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## "Boyerne Appétit"

The Boyne City Main Street program and Chamber of Commerce are collaborating on a new initiative to promote the exceptional restaurants and other food establishments in this area. Called "Boyerne Appétit!," the pro-

gram is run by a steering committee consisting of chefs, managers and community volunteers interested in promoting the Boyne City area as the "foodie" destination in Northwest Michigan. They have developed a

logo and a Facebook page. Soon you will be seeing window clings featuring the new logo and website on the windows and doors of local restaurants and food businesses. The Boyne Appétit! Committee has been meet-

ing since October and its coordinators are food writer and volunteer Cynthia Janssens and Alana Haley, the marketing manager of Porter Creek Fish House. Boyne Appétit! will kick off in 2016 with Wine Wednesdays, set to begin January. 6. On the first Wednesday of each month, from 5-7 p.m., local restaurants and wine purveyors will have wine tast-

The "Boyerne Appétit!" program is run by a steering committee consisting of chefs, managers and community volunteers interested in promoting the Boyne City area as the "foodie" destination in Northwest Michigan. The initiative involves restaurants and retail food purveyors in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Advance and Walloon Lake. COURTESY PHOTO

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## SPORTS REPORT



Boyne Falls senior, Marcus Matelski (32) goes up for an easy lay in against Pellston. Matelski would become the Loggers all-time leading scorer in the contest. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)



Charlevoix's Tyler McCallum grapples with Mancelona's Aris Morgan. (McCallum would win the match. COURTESY PHOTO)

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## Faith-building events at the center of Jordan Valley Baptist Church

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - Local barber Silas Doctor styled, trimmed and shaved residents in his tiny shop located downtown Ellsworth for 20 years before he and his wife Mary were called into full-time Christian ministry. They stepped out on faith leaving his business, selling their home and moved to the Upper Peninsula to minister in Michigan's prison system. Together they started "The Watchman" ministry and served in that capacity for 10 years traveling between 400-800 miles a week to different detention facilities. Si then took a church in South Range Michigan and pastored there for 11 years.

Then in 2009, God turned their lives full circle and brought them back home again, but now Si was a seasoned pastor. Surprisingly, it's been since returning home that the Doctors have met with some of their most discouraging moments and witnessed some of their most faith-building miracles.

The Jordan Valley Baptist Church opened its doors in November 2009 with a handful of people in a rented office space in the old Dura building. They met there for 3 years. While the congregation grew slowly they were eventually able to purchase the little white church located at 457 Water Street in May 2012. The Doctors hoped that having a building would attract prospective members that were perhaps put off by the rented space where they had been meeting. Together with their



The Sanctuary at the church on Water Street before the fire and after the fire



Pastor Si Doctor in the sanctuary of the new Jordan Valley Baptist Church

small congregation they began to renovate the little white church house. "That was a major undertaking," said Si. Building codes wouldn't allow the aging roof to be simply recovered so a group of contractors from a sister church came up and helped them strip it down to bare trusses. "We finally got it all done, roof, repairs, painting and we added a bathroom," he said. The only thing left was to insulate. "They blew the insulation in on a Monday and that night I got a phone call. They said, "Pastor, your church is on fire,""

said Si. Shock and disbelief consumed the next couple of days for the Doctors and their small hardworking congregation. "All I could think was, all that money, all that time, all that labor, why Lord? But God always has plans. We see through a glass darkly," he said.

That Wednesday almost exactly 4 years after their first service there, they were back in the Dura office space. The First Baptist Church in Charlevoix loaned them chairs and Grace Baptist in Gaylord gave them song books.

The insurance agreed to pay for the repairs but

since the opportunity had presented itself the church took a good look at the building's potential. "We still would have an old building with no handicap accessibility, no room to expand and poor parking," said Si. So they began shopping around.

The old Petrie building went on the market shortly thereafter and the Doctors knew it would make a perfect church house. But it wouldn't be that easy. The insurance payoff had contingencies and the building needed work. It took 3 months to just secure permits and special use approvals in order to get everything in place so that work could finally begin.

"Our first miracle was a man named Paul Fremling," began Si. Fremling is a retired contractor and furnace repairman. He joined the congregation as they began to renovate once again and stayed for the entire 13 months of intensive labor. "He spent over a year helping and all he asked for was gas money," he said.

Then came Jamie Grooten a missionary builder. "He does just that on faith with 7 kids," said Mary. Grooten, his wife

See Faith -4A

## Is the old city clock worth saving?

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - The city's century old clock scored a "C+" on a recent report to determine whether it's possible to restore it to working order so it can take its place as a centerpiece of the new city facilities compound planned for construction in 2016.

Consultants Rick and Linda Balzer, of Balzer Family Clockworks in Freeport Maine, flew to Boyne City last week to inspect and prepare a feasibility report regarding the city's historic town clock, which was manufactured by the Edward Howard Watch and Clock Company of Boston, Mass. in 1903.

The clock arrived in Boyne City in 1904 and was installed in a 75-foot tower at the intersection of South Park and Ray Streets, where it stood until it fell into disrepair and was dismantled in the early 1950s. The clock wasn't seen again until the 1970s when it was installed in a stainless steel tower at the old Northwest Bank, where it remained until it stopped working sometime in the 1980s and again removed and put into storage.

City manager Michael Cain said the dormant clock eventually wound up being, "lovingly cared for in the garage of former police chief, John Talboys," for a number of years. But it was returned to the city this past summer in hopes it could be restored and function as a centerpiece feature in a \$7-million project planned to upgrade city hall and the city's emergency facilities.

It remained unclear, however, if restoring the vintage clock would

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	HIGH: 36 LOW: 27	HIGH: 30 LOW: 23	HIGH: 28 LOW: 26	HIGH: 38 LOW: 31	HIGH: 42 LOW: 36	HIGH: 43 LOW: 39	HIGH: 50 LOW: 41

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 17	...19°	.....33°	...-11° (1973)	...54° (1984)
DEC 18	...19°	.....33°	...-1° (1973)	...47° (1949)
DEC 19	...18°	.....32°	...-13° (2004)	...50° (2002)
DEC 20	...18°	.....32°	...-20° (1983)	...48° (1988)
DEC 21	...18°	.....32°	...-14° (1975)	...53° (1967)
DEC 22	...18°	.....32°	.....0° (1989)	...55° (1957)
DEC 23	...17°	.....31°	.....-9° (1989)	...52° (1957)
DEC 24	...17°	.....31°	...-14° (1969)	...52° (1994)

## OBITUARIES

### Bonnie L Goldsmith (Varner), 65

(JAN. 14, 1950 - DEC. 13, 2015)

Bonnie L Goldsmith a long-time resident of Boyne City, passed peacefully in her sleep Dec 13th 2015 at her home in Boyne city.

Born in 1950 in Petoskey MI Bonnie received her bachelor degree and went on to work with community mental health as a social worker up until her retirement. Bonnie loved good food, good friends and her family. Bonnie was a much loved woman in her community and the ring leader for her whole family always ready and willing to help anyone in need.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Walter Goldsmith, daughter Angela, son Walter, grandchildren Angel Vanloo, Tiffany Chipman, Brad Crandell, great grandchildren Jasmine Vanloo, Christopher and Alex-Zander Henderson; two brothers; three sisters; eighteen nieces and nephews; ten great nieces and nephews plus many more in, in-laws.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her mother, father and 2 sisters.

Memorial gifts may be made to Walter Goldsmith at 01353 Laurie Road Boyne City, MI 49712.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday Dec 17, 2015 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Family and friends wishing the share a thought or memory of Bonnie are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Gladys Mae Balogh (Deaver), 79

(DEC. 1, 1936 - DEC. 7, 2015)

Gladys Mae Balogh of Boyne Falls died December 7, 2015.

Gladys was born on December 1, 1936 in Detroit, the daughter of Harold and Violet (Davis) Deaver and worked as a Civil Service Employee for the Federal Government, specializing in Logistics and Parts for the US Military. During the Gulf War, she was deployed to Iraq in support of the troops and was later decorated by then Secretary of State, Dick Cheney for her service.

She had a passion for genealogy and was a member of the Mormon Church.

She is survived by 4 children, Frank Balogh, Jr of Boyne Falls, David Balogh of Boyne Falls, Cathy Balogh of Mississippi, and Julie (Glenn) Hamon of Dearborn; and by 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A graveside committal took place on Friday, December 11th at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Clarion, MI.

### Lewis R. Skeel, 88

(SEPT. 20, 1927 - DEC. 13, 2015)

Visitation will be held Friday, December 18 from 6pm until 8pm at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, December 19 at 10:30am at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Military honors at 11:30 following the mass.

### Lynn-Rae Holmes, 59

(AUG. 30, 1956 - DEC. 10, 2015)

Lynn-Rae Holmes of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, December 10, 2015, at her home. She was born August 30, 1956, in Methuen, Mass. to Raymond and June (Schoff) Riel. Lynn-Rae graduated from Dracut High School in 1974.

She worked as a medical assistant while living in Massachusetts.

On June 15, 2003, she married Alan Holmes in Salisbury, Mass, and made their home in Charlevoix. She worked at Manthei Inc. as a lumber grader for five years.

Lynn-Rae was a member of the Elks, Moose, and Eagles Lodges. She loved to travel and most importantly to spend time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Alan of Charlevoix; son, London Loux, III and significant other Alexander Zoellner of New Market, N.H.; daughters, Tanya Loux and fiancé Jamison Trzcinski of Lowell, Mass., and Keri Casbohm of Boyne City; grandchildren, Kiandra Loux, Evan, Madisyn, and Zachary Casbohm; father, John Schiripo, Jr. of Dracut, Mass.; brother, Glenn Riel of Dracut; sisters, Donna and husband Robert Anders, and Dianna Philbrick both of East Jordan; nieces, Amie Blackwell and Larissa Grunert; nephews, Robert Anders and Justin Riel. Lynn-Rae was preceded in death by her mother, June.

Visitation will begin at 1pm. Saturday, December 19, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where a prayer service will be recited at 3pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Munson Cancer Research Center; co Munson Healthcare Foundations, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

### Aldona Sileika Vilkauskas, 94

(MARCH 21, 1921 - DEC. 13, 2015)

Aldona Sileika Vilkauskas of Petoskey died Sunday, December 13, 2015 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

She was born March 21, 1921, in Lithuania to Justinas and Veronika (Janulevicius) Ulaitis. She fled from Lithuania in 1944 with her extended family and lived in a Displaced Person's Camp in Germany until 1950 when she, her husband and two children immigrated to the United States and settled in Detroit.

Aldona lived in the Detroit area, Windsor, Ontario, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and Petoskey, Michigan. She was the head of the Meat Accounting Department when she retired from the Kroger Company in 1984. She volunteered at the Women's Exchange and the local hospital in Massachusetts and became part of the community. When she took up residence at Independence Village in Petoskey, she endeared herself to the staff and residents during the 6 years that she was there.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Antanas Sileika and second husband Kazimieras Vilkauskas, and her sister, Grazina Urbonas. She is survived by her daughters, Birute Fleck (William) of Charlevoix Michigan, Gintare Everett and family of Williamstown, Massachusetts; nephew, Juozas Vaiciunas and family of Novi, Michigan; niece, Ramona Marsh and family of Clarendon Hills, Illinois; as well as three nephews in Toronto and Wasaga Beach, Ontario.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Draugas, a Lithuanian Newspaper, 4545 West 63rd St. Chicago, IL 60629.

A memorial service and interment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan in June 2016.

### Marge Krchak, 69

(MAY 14, 1946 - DEC. 7, 2015)

Marjorie J. Krchak of Charlevoix passed away Monday, December 7, 2015, at her home. She was born May 14, 1946, in Petoskey to George and Betty (Dennis) Ford, Jr.

Marge graduated from Petoskey High School in 1964. She moved to Charlevoix in 1966, and worked as a bookkeeper for Erber Ford. She then worked for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging retiring in 2012. Marge also served as guardian for many people in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Marge enjoyed embroidery, and loved to knit.

She is survived by her siblings, Patty Hall of Howell, Janet (Jim) Batog of Alanson, Rick (Julie) Ford of Fort Wayne, Ind., Becky (Rick) Southern of Olivet; nieces and nephews, Matthew (Allison) Hall, Dennis Hall, Abbie Batog, Brock Southern; grand-nephews, Peyton and Parker Hall.

Marge will be interred at the Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. No services are planned at this time.

Marge will be missed by her friends, her guardianship clients, and her family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center, 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

### Robert Edwin Mau, 82

(JULY 25, 1933 - DEC. 6, 2015)

Robert Edwin Mau, Sr. of Ellsworth passed away Sunday, December 6, 2015, at Hiland Cottage Hospice in Petoskey.

He was born July 25, 1933, in Detroit, to Edwin C. and Marguerite A. (Strick) Mau. In 1964, he married Beverly Ann Hegyan in Yale, Michigan.

Bob graduated from General Motors Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and then served in the US Army during the Korean War. Completing his duties as an SP4 at Fort Lee, Virginia, Bob was discharged with honors in January of 1964.

His quality & reliability engi-

neering career spanned 44 years at General Motors, being involved with the production launch of the 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado through the launch and improvements of the Quad-4 engine during the mid-90's. While his office was located in Lansing, he called Dimondale his home.

Upon retiring in the fall of 1995, Bob and Beverly moved to northern Michigan. Regardless of where he lived, Bob was always dreaming about automobiles and how to restore them. Having worked on everything from Ford flathead V-8s to Oldsmobile V-8 diesels, Bob could be found frequenting automotive parts stores or salvage yards.

He loved to tell stories about his favorite cars, his family history, and his belief that every automobile could be repaired regardless of how many miles it had already traveled. And, like his passion for all automotive fix-it projects, Bob touched lives of others and made them believe they could "run again".

He is survived by his wife, Beverly of Ellsworth; sons, Robert E. (Ann) Mau, Jr. of Ortonville, Joseph Mau of Blaine, Minn.; daughter, Susan Mau of Dimondale; sister, Audrey (Charles) Olschefski of Livonia, and grandsons Gabriel and Abraham.

Memorial service will be at 1pm Friday, December 11th at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, Michigan, the Reverend David Behling officiating. Military honors will be presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans.

A Lansing area service will be held Friday, Dec 18, 11:00 AM at Trinity Church in Lansing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Baptist Church, Charlevoix, MI. Please visit Robert's guestbook at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com)

### John J. Speigl, 83

(MAY 26, 1932 - DEC. 5, 2015)

John J. Speigl, 83, of Charlevoix, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2015, at home with his son Ken and his dog Lewis by his side. John was born April 26, 1932, and grew up on the family farm on Burnett Road. He was the second youngest of seven siblings, born to Margaret Shotz and Jake Speigl. John attended the Murray Road School and later in life earned his GED.

In 1955, John entered the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1957. Upon leaving the Army John began working at the Penn Dixie Cement plant as a class A repairman. He worked there for 26 years until the plant closed. After that, John worked at Bond-a-Cove Manufacturing until his retirement.

On November 10, 1962, John married Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Speigl and they made their home in Charlevoix. Mary Lou preceded John in death on August 31, 2014.

John was a very kind and gentle man who never complained about anything. He could fix anything and loved woodworking. He will be greatly missed by his dog Lewis (Louie).

John is survived by his son, Ken Speigl; grandchildren Libby and Tyler Speigl; sisters-in-law, Kathy Jones and husband Earl of Sparta, Donna Lozon of Conklin, Bonnie Schoenborn of Conklin, Betty Speigl of Petoskey; brothers-in-law, Dan Simon of Bay Shore, Tom Schoenborn, Butch (Rosemary) Schoenborn, all of Marne, Bob (Pat) Schoenborn of Cedar Springs. John is also survived by dozens of nieces and nephews from the Schoenborns, Lozons, Simons, Agers, Moores, Jones and Speigl.

John was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo, Larry and his wife Elinor, and Fred; his sisters, Clara and her husband Ted Ager, Mary Simon, and Anne Moore;

brother-in-law, Emmet Schoenborn. John was also preceded in death by his best friends, Al Thier and Earl Perrault.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday, December 12, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, with the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating.

I would personally like to thank Donna and Julie of Hospice of Northwest Michigan for their support. Also, a huge thanks, to his niece Janet for her card playing, compassion, and care giving during his final days.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720, and to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. God Bless.

The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Please visit John's guestbook at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com)

### Larry G. Boyer, 73

(JUNE 12, 1942 - DEC. 10, 2015)

Larry G. Boyer, 73, of Ironton died Thursday, December 10, 2015, at his home.

He was born on June 12, 1942, in Charlevoix, Michigan, the son of Gordon and Alice (Weiler) Boyer. He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1960.

On November 8, 1969, in East Jordan, he married Mary L. Ford.

Larry worked for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ Company, for 40 years and retired in 2004.

Larry was very active in his community. In 1991, he had been named East Jordan's "Father of the Year". He had served as an East Jordan Little League coach, President of the East Jordan Sports Boosters, Treasurer of the Charlevoix County 4-H and President of the Emmet-Charlevoix 4-H Market Livestock Association. He enjoyed gardening, farming, hunting, watching sporting events but most of all his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Boyer of Ironton; four children, Cheryl (Jim) Brown of Ironton, Mike (Christa) Boyer of Mancelona, Shannon (Camie) Boyer of Ironton and Sara (Jason) Stone of Ironton; nine grandchildren, Tyler, James, Matthew, Cheyenne, Caleb, Connor, Lucas, Lillian and Clayton; one sister, Marian Smart of Greenville, Tennessee; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Gordon Boyer; mother, Alice Lewis; two brothers, Robert and William Boyer; and sister, Donna Hart.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Mr. Bill Thompson will officiate with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church. Memorials may be directed to East Jordan Ambulance Association or the East Jordan Sports Boosters. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Betty A. Bowen (Guffey), 81

(FEB. 17, 1934 - DEC. 10, 2015)

Betty A. Bowen, 81, of Central Lake died Thursday, December 10, 2015, at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

Funeral service was Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in Star Township officiated. Burial in Star Township Cemetery in Alba, Michigan.

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The 4th, 5th and 6th grade winners are; (from right to left); Liam Dart (Boyne City), Colton O'Neil (Boyne Falls), Isaiah Whennen (Boyne Falls), Zofia Wasylewski (First Place, Boyne Falls). COURTESY PHOTO

## Boyne City Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee winners

The Boyne City Knights of Columbus sponsored their annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, November 24 as Boyne City High School. This year's finalists will now move up to the Gaylord Diocesan Competition held at the Gaylord K of C on January 16, 2016.



The 7th, 8th and 9th grade winners are; (from right to left); Katelyn Gobos (Boyne City), Sara Snyder (Boyne City), Joselyn Morgan (Boyne City), Sharrity Whitaker (East Jordan), and Sara Evans (First Place, Boyne City). COURTESY PHOTO.

## Boyne Falls Public Schools Student of the Week



### Bryar Lester

**Grade:** 4  
**Parent's Name(s):** Amanda Lester  
**Future Plans:** I want to be a hunter and a logger.  
**Favorite Book:** The Boy Who Saved Cleveland  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Lego building, hunting, reading.

**Staff Comments**

"Bryar is a wonderful fourth grade student who loves to learn. He always offers to help others without being asked, and is a quiet helper and positive role model to his little buddy." – Mrs. Wind

## Char-Em United Way funding applications available

Char-Em United Way's 2016 Community Investment process has begun. Non-profit agencies which provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding.

Letter of Intent applications can be requested by contacting Char-Em United Way at 487-1006, or downloaded from United Way's website [www.charemunit-edway.org](http://www.charemunit-edway.org) under Allocations/Apply for Funding. All first time applicants are encouraged to call first and discuss their program. Letters of Intent are due by January 15. The submissions will be reviewed by the United Way Community Investment Committee; and agencies which meet United Way's funding criteria and priorities will be invited to submit a complete application.

"We are pleased to announce this year's funding availability," states Lorraine Manary, Executive Director. "Through donor support provided last year, we made Community Investments of \$249,079 to 25 programs and United Way Initiatives. Additionally, we are

able to leverage funds for specific programs for a total community investment in 2015 of \$411,873. Your new or continued support makes this happen. We are still accepting contributions, and all donations received through the end of April will be awarded in this investment cycle. As always, 98.5% of funds we raise here in our community, stay here to support local programs."

CEUW's 2016 funding priorities focus on meeting the community's needs for Education, Income and Health. More information on these priorities, as well as other criteria for eligible programs and agencies is available from United Way.

"These priorities will ensure that, with the increased need in our community for health and human services and with limited dollars available, our Community Investments are being made as wisely as possible. We are revising our priority outcomes to align with new Community Health Assessment data and United Way's Education Initiative," continues Manary. "Our investors (donors) want to know that we are making the greatest possible impact in the areas of need identified by our community. Therefore,

CEUW is focusing on measuring results in programs and stronger collaborations."

Agencies invited to submit a full application will be scheduled to make a presentation to CEUW's Citizen Review Panel in April. The Citizen Review Panel reviews the requests for funding, hears presentations, seeks additional information, and makes recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping in this review process, we are always looking for new panelists. It is a great way to learn more about the programs your donation is supporting and the organization and needs in our communities. The Board of Directors will meet in May to consider the recommendations of the Panel and to make Community Investment Allocation decisions.

For more information about Char-Em United Way or the application process, contact CEUW at 231-487-1006 or [info@charemunit-edway.org](mailto:info@charemunit-edway.org) or write P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. Complete application information is available online at [www.charemunit-edway.org](http://www.charemunit-edway.org).

## Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment helps Mio area residents buy and sell quality goods

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately ten years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated group of five volunteers from the Mio

area.

"We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who receive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes

care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great resource for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide

assortment of clothing and household items."

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. This location is now also a Salvation Army center offering assistance with utility bills, electric, propane, natural gas, wood, food. Applications are taken on Tuesday, Thursday Saturday from 10am to 4pm. For additional information, please call (989) 826-1503.



The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. The store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at

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# Hidden Treasures

Northern Michigan Treasure Hunter's Guide to area antique, consignment, resale and thrift shops

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# News

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## North Country CMH seeks art for statewide show

North Country Community Mental Health is accepting entries to represent its six-county service area in the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards' Creative Minds Changing Minds statewide traveling art show. Eligible artists are those who are current recipients of Community Mental Health (CMH) services who live in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska, or Otsego County. The winning entry will be chosen by an independent judge and the winning artist

will receive a \$100 purchase award.

The statewide traveling art show will make its debut in May 2016 in Northern Michigan and will travel around the state for the next two years. At the end of the two years, the artwork will be auctioned with proceeds to benefit statewide anti-stigma efforts. The tour goals are two-fold: 1) to help de-stigmatize mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders by showcasing the talents of people who use CMH

services; and 2) to highlight the recovery potential of the arts.

Entries may be turned in at any North Country CMH office, New Horizons Clubhouse in Rapid City, or Petoskey Club in Petoskey.

The submission deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016.

The rules and submission form are available at [www.norccmh.org](http://www.norccmh.org). For more information contact Deb Freed at North Country CMH at (231) 271-6177 or email [dfreed@norccmh.org](mailto:dfreed@norccmh.org).

## Knight of Columbus 30th Annual Christmas Party



The Boyne City Knights of Columbus sponsored its 30th Annual Christmas Party for the "People with Intellectual Disabilities" on December 2 at St. Matthew's in Boyne City. There were approximately 275 guests and their caregivers in attendance. Checks totaling \$1,587.48 each were presented to the following organizations at the Christmas Party: Donna Hammond (North Country Enrichment Center), Judy Leist, Stacy Payton and Elizabeth Looze (Challenge Mountain), Debi Hoeksema (Bergman Center). Presenting the checks is Grand Knight, Frank Shaler (Boyne City Knights of Columbus). COURTESY PHOTO

## Hot Cocoa Contest winner announced



Congratulations to Cre8tive Cupcake, the winner of the 2015 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House on Saturday, December 5th. COURTESY PHOTO

Congratulations to Cre8tive Cupcake, the winner of the 2015 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House on Saturday, December 5th. It was a tight race with Grey Gables taking a close 2nd and The Landing taking 3rd place.

Over 600 votes were cast between the 10 restaurants competing for the Cocoa Championship. The competitors were Bridge Street Tap Room, Cre8tive Cupcake, Grey Gables, Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company, Pigs Eat'n' Ribs, Scovie's Gourmet, Smoke On The Water, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, The Bistro, and The Landing.

"We would like to thank our beloved locals and tourists for supporting this year's Holiday Open House and Hot Cocoa Trail! Indeed another successful event!" said Alfred Soriano, owner of Cre8tive Cupcake. "It feels so good seeing everyone downtown and enjoying the great weather that December has to offer. We also would like to send our sincerest appreciation to all the hardworking business owners, staff, and most of all, the Chamber of Commerce for putting together such wonderful event that gives businesses the chance to showcase our products. On behalf of our Cre8tive Cupcake Family, we wish everyone a Joyous Holidays and A Great New Year!" said Soriano.

The 2015 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest offered a wonderful variety of delicious cocoa for all to sample and enjoy. Those that followed the Cocoa Trail were treated to traditional deep rich chocolate, hazelnut and mint cocoa recipes, as well as home made marshmallows, whipped cream, caramel dipped in chocolate, and so much more.

"Thank you to everyone that shopped local and supported our local businesses during the Merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest." said Alison Hubbard, President of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. "The community really came together this year to help us offer a great event. We are looking forward to next year's festivities."

## Winter officially arrives on Monday

By Jim Akans

It may not look or feel like it just yet, but winter officially arrives this coming Monday, December 21, at 11:49pm. That is time of the winter solstice, also known as Midwinter, the Solar New Year, the Longest Night, Yule, DongZhi, Soyal...and many more tongue-twisting handles that reference the same celestial event from differing cultural perspectives. It marks the date of the longest night, hence the shortest day, of the year.

The minimal hours of daylight during the Solstice is a result of the sun achieving its southernmost declination in relation to the tilt of the earth's axis, with the North Pole tilting furthest away during our planets yearlong orbit. Here in northern Michigan we will experience about eight hours and forty-five minutes of daylight between sunrise and sunset during the Solstice. Further north, Fairbanks Alaska only has approximately three hours and forty-five minutes of daylight in mid-December...hardly worth changing out of the PJ's for the day. Head for the South Pole for plenty of opportunity for natural tanning as the sun doesn't even set during the Winter Solstice.

The word "solstice" comes from a Latin phrase that means; "sun stands still." After months of crossing lower



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and lower in the sky the sun appears to stop before beginning to arc higher in the sky each day for the next six months. Alas, it takes a few months before the increasingly prevalent sun actually warms things up, resulting in a period we refer to as "winter" around these parts, but it's comforting to know we are heading in the right direction.

Though there is lots of great outdoor fun yet to come during the beautiful northern Michigan winter ahead, bear in mind that when the snow piles up and the temperatures plummet in the months ahead, the Vernal (spring) Equinox will occur on March 20, 2016 at 12:31 am.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### MON., NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Monday, November 30, 2015  
0545 Road hazard- deer in the roadway on Boyne Ave near Division  
0840 Report of lost handicap placard.  
0906 Report of abandoned vehicle in the 300 block of N Lake St  
0958 Threats complaint reported in the 400 block of McKinley St.  
1136 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of Pleasant Av  
1343 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1404 Vehicle unlock on Beard-sley  
1506 Suspicious in the 500 block of Jersey.  
1536 Report of vehicle running the school bus lights on State St. near Cozy Nook.  
1617 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park  
1731 Driving complaint coming in from 131. Found vehicle parked.  
1823 Report of a child screaming for hours on end on Sil-

ver St.  
2115 Request for welfare check on his sister in the 800 block of Thompson St.

### TUES., DECEMBER 1, 2015

0800 Report of attempted IRS scam.  
0904 Report of attempted IRS scam.  
1100 Harassment complaint received in the 300 block of N Lake St  
1155 Request for welfare check in the 500 block of N Lake St.  
1452 Suspicious situation reported in the cemetery.  
1500 Report of vehicle stalled in intersection of Park and Division.  
1515 Report of possible drug activity in the 400 block of N Lake St  
2115 Open line to 911. Some suspicious talk.  
2154 Suicidal subject in the 200 block of E Lincoln. Eric

### WED. DECEMBER 2, 2015

0225 Dog running at large in the roadway at Division St. and S Lake St.  
0818 Unlock on Deer Run  
0959 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1354 Assist with medical

alarm in the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
1438 Assisted MSP on M-75 S.  
1347 Report of missing, possibly suicidal subject. Was located downstate  
1627 Civil dispute on Jay Cee Ln.  
1925 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St

### THUR., DECEMBER 3, 2015

0533 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St.  
0622 Assisted Sheriff Dept at Behling and Jaquay.  
0829 Report of harassing calls in the 500 block of Jersey St.  
1156 Funeral Escort to Maple Lawn Cemetery  
1219 Citation issued for speed at Boyne City Rd and Court St  
1515 Reports of subjects on Bailey St raking leaves into the street.  
1532 Report of abandoned bike at Hawkridge  
1700 Suspicious situation on Robinson St

### FRI., DECEMBER 4, 2015

0947 Assist Sheriff Dept on Wildwood Heights.  
1320 Report of someone dumping trash and dog feces in

dumpsters on E Cedar St.  
1512 Report of possible bond violation. No violation but all parties advised to with contacting one another.  
1628 Report of intoxicated driver on E Division St  
1635 Subject drove vehicle into the side of Deer Meadows. Arrested for OWI and assault on medical personnel.  
1742 Driving complaint on Division St.

### SAT., DECEMBER 5, 2015

0251 Assist Sheriff Dept with OWI in Boyne Falls.  
0803 Found property at the PD. Box fell off trailer.  
1034 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
1149 Report of ongoing harassment complaint in the 300 block of E Division St  
1856 Citizen assist at the High School

### SUN. DECEMBER 6, 2015

0055 Report of dog running at large in the roadway on Boyne Ave and Main St.  
0838 Lost keys at Avalanche  
1135 Assist JOLT in Boyne Falls  
1307 Suspicious situation reported in the 500 block of Hannah St.  
1349 Warned subject for burning leaves on E Main St  
1505 Assist EMS in the 600 block of Jefferson.  
1758 Retail fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St.  
2309 MDOP in the 1200 block of Second St.

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## Car strikes tree

On Monday December 14, 2015 at 6:23 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash on Pincherry Road just South of Upper Bayshore Road.

70 year old Thomas Joseph Forton of Charlevoix was traveling Southbound on Pincherry Road when he was distracted by putting money in his wallet. The 1996 Lincoln Towncar he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree head-on.

Forton complained of a minor injury to his forehead. He was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by the Emmet County Ambulance.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix Township Fire Department and the Emmet County Ambulance.

This accident remains under investigation.



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## East Jordan students connect with Grandvue residents

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - An educational project involving the East Jordan school district and Charlevoix County's senior citizen medical care facility is presenting students with an opportunity to understand a distant generation and re-tell some of their stories.

Students in East Jordan High School teacher, Matt Hamilton's, Shoe Club started visiting Grandvue Medical Cen-



Bruce Woodcock and East Jordan Shoe Club member Nathan Newman share life experiences during an interview that will provide material for the student's creative writing projects. The program is called the Elder Project and is conducted by local poet Terry Wooten. "It's really been informational. He's got some stories," said Nathan.



Kewadin based Poet/bard Terry Wooten stops to show a copy of his collected works, The Stone Circle Poems, during an interview session of the East Jordan Schools Elder Project workshop.



One hundred and six year old Flo is a retired school teacher. Her interview with seventh grader Jennanka Moses taught Jennanka that "Elders can be funny" and seventh grade interviewer Madelyn Reece that "Beds are just like trampolines." The girls will use the stories told by Flo to create poems, stories and plays.

ter to play Bingo with the residents there as part of the club's requirements for volunteerism.

Michigan Poet Terry Wooten is a published poet/bard with 13 books to his credit and the creator of the Stone Circle in Kewadin. Wooten taught a workshop called "Talking to Write" for 20 years. "The Elders Project is a spinoff of that workshop," he said.

Arch Dettman also volunteers at Grandvue and after seeing the students there week after week and hearing about Wooten's Elders Project began to inquire about the possibility of connecting the three groups. "I felt like young people could benefit from spending time with these people. They could learn history from people who lived it," he said. So with the help of a grant from the Charlevoix Community Foundation and transportation provided by Charlevoix County Transit, Dettman was able to get the seniors and students together under the guiding eye of Terry Wooten.

Wooten directs the students as they interview senior citizens about their lives. Then under his tutelage they write a

poem, story or play based on the interviews. "One of the tragedies of our modern society is that we've separated our elders from our youth. For thousands of years that's where we got our history," said Wooten. The students spent 2 afternoons talking with the seniors. After each interview session Wooten reviewed the tapes and gave pointers as to what types of questions to ask in order to gain details useful for prose development. "The art of conversation died with the TV and radio. This doesn't solve all that but there's a difference in the way these students are this week compared to last. They're a lot more relaxed," said Wooten.

Wooten has conducted the Elder Project in Petoskey, Rogers City, Onaway, Elk Rapids Kingsley, Brethren, Saginaw, Richmond, Kalamazoo and Farmington Hills. Elk Rapids has a book containing the poems and stories that came out of the 3 workshops held there. In 2013, the project won the State Historical Award in Education from the Michigan Historical Society.

## Ellsworth village discusses natural gas service with DTE

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Representatives from DTE Energy spoke at the December 14 Ellsworth Village Council meeting to discuss the possibility of bringing natural gas to the village and surrounding area. DTE Regional Manager of Corporate and Government Affairs, Scotty Kehoe spent 45 minutes explaining the process necessary to get natural gas to the village and fielding questions from the village board about the impact it could have on Ellsworth residents.

Kehoe stated that DTE is looking for a revocable franchise agreement with the village and township. "We prefer to have a revocable franchise because if at any point we are not meeting your expectations you can take it back, that keeps us on our toes," he said. A revocable franchise can be put into place by permission from the local boards of government and unless revoked will stay in place for 30 years. "We want this to be value added to the village not something that causes heartache or heartburn," said Kehoe. If the board agrees that a franchise is a good fit for the village they then

need to have it looked over by the village attorney and published in the local paper within 10 days of accepting it. Although the prospect of natural gas coming to the village was discussed 30 years ago it was not financially feasible for DTE at that time. There is a main end about 18 feet east of Thomas Road on Rushton Road. DTE would extend that main to supply gas to residents on Rushton and into the heart of the village. If the village grants the franchise, DTE will then gauge interest by having representatives go door to door asking if it is an option for the individual homeowners. They need a percentage of the populous to make it feasible. They are hoping to get 371 interested customers. Natural gas is half the cost of other heating sources and because of the weather the costs are 34% lower this year than

last. The council gave consent for Village President Hugh Campbell to take the paperwork to the village attorney for inspection.

A resolution to accept a bid from low bidder MDC Contracting, LLC for contract I of the municipal water project was approved. All bids for contract II were rejected because they all came in at twice the estimated budget.

The village has applied for a grant to get security cameras that once acquired would be placed at the pavilion at Community Park, Woodenshoe Park, downtown and at Sports Park. There have been instances of vandalism and misuse of village property that instigated the grant application.

Township Clean-up day is set for May 14.

The next Village Council meeting is set for January 11 at 7 p.m.

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### BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 17, 5:30-7:30pm. Business After Hours will be hosted by Porter Creek Fish House at Sommerset Pointe and co-sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. The public is welcome to attend and there is no charge for admission or refreshments.

### CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

December 17, 10am-3:45pm. Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

### PETOSKEY GLCO "MESSIAH"

December 17 and 18 at 7pm, St. Francis Xavier Church. Once again the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra brings the Messiah to northern Michigan with three soloists performing. Tickets are available at Boyne, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, and Petoskey Chambers, the Orchestra office at 231 487-0010 or www.glcorchestra.org. Reserved tickets are \$75, \$50, and \$35. General admission is \$25.

### BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

December 28, 11am-4:45pm. Community of Christ Church, 777 Vogel. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

### CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY POOL NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

December 30, 6-8pm, Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Beach Bash 2015! Celebrate with family and friends at the Pool for our annual New Year's kick-off party. It's cold outside, but not on the Pool deck. Grab your swimsuits, lounge at the pool, toss around some beach balls, and soak in the hot tub. Pizza, refreshments and goody bags provided. Children 5 and under are free! All other guests (swimmers and non-swimmers), \$5 advance purchase or \$6 at the door. Reservations are recommended, as we are limited to a maximum occupancy. Call or email the Pool today to ensure your spot at the Beach Bash: 231.547.0982 or info@charlevoixpool.org.

### CHARLEVOIX BRIDGE DROP

December 31, starting at 9pm. The Charlevoix Bridge Drop is back and better than ever. Get your creative juices flowing during the Snowman Making Contest (sponsored by Charlevoix Public Library). Make smores over the fire pit in Bridge Park! The best New Years Eve Firework Show in the Midwest will take place at 9pm. The Bridge Drop will take place at midnight.

### CHARLEVOIX MODERN DAY MASQUERADE

December 31, 9pm-1am, Castle Farms. Join us at the Castle on New Year's Eve for a masquerade ball as we usher out the Old Year and ring in the New. \$45 per person.

### CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

January 14, Noon-5:45pm. Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street. Simply call 1-800-RED

## Tourist Park boat slips: open for business

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - In the last meeting of the year for the East Jordan City Commission, commissioners passed an ordinance, received a presentation of the 2014/15 fiscal year audit, and established a rate structure for the Tourist Park boat slips for the 2016 season.

Commissioners quickly put an ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article III to a vote Tuesday evening. The article, related to grass trimming and the removal of weeds within city limits, listed milkweed as one of the plants that citizens should remove from their yards.

At the previous December meeting, the commission heard from Michele Nerone from the East Jordan Family Health Center Board of Directors, where Nerone requested that the city consider allowing milkweeds to grow within city limits. Nerone takes part in a pollinator garden that has been created at the health center. The plants in this garden provide food and nectar for pollinators such as butterflies and bees. Milkweed specifically provides food for the declining population of monarch caterpillars and nectar for adult butterflies.

The ordinance unanimously passed and will now allow citizens to grow native milkweed species within city limits.

City Administrator Tom Cannon also proposed rates for boat slip rentals at the Tourist Park for the upcoming year. For those camping at the park, proposed rates included \$5/day, \$30/week, \$120/month, and \$480/season. For non-campers, proposed rates included \$8/day, \$50/week, \$210/month, and \$660/season.

The boat slips were used this past summer season for the first time in many years; however, the city did not control the use of the slips.

"It is wrong to have [the boat slips] not controlled," said Cannon. "We can't have first come, first serve."

Commissioner Bob Kenney did not agree that rental rates should be put in place for the slips, saying that the slips had not been used in a very long time and simply weren't ready.

"I just don't think it's time yet," Kenney said. "People will see it as a ploy for the city to make money."

"To the people who say this is a ploy for the city to make money, this is an owned dock at a controlled facility," said Cannon. "In order to run this business, we need to make money."

Several commissioners expressed enthusiasm about the proposed rates and the opportunity to build on something.

"With the revenue (earned from rental rates), we might be able to improve [the boat slips]," Boyer said. "Things don't have to be perfect to start, as long as they are safe."

The proposed rate structure was approved by commissioners Breakey, Timmons, Penzien, Doebel, and Boyer, provided the slips are safe and useable this spring. Commissioner Kenney opposed the proposed rates.

Commissioner Doebel hopes to ensure that all revenue brought in from rental rates will be reinvested into the maintenance and improvement of the boat slips.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m.,

CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

### CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Charlevoix Chamber is accepting nominations to recognize those businesses and individuals that go the extra mile to make Charlevoix the amazing place we call home. If you know a person or business that is worthy of receiving an award, please e-mail your nomination, along with an explanation of why this person or business is so deserving, to info@charlevoix.org by 5pm on Friday, December 11th. Categories include: Outstanding Citizen Award, Customer Service Award, New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Member of the Year.

### BOYNE CITY ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Tickets are now on sale for the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The event will take place on January 21 from 5:30-8:30pm at Boyne Mountain. The program includes food, beverages, live and silent auctions, entertainment by the Boyne City High School Jazz Band, awards in six categories and the introduction of the Chamber Board members. Tickets (\$40 per person by January 4) are available at the Boyne Chamber, (231) 582-6222.

### BOYNE CITY FREE BALANCE WORKSHOP

Beginning January 4th the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan is offering a popular eight-session workshop designed to help adults with concerns about falling in Boyne City. This award-winning program, called "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls," is being held in the Community Room at Litzen-

burger Place located at 829 S Park Street. Classes will be held every Monday from 10 am-12 noon from January 4 through February 22, 2016. The Boston University, evidence-based program emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. To register for a class, or to request a workshop in your area, please call 1-800-442-1713. Visit www.aaanm.org/mob-workshops to learn where and when "A Matter of Balance" workshops are being held throughout northwest Michigan.

### EAST JORDAN

The East Jordan Lions Club is still accepting site reservations for their annual lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park, Dec. 3-Jan.4.

Email jeffargetsinger@yahoo.com or call 582-2770 for more information.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN EMERGENCY HEATING AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has emergency heating and utility assistance available through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). Please don't wait until it's too late, call NMCAA today to be prescreened for eligibility! Along with financial assistance, NMCAA will provide clients with energy education and connections to other services and resources. For Grand Traverse, Benzie, Kalkaska, and Leelanau County residents – call (800) 632-7334. For Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Missaukee, Roscommon, Wexford County residents – call (800) 443-2297.

## "BOYNE APPÉTIT"

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ings and serve complimentary appetizers. Those currently participating are the Boyne Pub, Café Sante, Northern Table, Porter Creek Fish House, Red Mesa Grill, Boyne River Inn, Lake Street Market and The Wine Emporium.

Nate Jason from Café Sante and Mark Warner from Northern Table are coordinating Wine Wednesdays and inviting other area restaurants to participate. "We plan to issue a punch card and once participants have visited all of the restaurants,

they will be eligible to win a prize," adds Warner.

A Boyne Appétit! website is being developed (www.boyneappetit.com) and will contain extensive information about each restaurant or retail business (everything from detailed hours to whether or not they cater) -- information that is not now available in any one place for visitors to our community. It is anticipated that in the spring a brochure will be printed containing all of this information to distribute to visitors to the Boyne City area. Funding is being sought to print this brochure.

The initiative involves restaurants and retail food purveyors in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Advance and Walloon Lake.

## CLOCK

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be mechanically possible and not cost prohibitive, so city commissioners earlier this month approved spending \$4,000 to have it inspected by consultants from Balzer Family Clockworks. The Balzer Company is one of the nation's only premiere clock manufacturers specializing in clock tower building and restoration.

Cain said after a thorough inspection and some

manipulation, the Balzers were able to get some of the mechanisms on the old clock working and ultimately graded it a "C+", meaning that while it is definitely in need of work, it would be an attainable project to pursue.

He said it will take about two weeks for the Balzers to prepare a formal report for city officials to consider detailing the status of the clock and including cost estimates for its restoration and installation in a tower once the city facilities project gets underway.

## FAITH

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and one of his daughters worked to lay ceramic tile through most of the building. "Right from the git-go he was here to help," said Si.

Then Mike Babcock an electric contractor from Sault Ste. Marie came down to help and installed 2 furnaces, 2 air conditioning units and all the wiring. "He insisted on going first class with everything he did. We have the same air purifying system they use in hospitals," said Mary. "Why he wanted to do all that we don't know," said Si.

Then came the Frausts from Wisconsin. Gary and Peachy Fraust camp at Tourist Park every year. They attend Jordan Valley Church while on vacation each year. One of the regular congregation suddenly became unable to help. "He was our most faithful helper. We needed somebody right then," said Mary. The Frausts even extended their vacation to complete the renovations.

But the biggest surprise came as they began to put the finishing touches on the building. At the time that they purchased the building the previous owner asked if they wanted him to remove a pile of old doors that was stored there. "At first I said yeah, then I said no, unknown to me God was saying I have a use for those, don't get rid of them," said Si. Babcock had gotten prices on oak doors for the entryway. The least expensive and not really what they'd hoped for came in at \$1,400 and the doors they wished for came in at \$5,000. "For one set of doors," sighed Mary. Shortly thereafter Babcock called Si out back. In the pile of old doors they found a set of oak doors like those on their wish list. "They were perfect only the glass was missing," he said. As they looked closer at the doors they noticed they weren't old at all. They needed 11 interior doors and there were 11 doors there. As they began to hang them inside they began to realize that each opened in the right direction. "It was amazing, amazing. That was a miracle," said Si.

There were other things as well. When taking the building down to bare studs they set aside some

of the undamaged ceiling tile. What they saved ended up covering every surface necessary without having to purchase more. "There was less than one piece left," said Mary. Toward the end of the renovations it looked like they would need more cash so Si asked a friend to loan the church \$15,000. He then talked to the congregation about giving to pay the loan off and the congregation wanted to pay the loan off as soon as possible. As the money started to come in Si called to arrange payments. "I called and asked how he wanted us to pay him back. He said he decided to donate the money," he said. Si went back to the congregation with the good news and to give them their money back. Everyone agreed to leave it in the building fund and as it turned out they were in need of almost exactly that much more. "Everything costs more than you think it will," said Si.

For 13 months the building became Si's full time job. The only thing they hired out was the painting and the dry wall. "I said I was too old for this and I wanted it all hired out," said Si. But he now knows why God wanted him in the middle of it all. "It was so discouraging with the burning and endless complications. Then God proved he was there over and over again. There are so many little things that worked out so miraculously. We have no doubt that at this time in our lives this is where He wants us to be," said Si.

The first service in the new building took place on September 2. Now that their location is finally settled the Doctors can begin to focus on the ministries God has laid on their hearts. They hope to operate a food pantry soon but mainly both Si and Mary have a heart for young adults. "I have a desire to be able to help young people with hands on life skills like fixing cars and home repairs," said Si. "I don't know how to go about these kinds of things but God does. That's a goal down the road for us," he said.

The Jordan Valley Baptist Church meets on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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# Health

## Feeling Holiday Stress?

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Happy Holidays! Does reading that statement make you think of positive events? Do you look forward to the holidays and all that the holidays represent? Or are you reminded of the work involved in getting ready, the preparations yet to be completed?

Stress is the condition or feeling a person has when they perceive that "demands exceed the personal and social resources the individual is able to mobilize," according to Richard Lazarus, an early and influential stress researcher. Stress is all around us. For some people, stress is a part of daily life. Stress can be both positive and negative. Stress can motivate and improve performance. Chronic stress can be detrimental, both physically and psychologically. What is considered stressful and how one responds to stress will vary from one person to another.

The Holmes and Rahe stress scale was developed and validated in 1967 as a means of quantifying the impact of various stressful life events. The scale is completed by summing the Life Change Units corresponding with each stressor experienced in the past 12 months. Death of a spouse is considered the most stressful event, scoring 100 points. Christmas is also on the list, with a point value of 12. A total score greater than 150 increases the likelihood that the individual will become ill as a result of an inability to manage the accumulated stress. Everyone experiences stress; it is our ability to cope with the stressors in our lives that makes the difference in whether the stress impacts us negatively.

To understand how stress can be detrimental to health, think about what happens in the body when we are under stress. When we perceive a threat, our nervous system responds. The fight or flight response, as it is commonly called, is set into motion when we are under stress. Our nervous systems, preparing to fight the threat or rapidly move away, release adrenaline and cortisol, stress hormones. You might not recognize the hormones being released, but you won't be able to overlook the signs - your heart beats faster, blood pressure rises, muscles tighten, and breath quickens.

You may be feeling holiday stress from trying to find the perfect gift. Try not to feel responsible for the happiness of others and remember that your thoughtfulness in wanting to recognize your relationship with someone by a gift is what counts. Also, remember to stay within your budget - the financial stress of going into debt for the perfect gift can last well into the New Year!

Stressed about meal preparation? Enlist the help of others - many will be willing to assist - and complete what you can in advance of the big day so you can spend more time socializing with family and friends and less time in the kitchen.

To help you cope with holiday stress, continue regular exercise or, if you are not an exerciser, go for a walk, even if it is around the house. Also, consider meditation, or at least taking time for a few deep breaths. Even taking time for 10 deep breaths can make you feel better and ready for your next task.



## Pints for Polio event raises \$2,408

The Charlevoix Rotary Club held its first ever Pints for Polio event at the Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company and was able to raise \$2408 to help stop Polio worldwide. Internationally, Rotary has helped immunize more than 2 billion children against polio in more than 122 countries, which has resulted in reducing the polio cases by 99 percent worldwide. COURTESY PHOTO

## State officials emphasize need for vaccination

Following recent reports of varicella outbreaks around the state, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is advising parents to make sure their children are up to date on vaccinations against the disease, also known as chickenpox. Outbreaks have been reported in recent weeks in Grand Traverse, Calhoun, Muskegon, and Wayne counties, and have involved mainly unvaccinated children in school settings. Several of the cases that have been reported were hospitalized.

"Since the introduction of the chickenpox vaccine 20 years ago, the immunization has greatly reduced the incidence of illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths related to the disease. Michigan has

seen a 97 percent decline in chickenpox in that time," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS. "The best thing you can do to protect your loved ones and community against chickenpox is to make sure your family is immunized."

Optimal protection in a community occurs when everyone who can be vaccinated, is vaccinated. Immunization against varicella and several other vaccine-preventable diseases is required for school entry in Michigan. However, parents have the option to waive the requirement through their local health department.

Also known as varicella, chickenpox is caused by a virus in the herpes virus family and is characterized

by an itchy, blistering rash. The rash may be preceded or accompanied by fever, tiredness, headache, and loss of appetite. Chickenpox is highly contagious, with the virus spreading easily through coughing, sneezing, and other contact with respiratory secretions. Like other herpes-family viruses, this virus has the capability to remain in the body indefinitely as a latent infection and reactivate later in life. When the chickenpox virus reactivates it causes a painful condition called shingles, also known as zoster.

Chickenpox can be variable, ranging from mild with few "pox" lesions to very severe illness requiring hospitalization. Complications such as pneumonia, bacter-

ial infections, and meningitis are more likely in adolescent and adult age groups. Before the licensure and routine use of the vaccine, there were an estimated 4 million cases annually, with about 11,000 hospitalizations and an average of about 100 chickenpox-related deaths each year in the United States.

Studies have shown the recommended 2-dose series given in childhood is somewhere between 89 percent and 98 percent effective in preventing any mild-to-moderate chickenpox disease and 100 percent effective in preventing severe chickenpox.

## Michigan Tobacco Quitline offers free resources

Today, former smokers outnumber current smokers in the United States. This is hopeful news for those wanting to kick the habit for good. Even better news: From now through December 31, all tobacco users who call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) QUIT-NOW will qualify for coaching and nicotine replacement therapy at no cost.

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline offers telephone coaching, tips and motivational emails or texts, an online quit program, and a mobile app. The Quitline coaches are trained to help tobacco users overcome common barriers, such

as dealing with stress, fighting cravings, coping with irritability, and controlling weight gain. Those who enroll before December 31 will be eligible for free nicotine replacement therapy in the form of patches, gum, or lozenges. This limited-time offer is good for all tobacco users, regardless of insurance coverage.

Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, encourages tobacco users to take advantage of this opportunity. He noted that those who use tobacco cessation medications double their chances of being successful.

"Quitting tobacco is difficult, but it can definitely be done—over 50 million adults have quit for good," said Meyerson. "Not only will quitting tobacco immediately benefit your health, but it will improve the health of those around you."

No matter how long an individual has smoked or used tobacco, quitting will dramatically improve his or her outlook for a healthier future. Immediately after quitting, heart rate and blood pressure improve. Long-term effects of quitting include improved circulation, improved lung function, and decreased

risk of heart disease and cancer. Planning ahead, working with a health care provider, and seeking support from friends and family can all increase the likelihood of quitting successfully.

To begin the New Year tobacco-free, call (800) QUIT-NOW or visit <http://michigan.quitlogix.org>. The Michigan Tobacco Quitline's mission is to mission to reduce and eliminate tobacco-related deaths and diseases in Michigan through leadership, collaboration and education.

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# News

## VETERAN OF THE MONTH



**GARRY LEE WHITAKER**

The Veteran of the Month of December 2015, is Garry Lee Whitaker. Born on January 9, 1936 in Ann Arbor Michigan, to Glessner and Winifred Richards Whitaker. Garry quit school in the 9th grade, and completed his GED while in the Army. Prior to entering Military Service, he was a farmer, student, and worked at Galmores service station in East Jordan. On August 20, 1955 in East Jordan, he married his sweetheart, Patrica Ann Carney, who preceded him in death on September 18, 1981. In February 1956, Garry entered Military Service and received Basic, Infantry, and Airborne Training, Qualifying Expert with the M-16 Rifle, .45 caliber and .38 caliber pistols. Departing the United States, he would complete overseas duty during the Korean conflict, and in Europe.

After his second re-enlistment, Whitaker received his Officers Commission, and completed pilot training in light aircraft, and helicopters. After completing 2 tours in Vietnam as a helicopter Gunship Pilot he returned stateside to Fort Rucker, Alabama to become and Helicopter pilot instructor. Garry retired from Military Service in 1976 after 20 years 9 days of honorable Military Service, at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW2) and received the following decorations and commendations: National Defense Service Medal; Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); Vietnam Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal; Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm; Good Conduct Medal; Air Medal; Purple Heart Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Distinguished Flying Cross; Distinguished Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Senior Army Aviation Badge.

After retirement, Garry and Pat moved back to East Jordan, where he continued farming and started a lawn-care Service business in Florida. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Ozark, Alabama. He loved ranching, fishing, flying, baking bread, Karate and spending time with his family.

On July 21, 2006 at his home in Deltona Florida, Garry Lee Whitaker answered the final call and is being honored by his children: Debbie, Ron, Patrica, Angela, and their families.

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## Holly Daze draws record crowd



Holly Daze, the annual fundraiser for the Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital experienced a record-breaking attendance this year with 345 attendees at Castle Farms Friday. The annual event, organized by the MHCH Foundation, also raised largest dollar total to date, \$185,888. The money will be used on the expansion of surgical suits and renovation of rooms at the hospital. PHOTO BY M CHRIS LEESE

## East Jordan Lions Club Donate to Grandvue Improvement Project



At their annual Christmas dinner, Dec. 7, the East Jordan Lions Club was pleased to present a \$3,000.00 check to Grandvue Medical Care Facility Administrator, Carol Timmer, for the Grandvue Terrace and Parks Project. Presenting the check to Carol is King Lion Denny Gocha. The Lions Club is pleased to be able to support the ongoing improvements that Grandvue is planning over the next few years. At the dinner the Lions and guests also participated in their annual gift auction which raised \$1,000.00 that will be donated to the East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry. If you are interested in joining the EJ Lions Club (open to both men and women), please call Denny Gocha, 536-0837 or email [dennisgocha@aol.com](mailto:dennisgocha@aol.com). The Lions Club provides much needed help to many local projects.

## North Country CMH seeks art for statewide show

North Country Community Mental Health is accepting entries to represent its six-county service area in the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards' Creative Minds Changing Minds statewide traveling art show. Eligible artists are those who are current recipients of Community Mental Health (CMH) services who live in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska, or Otsego County. The winning entry will be chosen by an independent judge and the winning artist will receive a \$100 purchase award.

The statewide traveling art show will make its debut in May 2016 in Northern Michigan and will travel around the state for the next two years. At the end of the two years, the artwork will be auctioned with proceeds to benefit statewide anti-stigma efforts. The four goals are two-fold: 1) to help de-stigmatize mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders by showcasing the talents of people who use CMH services; and 2) to highlight the recovery potential of the arts.

Entries may be turned in at any North Country CMH office, New Horizons Clubhouse in Rapid City, or Petoskey Club in Petoskey.

The submission deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016.

The rules and submission form are available at [www.norcochm.org](http://www.norcochm.org). For more information contact Deb Freed at North Country CMH at (231) 271-6177 or email [dfreed@norcochm.org](mailto:dfreed@norcochm.org).

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