and should be made to WinSome Women Foundation for a memorial schol-

arship fund. Mail to 116 Water Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

The family specifically thanks the staff and volunteers at Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for their tremendous help and support.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Marleen are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Visitation at the Walloon Lake Community Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Nov 13, 2015.

Amy (Angel) Smith-Skagerberg, 31

(JAN. 18, 1984 - NOV. 6, 2015)

Amy (Angel) Elizabeth (Smith) Skagerberg 31yrs. old of Detroit passed away unexpectedly on November 6, 2015. Amy was born in Petoskey Michigan. She attended Pellston Schools most of her school years and graduated from Boyne City Alternative Education. While in Pellston she participated in softball and cheerleading. She had an infectious smile that touched everyone around her.

Amy is survived by her parents, George and Phyllis Smith, her birth father Vergil Williams, her children Kanen, Laden, Olivia, and Shoshanna, her siblings Rodney (Linda) Smith, Melissa (Jeff) Mallory, Tammy (Shanon) Williamson, David Smith, John Danielski, Betty (David) Russell, Juanita Gee, Jeremy Williams, Lynn (Lee) Andric, Virgil (Laura) Munson, grandmother, Patsy Keiser, many nieces, nephews, cousins and her lifelong best friend Mikal Staley Doke.

She was preceded in death by her birth mother Juanita Gossett, her sister Sarah (Sunshine) Smith, grandparents- Ellwyn Keiser, Lillian Harrington, Joe and Betty Robbins, lone and Ivan Munson.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 13th at 11:00am at the Bliss Missionary Church in Bliss, MI.

Those wishing to honor Amy's memory are asked to make a donation to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Schiller Funeral Home in Harbor Springs.

Marland A. Lamoreaux, 78

(SEPT. 23, 1937 - NOV. 8, 2015)

Marland A. Lamoreaux of Central Lake went home to be with Jesus, on November 8, 2015 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility with his wife Carol, daughter Kathy, and son-in-law Ron, holding his hands.

Marland was born on September 23, 1937, in Banks Township, MI, the son of Raymond and Hazel (Arnold) Lamoreaux. He was a lifelong resident of the Central Lake area and attended the Eastport Baptist Church. Marland worked at Gulf and Western in East Jordan for many years as well as owning and operating a sanitation company in Eastport.

He loved to spend time with his grandchildren, David, Heather, Erin, and Curtis. He also enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing and farming. On August 28, 1965, in Eastport, he married Carol (Fettig) Lamoreaux who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter Kathryn (Ronald) Eberline of Commerce Township, MI, Chris Lamoreaux of Albany, NY, four grandchildren, David, Heather, Erin and Curtis, two brothers, John (Lynn) Lamoreaux of Charlevoix, Richard (Rita) Lamoreaux of Eastport, two sisters, Linda (Gary) McDaniel of Elk Rapids, Janet Johnson of Central Lake, a sister-in-law Lois Lamoreaux of Elk Rapids as well as many nieces and nephews. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parents Raymond and Hazel, his son Steve, and his brother Russell.

Funeral services will be held Sat. Nov. 14, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Russell Sharp officiating. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. until the time of service.

Memorial gifts can be made in the following ways: Online: www.nwf.org/GreatLakesDonate; By mail: NWF – Great Lakes 213 W. Liberty St., Suite 200. Ann Arbor, MI 48104; By phone: call Kate Harris at 734-887-7115. For online or gifts by check, please specify "In Memory of Marland Lamoreaux" Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Connie J. Cunningham, 68

(MARCH 7, 1947 - NOV. 2, 2015)

Connie J. Cunningham, 68, of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, November 2, 2015, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home. She was born March 7, 1947, in Charlevoix to Clyde and Jeanette L. (Potter) Cunningham. Connie grew up in Charlevoix, and was employed by the Bergmann Center Adult Handicap Workshop for thirty years retiring in 1994.

Connie was a member of the Community Reformed Church. She enjoyed latch-hook and needlepoint, and loved to write.

She is survived by her siblings, Cindy (James) Mansen of Charlevoix, Ellen (Terry) Ormsby of Clinton Township, Mitch (Connie) Cunningham, Darlene (Dave) Heine, and Marlene (Ed) Evans all of Charlevoix; aunts, Jessie Cunningham, and Helen Cunningham both of Charlevoix; uncles, Robert (Maize) Potter, Eldon (Anah) Potter all of Charlevoix, Ted (Doris) Potter of Houghton Lake; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Connie's parents, Clyde and Jeanette Cunningham preceded her in death.

Funeral was held Wednesday, November 4, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Chip Sauer and Jan Boss officiated. Burial in the Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center, 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home, 14676 West Upright, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please share a memory of Connie or condolences at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Betty Jean Pinney (Murray), 90

(NOV. 22, 1924 - NOV. 4, 2015)

Betty Jean Pinney, 90, of East Jordan died Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.



She was born on November 22, 1924, in East Jordan, the daughter of William and Carrie (Walker) Murray.

On September 29, 1941, in Bellaire, she married Glenn Arthur Pinney. He preceded her in death on November 21, 1983.

She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Betty Jean enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharon Leonard of East Jordan; a son, Glenn Pinney, Jr. of Alba; ten grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; six great, great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sue Ann Carey on May 7, 1996; one brother, Joseph Murray; and three sisters, Louise Hebden, Hazel Mathers and Mary Ann Suttiff.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Burial followed at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

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Memorial contributions may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S Peninsula Road, East Jordan MI 49727.

Douglas Francis Lilak, 68

(NOV. 6, 1946 - NOV. 3, 2015)

Douglas Francis Lilak, 68, died Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at his home in East Jordan.



He was born on November 6, 1946, in Petoskey, Michigan, the son of James Francis, II and Phyllis Erdine (Rogers) Lilak. He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1964. Doug graduated from Green's Barber College in Detroit. On November 27, 1965, in East Jordan, he married Sally Gidley.

Doug was drafted in 1966, into the United States Army. Upon his return from military service, he worked for Ford Motor Company and attended Wayne State University on the G.I. Bill. He graduated in 1977, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Doug served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of SUNZ Insurance Company, Inc., which he co-founded, and as its Chief Executive Officer and President. Doug co-founded JAAG Risk Management, Inc. in late 2001 serviced the PEO industry in a Risk Management consulting capacity. This followed a distinguished 25 year career with Lumbermen's Underwriting Alliance. During his tenure with Lumbermen's, he served as Regional Vice President for approximately ten years where he had responsibility for the Great Lakes Region's underwriting, sales, loss prevention, staffing, collateralization, and financial results.

Doug retired in 2015. He and Sally had also lived in several cities in Southern Michigan; Merrill, Wisconsin; Boca Raton, Bradenton and Parrish, Florida, before moving home to East Jordan in 2011.

He served as an Elder for the First Presbyterian Church in Boca Raton and East Jordan, board member of the East Jordan Family Health Center, Vice Chairman and board member of the East Jordan Housing Commission. He was a member of the East Jordan Lions Club and East Jordan Sno-mobilers Club. In addition, Doug served on many advisory boards in Wisconsin and Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Gidley Lilak of East Jordan; Adam (Teresa) Lilak of Flat Rock, Indiana and Aaron (Cristina) Lilak of Beaverton, Oregon; four grandchildren, Morgan, Emma, Haylie and Caitlin; two sisters, Judy Trojanek, of Bloomington, Minnesota, Marcia (David) Straubel, of Portage; two brothers, Roger (Julie Urban) Lilak, of Petoskey and Nick (Theresa) Lilak, of Bloomington, Illinois; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Lilak, III.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. Interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials may be directed to the East Jordan Sno-mobilers, Inc. P.O. Box 80, East Jordan, MI 49727 or Crossroads Resale Shop's new building fund; please make checks payable to Crossroads with "Building Fund In Memory of Doug Lilak" in the memo line, P.O. 937, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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Alexander Courage Elzinga entered this world on October 2, 2015, at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids. Zander as he is called, was born to Carrie (Heeres) and Daniel Elzinga and big brother Henry Danger. He weighed 9# 6 oz. and was 23.25 inches tall. Grandparents are Ivan & Joan Elzinga of Grand Rapids and Dave & Donna Heeres of Ellsworth.

Great Grandparents are Ken & Arlene Staley of Charlevoix, Patricia Hoolsema of Coopersville and Anne Elzinga of Grand Rapids.

SENIOR CENTER

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day. "Our food is cooked from scratch, it's always a nice meal," she said. The center also

delivers meals to 24 East Jordan resident's homes. "Since we've moved more people have been coming out and it's just gonna grow and grow," she said.

The center has more activities running than ever before. Like daily walking, line dancing, card playing, Wii bowling, paint classes, a foot clinic twice a month, exercise equipment available for use at any time, craft classes, music twice a week, and Bingo. "We would like to start new programs such as quilting, a coffee club, and card making," said Gillespie. Any of the services or activities offered at the center are available to anyone not just East Jordan residents.

The Open House will feature display tables from the Salvation Army and John Hess with the county veteran association. Free transportation to the grand opening from the Charlevoix and Boyne City Senior Centers is available with a reservation.

The center is open daily from 9a.m. to 2p.m. "You can come in anytime during that time and exercise or use the pool and ping pong tables," she said. Call 231-536-7831 or the COA office at 231-237-0103 or Toll Free 866-428-5185 for information about activities or times.

EJ Lions Club Gun Raffle Winners



The East Jordan Lions Club recently held the drawing for their annual fall Gun Raffle Fundraiser. Pictured is David Scott, 2nd place winner of a Savage .308 rifle. Chris Rowley, 1st place winner, won a Weatherby Vanguard .308 rifle. Michael Birdsall won the third place prize of a \$100.00 gift certificate to Jay's in Gaylord. The Lions Club thanks the community, Jay's of Gaylord, EJ Family Fare, and EJ True Value Hardware for their support of the fundraiser. Funds raised from this event support local Lions Club service projects in the East Jordan community. COURTESY PHOTO

Ellsworth Building Trades class starts new home

The sounds of hammers pounding have been heard outside of doors of Ellsworth Community School this fall. Those sounds originate from the students of the newly formed Building Trades class at Ellsworth High School. The new class came about this past summer as a result of surveying students and parents last spring.

"As a school district we realized the need for more career focused, hands-on classes for our high school students," said ECS Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney.

Two of the biggest challenges schools face when starting new vocational programs such as building trades are the costs involved with purchasing equipment, and finding certified instructors.

"We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Ethel Coeling Fund which enabled us to purchase the equipment and supplies necessary to start our program," said Gaffney. Additionally, ECS Athletics Director and Student Success Coordinator, Brian Certa, is a retired building trades teacher. "I approached Mr. Certa last spring with the idea of starting a building trades class," said Gaffney. "He immediately recognized the value it would add to students' lives and stepped up to the challenge of starting a new program in Ellsworth."

"I taught building trades for over 30 years in Charlevoix," said Certa. "It's been a joy to get back in the classroom and take



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on the challenge of starting a new program."

The class is constructing a 16' x 28' "guest house" in the high school parking lot. When complete the guest house will have a covered front porch, living room, kitchenette, bedroom, and full

bathroom.

"Our plan is to complete the project over two school years," said Certa. This fall the students are focusing on constructing and enclosing the structure, which they will then use as their classroom this winter.

Then next school year they will complete the interior and details. "We'll be putting out a high quality product," said Certa. "Our plans call for using some higher end finishes than your typical school building trades project such as knotty pine interior finishes and exterior wood trim."

Currently there are 14 high school students enrolled in the class which meets daily for 55 minutes. "It's been a great experience so far," said ECS junior Jacob Szezepanski. "We've already learned a lot about both the building process and working together as a team."

The school district plans to sell the house when completed at the conclusion of the 2016/17 school year.

"We're fortunate enough to be in a position to cover the cost of construction until the class is able to complete the project next school year," said Gaffney. "I'm very thankful for the supportiveness of the school board, the grant that we received to cover the cost of tools and equipment, and most importantly the quality of educational instruction that Mr. Certa is providing for our students."

For more information on this program or Ellsworth Community School in general please contact Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney at 231.588.2544 or agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us

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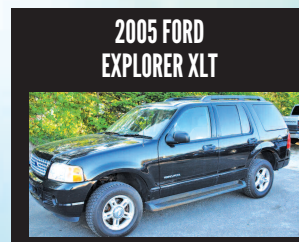
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STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

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Robotics programs.

Stevenson reported that school enrollment was on the upturn for the first time in eight years. Goals that have been established for the schools include; improving academic performance, enhancing partnerships with local organizations and collaboration with surrounding districts, expanding curriculum in vocational areas, recruiting and retaining the best teachers, focusing on long term infrastructure and continuing to stabilize revenue and expenses. On that note, he added that the schools had increased fund equity and did not lay off any teachers this past year.

East Jordan City Administrator, Tom Cannon provided an overview of the City's focus on planning and placemaking, including re-addressing the master plan and developing way-finding signage. New gateway signs have been designed with plans to place one on M-32 and two on M-66 in the coming year or so. Additional primary and secondary signage is also planned for implementation in the next two years.

In response to dwindling capacity for the dual lagoon wastewater treatment system, Cannon also presented the benefits replacing the system with a mechanical plant to handle the demands of future community growth. Highlights of completed projects this past year included street paving projects, siren relocation, increased recycling capacity, well-house number two and a new trackless snow removal vehicle.

Tom Teske, Chairman East Jordan Downtown Development Authority stated that two of the bond debts that the DDA has been servicing for many years; the Main Street Project and Spring Street project, had been paid off this past year. Upcoming projects will assist with the new master plan implementation, including work in the Main Street area, as well as Memorial Park improvements. Teske noted that the



Mary Faculak, Executive Director East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, presided over the State of the Community event on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Music in the Park concert series, held at the Memorial Park Bank Shell during the summer, was a great success starting off with an outstanding performance by the popular band The Accidentals.

During the event, Mary Faculak commented on the success of the community Leadership Program, which has now graduated 54 students, many who have become active participants in the growth of East Jordan. She also remarked about the success of the Greenlight East Jordan Business Competition, which garnered 20 applicants and two winners; EJ Catering (crowd vote) and Business Center Plus (second place winner).

Jane Sage & Christy Nelson, from Northwest Michigan Works!, also presented during the event and reminded attendees about the educational opportunities available for adults offered at the East Jordan Library. The annual State of the Community Luncheon was sponsored by East Jordan Public Schools, Charlevoix State Bank, Northwest Michigan Works! and The Harvest Barn Church.



The East Jordan State of the Community presenters included, from left, Tom Teske, Chairman East Jordan Downtown Development Authority, Matt Stevenson, East Jordan Public School Superintendent, East Jordan City Administrator, Tom Cannon, Christy Nelson & Jane Sage from Northwest Michigan Works!, and Mary Faculak, Executive Director East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is pleased to announce the 5th annual Kiwanis Boyne city Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 26 at 9:00am. The event will begin and end at the pavilion at Boyne City Veteran's Park. Registration will open at 8am, and chip timing will be provided by Superior Timing. Awards will be recognized in 10 year age groups.

Individual and family pricing is available. Prior to the event, individuals can register for \$20 each and families for \$40. The day of the event, registration fees will be \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Individ-

uals per-registering receive a t-shirt and families will receive two t-shirts. T-shirts are guaranteed if entry form is received by November 20, 2015. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 each. Packet pick-up will be available day before event from 2-6pm at Edward Jones, 101 S Lake St, Boyne City.

Registration forms can be picked up at the following locations in Boyne City:
 Boyne City Chamber
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 Printable forms are available on the Boyne

City Chamber website (www.boynechamber.com). Online registration is available from www.supperiortiming.com.

All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area! We would also encourage everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event. These donations will then be delivered to our local food pantry which is always in need.

Charlevoix Area Hospital's Annual 5K Turkey Trot

Registration has begun for the 5th Annual Charlevoix Area Hospital Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 26th. The annual 5K run/walk starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix). A route map is posted on their website at cah.org, where convenient online pre-registration is available.

"We encourage this year's runners and walkers to take advantage of our online pre-registration," said Heather Parrish, one of the event's organizers. "Not only is it quick and easy, but it guarantees you a t-shirt." Registration forms are also available at the hospital's Emergency Department ad-

mission desk. "Day-of-the-trot" registration begins Thanksgiving morning at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K walk/run starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration will take place in the Charlevoix Area Hospital cafeteria; come in the hospital's main entrance and follow the signs.

The online registration fee (\$15 for adults/\$10 for children) guarantees you a colorful long-sleeved t-shirt. But if you prefer, for \$10 more, adults can choose an adult hooded sweatshirt instead. If you prefer to register on the day of the race, t-shirts will only be available on a first come, first served basis until they run out. Children in strollers and

pets on a leash are free. Each runner and walker is being asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry, helping to stock their shelves for the holiday season ahead.

"The hospital sponsors this popular event to encourage the community to get out and exercise with family and friends before sitting down to that 'big meal' of the year," said Amanda Evans, another of the event's organizers. "Join your friends and neighbors for a morning of Thanksgiving exercise - fun for the whole family!"

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Living with Seasonal Affective Disorder

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Seasonal affective disorder, SAD, is a form of depression that occurs most frequently in the fall and winter months as the hours of daylight become shorter and the temperatures become cooler. The amount of daylight will become less each day for the next four weeks and begin to increase after December 21.

SAD has only been recognized as a diagnosis since 1985. Symptoms are similar to other forms of depression and typically begin in

late fall or early winter and subside in the spring and summer. Symptoms include: hopelessness, loss of energy, social withdrawal, difficulty concentrating, weight gain and appetite changes - particularly craving foods high in carbohydrates, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities and excessive desire for sleep.

A reduction in serotonin and melatonin levels, related to a reduction in sunlight and the change of seasons, may contribute to SAD. The reduced level of sunlight may result in a dis-

ruption of the circadian rhythm, the biological clock. The incidence of seasonal affective disorder is greater in persons living further from the equator. SAD occurs in 1% to 10% of the U.S. population, is dependent on geographic location and is less common where there is snow on the ground. People of all ages can develop SAD and the average age of first symptoms is 23. Four times as many women as men report SAD symptoms.

Common treatments for SAD include light therapy, exercise,

and various supplements. Light therapy involves sitting a few feet away from a light therapy box. The light mimics outdoor light and seems to change brain chemicals related to mood. Opening blinds and sit close to windows will make your environment brighter.

Getting outside, even on cold or cloudy days, can help relieve symptoms of SAD. Outdoor light is most helpful in combating SAD within two hours of getting up in the morning. Regular exercise helps to relieve stress and anxi-

ety, which can contribute to SAD symptoms. Yoga, acupuncture, meditation and massage therapy may also help relieve depressive symptoms. Supplements which may be beneficial in treating SAD include: melatonin, St. John's wort, SAME and Omega-3 fatty acids.

Check with your doctor before trying these supplements as they may interact with prescription medications

SAFE to hold "Drug Trends Info Night" in Ellsworth

After a successful first event, the local SAFE in Northern Michigan coalition has added another "Drug Trends Info Night" to its schedule. Adults are invited to discover the latest trends in adolescent drug use, and learn how they can help young people stay substance-free. The event will take place 7-8:30pm on Wednesday, November 18, at Ellsworth High School and will feature returning guest speaker Trooper Corey Hebner of the Michigan State Police.

"Our goal is to educate and inform the community about current drug trends that youth are exposed to," said Amy Brown, coalition member and Community Health Coordinator at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "These events are geared toward parents, teachers, counselors, school administrators, coaches, youth pastors, and really any adult who interacts with teens and preteens."

Topics will include symbolism in drug culture, including paraphernalia, clothing, and more subtle signs that often go completely unnoticed by adults. Information about substance use among teenagers, including prescription drug abuse, will be discussed. Brown said she is looking forward to Trooper Hebner's presentations and expertise on the matter.

Hebner, who is a community service trooper based in Gaylord, will speak about the pressures youth face in today's culture. Earlier this year, Hebner received the Dr. Carl A. Gerstacker Trooper of the Year Award in recognition of his community involvement, dedication to duty, and professional ethics.

SAFE in Northern Michigan's Antrim branch previously operated under the name Antrim County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. SAFE in Northern Michigan exists to prevent youth substance use and increase community awareness of alcohol, tobacco and other substance use in Northern Michigan, with the vi-



Amy Brown and Jenna Minish, members of SAFE in Northern Michigan, hand out informational pamphlets and freebies to attendees during "Drug Trends Info Night" previously held at Mancelona High School. COURTESY PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

sion of creating environments free of substance use. The coalition is made up of community members that represent various local sectors and organizations, including the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

For information regarding events, contact Amy Brown at (231) 533-1012, or visit www.safeinm.com to learn more about SAFE in Northern Michigan. Call (800) 432-4121 for more

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GUEST COMMENTARY

National Community Foundation Week November 12-18, 2015

Unique Role – Unique Opportunities

More than 750 community foundations in the U.S. are impacting their communities in big ways and small. Whether it is providing local students scholarships for higher education or advocating for public policy change, community foundations exemplify the impact local citizens can have within their communities. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation are proud to be a part of this growing movement. During the week of November 12-18, the two foundations join the nation in celebrating the 26th Annual Community Foundation Week, recognizing the unique role that community foundations play within their towns and regions.

Since 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation have worked diligently to connect donors with community needs. Building partnerships between area nonprofits and those who wish to support them, the foundations have created numerous opportunities that have strengthened the entire region. Every year, we distribute grants that encourage arts and culture, community and economic development, education, environmental stewardship, health and human services, historic preservation, recreation and youth development.

Grantmaking, however, is just one of the roles the two foundations play. We see our place within the nonprofit sector as conveners and collaborators. Whether it is serving as fiscal sponsor of an upcoming project or providing nonprofit organizations capacity-building workshops, we serve as a resource for the community. Our unique relationship with donors and nonprofits means that we have the pulse on what needs are urgent today as well as what challenges or opportunities may arise in the near future

One opportunity being made available this year through community foundations is the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. This fund was created through the passage of Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes to how Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) operates in the state. The fund was established to improve the health of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of health care with special emphasis on the health and wellness of children and seniors. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund for 2015 is focusing a portion of its grantmaking on helping community foundations improve the health of the regions they serve. If our joint grant application is accepted, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Otsego County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation will partner with the Health Department of NW Michigan to help them increase mental health support in the schools within the three county area. The funding—approximately \$100,000—will allow the Health Department to place mental health providers in schools as a way to increase access to mental health care for youth.

This is just one example of how we are leading the charge to mobilize the commitment and creativity in our communities to find new and better ways to improve the lives of our neighbors.

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Robotics Rumble

By Michelle Medjesky

PETOSKEY - High school students from around the state met up at Central Elementary School in downtown Petoskey last weekend, and they came there to rumble. But they didn't bring with them any sense of malice, they just brought their robots.

Robotics teams from high schools in the Upper Peninsula to Grand Rapids showed up for a showdown of another sort: The Petoskey Robotics Robot Rumble, a battle to ultimately decide which team built the best robots in various capacities geared to this year's theme "Recycle Rush".

Loosely, the idea was for each team to build a robot operated remotely that could stack recycle bins most quickly and efficiently for a point-reward system.

About sixteen teams, or alliances, participated in the Petoskey Robot Rumble. Along with their coaches, mentors, family, friends and fans, hundreds

filled the school's gymnasium for the day-long competition which ended with Petoskey High School's robotics team, "The Paladins" taking top honors.

That in itself may have been enough to make Paladins Coach Tom Ochs proud, but seeing so many participants and such an enthusiastic crowd had to be doubly pleasing since Ochs, who teaches chemistry and physics at the high school, was one of the teachers who founded the Petoskey team five years ago along with physics teacher Lance Bailey.

Since its start, the Paladins has grown from a handful of interested students to where it now has 54 student members, both male and female, dismissing the notion that robotics is mostly a field for guys.

"They are just an awesome group," Ochs said.

Robotics teams align themselves with an organization called FIRST, meaning For Inspi-

ration and Recognition of Science and Technology, which is structured to help students learn that science, technology and problem-solving skills are not only fun, but can open doors to dozens of career choices, Ochs explained.

But being part of a robotics team is more than just about learning how to engineer, design, build, program and learn to remotely maneuver a robot, he noted.

Since the teams require materials and equipment and participate in various out of town venues, fund-raising, business, web design and marketing skills also come into play.

"We had a girl last year who helped us with marketing, and now she's majoring in marketing in college," said Ochs.

And that girl was not the only former team member who has gone on to college to study engineering or programming or other fields linked to participation on the robotic team.



Tom Schultz (center), coach of Charlevoix High School's robotics team, "The Ray-dernators", helps his team come up with a last minute solution to an issue they had with their robot before their turn to compete during the Petoskey Robotics Robot Rumble last weekend. Schultz also teaches Honors Chemistry at the high school.

"It's overwhelming what the kids get out of this, it's phenomenal, really," he said.

The teams also use community mentors from a pool of local professionals with a wide variety of experience who volunteer to help students in any way they feel might be of value, from helping with technical advice on how to engineer a project to teaching students how to build a better website or from a more business-

like standpoint, like how to engage a successful fund-raising campaign.

"Mentors are something we are always looking for and who are always welcome," said Ochs, "People would be surprised at the ways they might be able to help."

If interested in becoming a mentor for the Petoskey Paladin robotic team or for more information, contact him: ochs.tf@petoskeyschools.org

Navigating the Arts performance on November 19



Navigating the Arts program features young, developing artist of all ages performing dance, drama, music and poetry. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts proudly presents its biannual public performance Navigating the Arts. This program features young, developing artist of all ages performing dance, drama, music and poetry. Highlights include a traditional Native American Hoop Dance; a collection of

poetry based on the national competition Poetry Out Loud; a dance that re-constructs the beginning of the universe, a dance based on Terra Amata from the lower Paleolithic period, hilarious theatrical improvisations, music of Bob Dylan and more.

The evening promises inspiring creative expressions from

young people that will rejuvenate our perspective of individuals, community and the world. The program takes place at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room, November 19th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Donations will be appreciated. Please join us in supporting arts programming in our community.

Boyer City High School to receive \$5,000 grant

Boyer City High School is one of 100 schools across the state selected by Michigan College Access Network to receive a \$5,000 grant that will boost efforts to help students pursue education beyond high school. One hundred thirty-nine schools applied for the competitive Reach Higher grant in its first year. The goal of the program is to encourage a high school strategy to build a college-going culture and improve college enrollment outcomes.

"With this grant, we'll be able to create a strategy to improve the number of our students furthering their postsecondary education," said Principal Karen Jarema. "This grant program will spark change necessary to increase college readiness and participation."

The Reach Higher grant is a new grant program administered by the Michigan College Access Network.

The Reach Higher high school grantees will address four essential elements of a high school strategy, including:

- Establish Postsecondary Advisory Council, a dedicated team to lead the college access strategy, including: administrators, counselors, college advisers, teachers and members of community based-organizations.

- Reach Higher High School Self-Assessment: Each PAC will assess current effectiveness of college and career readiness counseling, support, and programming.

- Triad of College Access Events: Each PAC will plan and host college access events for seniors, including College Application Week in the fall, College

Cash Campaign in the winter and College Decision Day in the spring.

- Postsecondary Success Asset Mapping: Each PAC will evaluate the school's college-going culture using a research-based survey and set of tools.

Boyer City's Postsecondary Advisory Council consists of Boyer City High School's Principal, Karen Jarema, Boyer City High School's Counselor Cathy Brown, Char-Em ISD's K-12 Career/College Readiness Specialist Kelly Johnson and Boyer City High School's Michigan State University College Adviser Kaitlin Secord.

All efforts are highly supported by the Local College Access Network, specifically, the Char-Em College Access Alliance.

MCAN's overarching mission is to improve the college-going rate in Michigan by the year 2025, the organization aims to boost the number of Michigan residents with postsecondary degrees or certificates to 60 percent. Our state has recently experienced a modest increase in its college attainment rate from 37.4 percent to 38.4 percent; however Michigan's rate lags behind the national average of 40 percent.

"The inaugural year of the Reach Higher grant is important momentum we're hoping to build across the state," said Brandy Johnson, executive director of the Michigan College Access Network. "We are pleased to recognize the significant contributions these 100 schools are making to improve the number of students furthering their postsecondary education."

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welcomed to the city commission.

In other news, the commission held a public hearing and approved a resolution giving city manager Michael Cain the go-ahead to apply for a \$500,000 Community Block Grant that will go towards the \$3.8 million South Lake Street Redevelopment Project.

The project will include major improvements to sites located at 202-210 Lake Street that will allow for multiple retail sites, expanded parking and various other exterior and interior upgrades. It's anticipated the completed project will bring about 20 new jobs to Boyer City, about half of which are slated for lower and middle income applicants.

A primary occupant planning to locate within the South Lake Street Redevelopment Project is 7 Monks Tap Room, which also won commission approval on Tuesday

to move forward with its application for a redevelopment liquor license.

Developer Glen Catt said construction at the Lake Street site is expected to be complete in time for his clients to open 7 Monks Tap Room sometime in May or June 2016.

Boyer City is also planning to start work this spring on a \$7 million project that will bring a major upgrade to its city facilities, including the city hall, police and fire stations and city museum.

In light of the many impending development projects the city has lined up, commissioners set a series of public meetings to discuss updates on the projects and invite community opinion.

The dates are as follows:
*Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 12pm NOON, Boyer City Hall-City Facilities Update

*Thursday, December 10, 2015, 6pm at the new Department of Public Works Building-Joint Board and Commission meeting

*Thursday, January 14, 2016, St. Matthew's Church Fellowship Hall; Community Goal Setting

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Ballroom Dance

November 13, East Jordan VFW Hall, 6710 M-31 Hwy. Ballroom Dance with live music by the Jordan Valley All Stars. Includes a dance lesson at 6pm. The band plays from 6:45 to 9:15pm. Suggested donation - \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Bring your own soft drinks and snacks. For more information, please call 231-533-8368.

BOYNE CITY

Willie Nile in Concert

November 14, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, call; (231) 582-2588.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

November 14, 10am-4pm, East Jordan High School. Enjoy over 60 exhibitors, delicious food and support the Jordan River Arts Council.

ELLSWORTH

Doe Shopping Extravaganza

November 14, 9am-2pm, Ellsworth High School Gym. For just \$1 you will have access to purchase gifts from various vendors including: local farmers, crafters, shop owners, and moms selling gently used items. Highlights include a PTO Bake Sale and Ellsworth Boosters concession stand. Child care will be available by donation.

BOYNE CITY

Flu Immunization Clinic

November 16, 4-6pm, Boyne City Middle School, Media Center, 1025 Boyne Ave. Open to the public, ages 18 and older. Pre-registration required. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

BOYNE CITY

Final "Boyne on the Water" Session

November 17, doors open at 5:30pm, St. Matthew Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue. City officials and a steering committee for the project are encouraging area residents to attend and to help spread the word

Early-bird registration opens for Top of Michigan Marathon

Registration for the inaugural Stafford's Top of Michigan Community Marathon has opened with a special early-bird discount rate for the event to be conducted May 28, 2016 on the beautiful Little Traverse Wheelway. Those who sign up prior to Tuesday, December 1 can register for the full marathon for only \$65. Rates increase after that date.

Coordinated by the Top of Michigan Trails Council, the race will begin in downtown Charlevoix, continue by Petoskey, and finish in downtown Harbor Springs. Proceeds from the race will be used to support the Little Traverse Wheelway and the Petoskey Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

"We are excited to offer a point-to-point marathon on one of the most beautiful trails in Northern Michigan," said Jim Harrington, the race director for the marathon. "The course is relatively flat and

should appeal to those running their first marathon to seasoned runners looking to run a fast time to qualify for other marathons. We are also offering a fun team event where businesses or other groups can enter up to 26 members to complete the course"

"We are calling it a Community Marathon because that is what trails do, they connect communities," said Jeff Winegard, executive director of the Top of Michigan Trails Council. "The Little Traverse Wheelway is a perfect example of a trail bringing together the people of Charlevoix, Petoskey, and Harbor Springs."

For more race details, registration, volunteer, and sponsorship opportunities visit www.trailsCouncil.org, email jharrington10@gmail.com or call Jim Harrington, race director at (989) 619-4204.

about this meeting. Dubbed "Boyne on the Water," the effort is part of a grant-funded program conducted by Michigan State University in collaboration with the Michigan Municipal League. For more information about the project, and some of the ideas presented in previous sessions, visit www.cityofboynecity.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Business After Hours

November 18, 5-7pm, Villager Pub. Don't miss out on our last Business After Hours of 2015. Co-sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and Villager Pub and hosted by Villager Pub. This is always a favorite for the BAH crowd. Come early to get a seat. Lots of door prizes and the Money Machine will be on site for a chance to win some cash. No charge for members, \$10 non-members.

BOYNE CITY

Business After Hours

November 19, 5:30-7:30pm, 4Front Credit Union. This month's Business After Hours is being hosted by 4Front Credit Union (formerly Bay Winds Credit Union), located at 308 N. Lake Street in Boyne City. Perfect opportunity for business networking and mingling with community members.

BOYNE CITY

Earlier Than The Bird

November 21, 7-11am, downtown Boyne City. There will be plenty of holiday shopping available from nearly 30 plus Boyne City businesses participating in the 8th annual "Earlier Than The Bird" holiday shopping event. The event is created for those who want to kick off the holiday shopping season with friends, fantastic shopping deals, coffee and pastries, all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available in Boyne City. Stores and restaurants will be offering special deals along with holiday treats. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a souvenir Boyne City coffee mug. Sorry, sweats

and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas. The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program / DDA and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX

12th Annual Advent Tea

November 21, 1-3pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street (corner of State and Clinton). In addition to the afternoon tea with sweets and savories, a Country Market will offer home baked items and food specialties. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. A donation of \$15.00 is suggested.

CHARLEVOIX

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

November 24, 9am-1pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Fresh turkey: 989.731.1332.

Also supply your holiday with fresh local bread/rolls, bagels, organic veggies, pies, sweets, centerpieces for your table by Coveyou Farms, herbal teas, baked goods, jam/jellies and much more. Call Chris Leese at 231.330.0968 for more information or special order phone numbers.

BOYNE CITY

Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot

November 26, 9am, Start and Finish in Veterans Park. Individual Entry - \$20 pre-registration(1- t-shirt), \$25 day of event. Family Entry - \$40 pre-registration(2-t-shirts), \$50 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 20, 2015. Extra t-shirts will be available for purchase @ \$10 each. Packet pick-up day before event from 2-6pm @ Edward Jones in BC. Forms can be picked up at: Boyne City Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, Inspired Living & North Country Cycle Sport. Printable forms: www.boynechamber.com. Online registration: www.superiortiming.com. Information at: www.runmichigan.com. All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by

serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area! We would also ask everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event. We will then deliver it to our local food pantry, which is always in need.

BOYNE CITY

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 26, Noon-2pm, Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake Street. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Anyone who needs a ride or would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles (in advance) at 231-582-6904. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries.

CHARLEVOIX

Turkey Trot

November 26, 7:30am registration and 8:30 start at Charlevoix Hospital main entrance. 5th Annual Charlevoix Area Hospital Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 26th. The annual 5K run/walk starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix). A route map is posted on their website at cah.org, where convenient online pre-registration is available.

BOYNE CITY

Holiday Open House & Santa Parade

November 27, 5-9pm. To make it a true community celebration of the season, everyone is invited to participate - from businesses and organizations with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality. The open houses begin at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree at the west end of One Water Street, near Sunset Park, at 5 p.m. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. The evening's special guest

is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his sleigh, joined by some of his elves, and some reindeer from the North Pole. The parade starts at 6 p.m. and lineup is at 5:30 on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City. After the parade, there will be hay rides sponsored by Re/Max Resort Properties, and Santa will meet with children. For additional information call Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River, 582-2355.

CHARLEVOIX

Tree Lighting Celebration

November 27, 3-6pm downtown Charlevoix. Black Friday sales all day, Circle of Arts Cookie Decorating and Craft Activities from 3-5pm, Free Photos with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank from 3-5pm, Cookies and Cocoa in East Park from 4-6pm, Holiday Parade on Bridge Street at 5:30pm, Tree Lighting in East Park at 6pm.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Business After Hours

November 30, 5-7pm, Jordan River Arts Council. Sponsored by E.J. Food, Drinks, Live Music. Cash donations to Care & Share Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

CHARLEVOIX

Ironton Ferry Service Suspended

The Charlevoix County Transportation Authority has determined it will be necessary for the Ironton Ferry to remain closed for the remainder of the 2015 season, due to the extensive damage caused by an October 2nd private vehicle fire while aboard the ferry. The Transportation Authority anticipates no fire-related delay in the annual re-opening on April 15, 2016 as scheduled.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market

The Boyne City Winter Farmers Market begins November 7 at the Red Barn on Saturday's from 9am-1pm through

April.

EAST JORDAN

Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9am-1pm at Sportsman's Park (Bridge Street). Winter Farmers Market begins November 14 at the Civic Center. Takes place on the second Thursday of the month from 10am-2pm through April. On Facebook at EastJordanFarmer'sMarket

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Volunteer Network

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell you your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include your organization and volunteer needs in this new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

CHARLEVOIX

Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, storyteller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

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