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Boyne City Main Street has hired Kelsie King-Duff as the program's Executive Director. Ms. King-Duff was selected from a field of over 40 applicants for the position and comes to Boyne City after two years with the City of Allegan and its Positively Allegan program. While working in Allegan

Ms. King-Duff helped double the size of their Farmers Market and oversaw the operation Boyne City Main Street has of the City's two theaters, one hired Kelsie King-Duff as showing first run movies and the program's Executive Di- the other serving as a venue

for community functions and live performances. She also helped re-launch Allegan's long dormant Bridgefest community festival which attracted thousands of participants.

Boyne City Main Street Program hires Executive Director

Ms. King-Duff said: "I look forward to many collaborations in the Boyne City community, and am excited to get started.'

She and her husband are looking forward to moving to Boyne City and enjoying the Northern Michigan lifestyle. "In my free time I enjoy skiing, hiking, kayaking, and just being outside in general," she added.

Ms. King-Duff participated in three interviews as part of the hiring process and was unanimously recommended by the program's four-person executive search panel and unanimously approved by the Main Street Board at a Special Meeting on December 29th. Ms. King-Duff becomes the Boyne City Main Street program's fourth Executive Director since its establishment in 2003

Main Street Board Chairperson Pat O'Brien expressed his, and the entire board's, pleasure with Ms. King-Duff's hiring and looks forward to her becoming an important part of the Boyne City community and building on the ongoing successes and important work of the Boyne City Main Street program.

Ms. King-Duff starts work in Boyne City on Monday, January 30th and can be reached via email at mainstreet@boynecity.com or by phone at 231.582.9009.

Grant for almost One Million dollars awarded to Hayes Township for park

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX-What local officials believe will soon become another gleaming "gem" to enjoy in northern Michigan is one step closer to becoming a reality in Charlevoix County's Hayes Township.

Township supervisor Ron Vanzee reported that grant funding totaling \$912,400 was recently awarded to the township to put towards completion of its multi-million dollar Park Camp Sea-Gull project. Once complete, the project is expected to cost about \$12 million and will bring a new public boat launch, fishing pier, pavilion, archery range and many other amenities to the 20acre parcel of land situated along Lake Charlevoix. While about six different agencies overall contributed to this most recent grant total VanZee said the bulk of the funding came from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Great Lakes Fishery Trust. Vanzee noted the project has relied on grant and donation funding from the get-go when Hayes Township acquired the Camp Sea-Gull property for about \$3.4 million back in 2013. The property, which features some 1,400 feet of Lake Charlevoix frontage, had functioned as a camp since it opened in 1922, when it was an all girls camp called Camp Karefree.





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Boyne City commercial/ industrial fire inspections available

The Boyne City Fire Department encourages business owners to contact them for a complimentary Fire safety inspection. At no charge, members of the Boyne City Fire Department will schedule a visit to inspect and make suggestions regarding fire safety issues.

These inspections provide two primary benefits. First business owners will receive suggestions on possible ways to improve the fire safety of their business and building. Secondly members of the Fire Department, by touring the business and building, can begin to develop a response plan for the building/business inspected which will help them be better prepared in case they ever have to respond to an emergency there. The Boyne City Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors and alarms, properly charged fire extinguishers and a practiced escape plan. Fires and other emergencies can happen anywhere at any time. By working together we can help prevent them from happening and if they do happen minimize injuries and loss of property. For more information or to schedule a visit please contact the Boyne City Hall at 231.582.6597 or Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury at boynefire@boynecity.com.

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purchased in 1955 by Lew and Regene Shulman, whose children continued to operate the camp from 1972 until it closed in 2012.

Because of its highly sought-after Lake Charlevoix frontage, Vanzee said when the camp first went on the market, some local residents advocated the property be sold to a developer to construct houses or condominiums in order to boost property tax

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revenue in the township. However, Vanzee said township officials soon decided it was in the best interests of the community to

acquire the property and preserve and enhance its natural beauty for longterm public use. And that has been and will continue to be a grand effort, Vanzee explained, which is reliant upon finding a balance among a wide variety of funding streams, from grants and matching funds to general contributions.

"Along with each grant comes a responsibility from the township," he added, noting the township has to routinely prove the project remains worthy and is meeting all requirements and strict standards.

Some funding is also contributed by the township and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is among those agencies who have donated to the project. Vanzee said he antici-

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finding funds until the Park Camp Sea-Gull project is complete, which he estimates could take up to 12 years.

The Hayes Township Board this week, in fact, approved moving forward with application of two additional grants to further the project along even more, he said.

But while finding funding can be a years-long and tedious road, the good news, he said, is the number of agencies who already have demonstrated strong support. "It's really a plus to have so many agencies willing to give us grants," Vanzee said, "That tells us we have a good project for the public."

Vanzee said while not many amenities are available there right now, Park Camp Sea-Gull is currently open to the public for those who might enjoy using the property for hiking, snowshoeing or cross country skiing.

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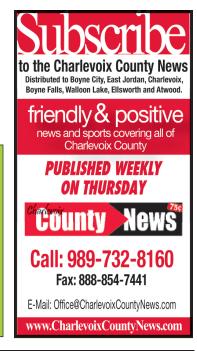
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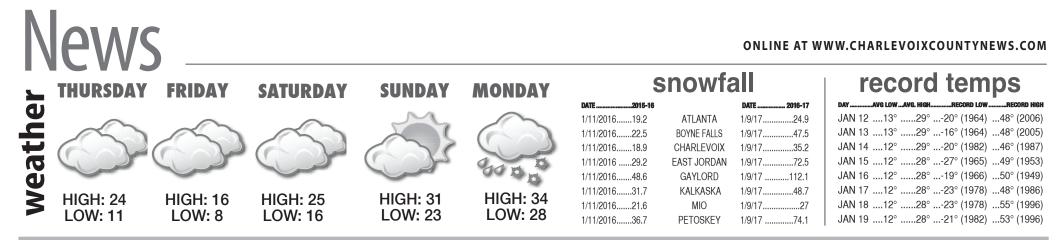
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OBITUARIES

Dana Lee Phipps (Skop), 26

(JULY 19, 1990 - JAN. 2, 2017)



Dana Lee (Skop) Phipps of East Jordan died on Monday, January 2, 2017, in Ann Arbor.

She was born on July 19, 1990, in Petoskey, the daughter of Terry and Brenda (Honeysette) Skop.

She graduated from Boyne Falls High School in 2008. On December 24, 2014, in East Jordan, she married John D. Phipps.

Dana had the heart of an artist. She loved drawing anything, coloring and crocheting. She especially loved the Disney character, Tinkerbell.

She had volunteered at the East Jordan Senior Center from a very young age.

Dana is survived by her husband, John D. Phipps of East Jordan; her parents, Terry and Brenda Skop of East Jordan; her fraternal grandparents, Richard and Christina Skop of East Jordan; and her loving dog, Lucy. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Dana and Donna Honeysette.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be directed to the Skop Family.

Fire Chief defends actions in Downtown Charlevoix Fires

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - How Charlevoix's fire department handled two major downtown fires in recent weeks has some city council members wondering if it lacks the capability to effectively fight future fires in the city.

Charlevoix Police and Fire Chief Gerard Doan was called before city council earlier this month to explain how his department dealt with two major fires in the city's downtown district that destroyed three businesses in the past two months.

City council members said questions surfaced after two serious fires occurred along a stretch of Bridge Street since last November, the first of which gutted Johan's Cafe at 327 Bridge Street and destroyed the neighboring Round Lake Gallery at 325 Bridge Street.

The second fire broke out a few weeks later just one block south on Christmas Eve at the Trademark Properties Building, located at 221 Bridge Street, which had been home to Cherry Republic. That fire re-ignited on Christmas Day, requiring crews to remain on standby throughout the day to assure the blaze was thoroughly extinguished.

But since those fires, city council members said questions have evolved about decisions Doan made and actions that were taken-or not taken- in the fire-fighting efforts.

City councilor Shirley Gibson questioned in particular why Doan opted not to utilize the city's aerial truck during the fire at Cherry Republic on Christmas Eve while such trucks from three other nearby fire departments were on hand at the scene and why only three of ten Charlevoix volunteer fire fighters had air packs to enter the Trademark Properties Building as it burned.

"We need to explain to our constituents why city assets are not being used to fight these fires," Gibson said.

Doan went on to detail the events as they occurred during the Christmas Eve fire, noting his team was on the scene with the first fire en-



The first of Charlevoix's downtown fires gutted Johan's Cafe at 327 Bridge Street and destroyed the neighboring Round Lake Gallery at 325 Bridge Street. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.

manpower available at the time to leave the scene to get the city's aerial truck. His top priority and major concern at the onset of the fire, Doan said, was extinguishing a gas meter fire before DTE Energy was able to shut down the line, as the meter line had melted and a "high intensity flame" was shooting up the rear of the building.

He said he was concerned the downtown would fill up with natural gas if the flame was extinguished. "City manpower had to remain there until the line was off," he explained.

City council member Janet Kalbfell also asked Doan to detail the chain of command and respond fire to help. But Doan assured the council that was not the case and that he and Roloff both were out walking around, fully assessing and assisting at the scene that night.

Kalbfell said she was satisfied at Doan's explanation and thanked him on behalf of the city council for the service of his department and other first responders who worked together countless hours to extinguish both fires.

Firefighters from Charlevoix were assisted at the scene of both fires by crews from Charlevoix Township, Boyne City, East Jordan, Petoskey, Resort/Bear Creek Township and Banks Township.



P.O. Box 66, East Jordan, MI 49727. gine within four minutes of being called.

He added that he did not have the

to reports that he and assistant fire chief Bob Roloff did not leave their vehicle during the Christmas Eve

Charlevoix Police and Fire Chief Gerard Doan. (PHOTO COURTESY CHARLEVOIX FIRE DEPT.)





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January 12, 2017 News

Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities at NCMC

North Central Michigan College will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 16, with activities for students, faculty and staff as well as the general public. All activities will be on the Petoskey campus.

At 11:30am, Tamber Bustance, manager of Inclusion Services for Grand Rapids Community College's Bob and Aleicia Woodrick Center for Equity and Inclusion, will conduct a workshop luncheon entitled "Our Changing Community." In this interactive workshop, participants will explore North Central's culture that exists within the faculty, staff and student body and how the many aspects of this culture enrich our campus and our community. This

event is in the Iron Horse Café and is open to the public. Students, faculty and staff are free. Cost to community members is \$10 for lunch. Please RSVP to 231-348-6600.

At 6pm, Tom Appel, a 52year civil rights advocate from Grand Rapids, will trace his involvement in the civil rights movement in the mid-60's to present day from the perspective of a middle class white male. The presentation will be in the Library Conference Center. The presentation is free and no reservations are necessary.

Mr. Appel's presentation will be followed at 7:30pm in the Conference Center by a special screening of "Selma" at 7:30pm. Erick Haight, professor of psychology, will

lead a discussion after the movie.

On Tuesday, January 17 at 1pm, Shanna Robinson, art professor, will talk about the work of two artists, Jacob Lawrence and Kerry James Marshall. From 1940-1941, Lawrence created a series of 60 works called The Migration of the Negro. Marshall is a contemporary painter who examines the lives of black Americans today. We will look at the work of both painters to gain an understanding of how the Great Migration has affected our society. This free presentation will be in the Library Conference Center. No reservations are necessary.



to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be a workshop luncheon on Monday, January 16 conducted by Tamber Bustance, manager of Inclusion Services for Grand Rapids Community College's Bob and Aleicia Woodrick Center for Equity and Inclusion. Courtesy photo

NCCMH awarded CARF Accreditation

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North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years (through November 2019) for nine of its programs. This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality. The latest accreditation is

the fourth consecutive accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to North Country Community Mental Health. The first survey was in 2007.

Alexis Kaczynski, NCCMH Director said, "Staff at North Country do outstanding work on a daily basis and it is gratifying to have their efforts recognized in this way. Our staff are great people who focus on what is most important providing high quality services to the people of our communities. We take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation.'

For additional information contact NCCMH Director Alexis Kaczynski at (231) 935-3645 or to view the accreditation report, visit http://www.norcocmh.org/.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for January 2017 is Loren Earl "Bud" Bell Sr. Born on October 1st, 1926 in Flint, Michigan he attended school near Evart, Michigan, completing the 8th grade. Leaving school, Bell worked on the family farm until September 22nd, 1944 when he enlisted in the Navy entering into active service on November 11th, 1944 in Evart. Bell was sent to the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois for basic training and then to the Additional Training Base at Camp Bradford, Virginia. Bell was assigned to the USS Landing Ship Transport #286 serving as a Seaman 2nd class and Fireman 2nd class and later he was reassigned to USS Landing Ship Transport #791 serving as Seaman 2nd class and Seaman 1st class. His ships were deployed to the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations and on July 22nd, 1946, at the US Naval Personal Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, Bell received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded the following awards: The Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, The American Area Campaign Medal and The Victory Medal. While Bell was in the Navy his parents moved to Boyne Falls, Michigan so when Bell returned home it was to Boyne Falls and on November 12th, 1946 he married Virginia Mae McCary in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Bell became a truck driver for a while and then joined the Ironworkers Union Local 340 in Battle Creek, Michi-



LOREN EARL "BUD" BELL SR.

gan and worked on the building of the Mackinaw Bridge connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. Penn-Dixie Cement Plant near Petoskey, Michigan, the Big Rock Nuclear Plant and the Medusa Cement Plant near Charlevoix, Michigan. He also worked in Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado and California before retiring in 1988. Bell and his wife traveled every winter to warmer climates settling in Quartzsite, Arizona for the last 25 years where he played golf almost every day. On October 19th, 2016 Loren Earl "Bud" Bell Sr. answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Virginia. his daughter Dianna, his sons Gary and Loren Jr. and their extended familie To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15

p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration at Boyne District Library

On January 16 the Boyne District Library will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a day of service, stories, poetry, and community engagement. Activities are planned for all ages and groups: toddlers, preschoolers, students, adults, and families.

Throughout the Day of Service, the library will serve as the hub for service projects in the Boyne City community with organizations such as the Boyne City Food Pantry and the Challenge Mountain Resale Shop. Patrons interested in volunteering for these projects can sign up ahead of time at the library, or stop in on January 16th for an assignment.

A poetry contest titled, "Peace Is...," open to adults and children, will run through January 16th. A special mobile craft celebrating Dr. King's "I Have a Dream"

speech, and inspiring artists to consider their own dreams for themselves, the community, and the world will be available for all patrons to create. A special storytime for the youngest patrons will focus on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the concept of service in our communities, with a showing of the short animated video, "MLK - The King and His Dream" in the Children's Area.

Special videos about Dr. King's work and his legacy will be shown in the Community Room multiple times over the course of the day (see below for times and subjects). A community recitation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech will be the culminating event of the day, with poetry contest winners recognized and a display of poetry and I Have a Dream mobiles beginning at 6:00pm in the main library by the

fireplace.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a national observation honoring Dr. King's legacy by bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together to engage in acts of service in their local communities. Established as a national day of volunteer service by Congress in 1994, participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown steadily in the last decade. As a participant in the service holiday, the Boyne District Library looks to involve our patrons in volunteer opportunities not just for the day, but to encourage them to continue to work together in acts of service

throughout the year. **Questions?** Please contact Cindi Place at (231) 582-7861 or placec@boynelibrary.org.

Schedule of Events:

Dec.21-Jan.16; "Peace is...

"Poetry contest (all ages) All Day, Circulation Desk, Organizing a local "MLK Day of Service"

All Day Jan. 16; Circulation Desk. Handout wristbands: "I have a dream"

10am & 4pm; Conference Room, Showing MLK's "I have a dream" speech

10am; Children's Room; Storytime reading 10:45am; Children's Room;

"MLK – the King and his Dream" video

11am – 6pm; Community Room; Creating "I have a dream" mobiles

11am & 5pm; Conference Room; Constitution Hall Pass, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Legacy of Serv-

6pm; Upstairs; Recitation of MLK's "I have a dream" speech, Poetry contest winners announced, Poetry and mobile display

8.8 million Americans signed up for HealthCare.gov coverage

8.8 million Americans have cans signed up for coverage signed up for coverage through HealthCare.gov since Open Enrollment began on November 1st. This compares to about 8.6 million plan selections last year at this time, demonstrating Americans' strong and growing demand for affordable. quality coverage. Total plan selections as of December 31st, which include auto reenrollments, consist of 2.2 million new consumers and 6.6 million returning consumers. Among returning consumers, two thirds, or 4.4 million, actively selected a plan, an increase from last year's already high levels of consumer engagement. "With 8.8 million Ameri-

through HealthCare.gov, more than last year at this time, it is clear that Americans want and need this vital coverage," said U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "As we enter the New Year. Americans who are still uninsured should sign up by January 15th to have coverage starting February 1." The most recent report covers the period from December 18 through December 31, 2016. This snapshot does not include plan selections from the 12 State-Based Marketplaces that use their own enrollment platforms. Those numbers will be included in

the upcoming Mid-Open Enrollment report.

As in past years, enrollment weeks are measured Sunday through Saturday. Since this year Open Enrollment began on a Tuesday, the totals reported in this snapshot reflect two fewer days than last year's Week 9 snap shot, yet still enrollment exceeds last year's total. Every two weeks during Open Enrollment, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will release enrollment snapshots for the HealthCare.gov platform, which is used by the Federally-facilitated Marketplaces and State Partnership Marketplaces, as well as some State-based Market-

places. These snapshots provide point-in-time estimates of biweekly plan selections, call center activity, and visits to HealthCare.gov or CuidadoDeSalud.gov. The final number of plan selections associated with enrollment activity during a reporting period may cl as plan modifications or cancellations occur, such as due to life changes like starting a new job or getting married. In addition, as in previous years, the biweekly snapshot does not report the number of consumers who have paid premiums to effectuate their enrollment.





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North Central Michigan College offers Winter Workshops

North Central Michigan College's Corporate and Community Education department is offering winter workshops in Petoskey. All workshops are held in Room 536 in the Student and Community Resource Center, unless otherwise indicated.

Beekeepers and others who are interested are invited to join the Beekeepers' Guild on the third Thursday of each month from 6 -7pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with other beekeepers and learn about hive maintenance, bee products and much more. There will be workshops following the guild meetings from 7 - 8:30pm. Topics include beginning "Beginning Beekeeping - the 1st Year" on January 19, "Advanced Beekeeping" on February 16 and "Making and Marketing Beekeeping Products" on March 16. These meetings are free but pre-registration is required.

Join other farmers to explore ideas in The Lean Farm, by Ben Hartman, and how they might apply to your farm on Tuesdays, February 7 through February 28 from 6 – 8pm. Create a value stream map for one or more of your products, root out waste and start the process of continuous improvement to make your farm more profitable and enjoyable. Facilitator: Larry Dyer, Ph.D. Cost is \$40/series plus \$25 for book.

MSU Product Center Innovation Counselor Wendy Wieland, and Michelle Jarvie, MSUE Food Safety Educator, will present the business and food safety aspects of preparing and selling cottage foods at farmers' markets or direct to your customer on Wednesday, February 22 from 6 - 8pm. Cost is \$20.

North Central and the Local Food Alliance are hosting monthly community discussions on the Economics of Local Food Systems. Please join the discussion the second Wednesday of each month, January 11, February 8 and March 8. from 6 – 8pm. Enjoy delicious food, inspiring discussions and good results. Free and open to the public.

Through a partnership between CCE and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, businesses in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties will have access to the "Lean Learning Consortium" (LLC), an annual membership program providing monthly events on the Lean philosophy and processes. A membership includes two seats per enrollment in any LLC event in the state of Michigan, with monthly programs and discounts on specific training programs. To join, contact CCE Director Jim Tisdel at (231) 348-6613

or jtisdel@ncmich.edu. Join the upcoming tours on Friday, January 13 from 9am - Noon at Petoskey Plastics, and Friday, February 10 from 9am - Noon at a location to be determined.

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5th Bi-Annual Navigating the Arts Performance

January 25, 6pm, Charlevoix Public Library Conference Room. The program features dance and theater that integrate core academic subjects with the performing arts. A culmination of Charlevoix Montessori Academy's study of North America, the program offers Native American stories and various dances performed by the high school, middle school, and lower grades. Donations will be greatly appreciated, with a suggestion of \$5. All ages are welcomed. Come see Charlevoix Montessori Academy students of all ages in a performance that promises to entertain and inspire.

HIDDEN TREASURES: Good Samaritan Resale Shop & Food Pantry

Serving families in need for 26 years

By Jim Akans

Back in 1990, Ellsworth resident Mary Peterson had an idea...or perhaps it was more of a calling.

"I was visiting a local resale shop and I saw people searching through the trash for something they could use," she recalls. "I just knew there had to be a way to set up a new system for distributing goods to those in need, so I began looking for people who could pursue that idea.'

Over twenty-five years later, the result of that inspiration; Good Samaritan Family Services, continues following a mission statement of "servicing the Lord by reaching out to those in need," providing food and outreach programs to local families who could use a little help.

Petersen recalls, "When we began our mission, it was located in the old fire hall in town, we re-



Good Samaritan Family Services, is celebrating over two-and-a-half decades of following a mission statement of "servicing the Lord by reaching out to those in need," providing food and outreach programs to local families who could use a little help. COURTESY PHOTO

ceived support from local churches and it was ran by a small group of volunteers." At that time, about 30 families visited the facility each month.

Today, approximately 700 families visit Good Samaritan's Food

Pantry each month, primarily from Antrim County though about a quarter of those families are from Charlevoix County. A crew of some 90 volunteers helps to stock and distribute the food supplies, oversee the non-profit organization's Resale

Shop, Good Samaritan Furniture & More Store, and assist new mothers at their affiliated Moms & Tots Center.

"The need has grown over the years," Mary relates. "People's stories tug at your heart. Our senor

> 0050 Report of a disturbance in the 300 block of E Division St. A highly intoxicated sub-0137 ject at Lake and Ray St flagged us down needing help getting home. Contacted County Transit for a ride. Assist Sheriff Dept with 0146 assault in progress at Boyne Mountain. While assisting, a subject exposed himself to the patrol car dash cam. Subject was arrested him for MIP and Indecent Exposure Δccict

population has grown and we are seeing more seniors seeking assistance here, though they can be reluctant to ask for help.'

She adds, "Everyone who gets food also gets free clothing. People can visit once a month, and we try to give them enough to last a bit longer. A lot of our food comes from the Manna Food Project, which we receive at a very good discount, so we can really stretch dollars that are donated.'

Good Samaritan Family Services also offers "Sammy's Shoes" at the Resale Shop, which has a huge assortment of new shoes in virtually every size, style and color. Families in need can pick up a brand new pair of shoe for a small donation or even for free if they are unable to afford the donation.

Good Samaritan's hours of operation are Tuesdays, 10am to 7pm, Wednesdays through Fridays from 10am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. They are located at 9746 Main Street in Ellsworth and can be reached at (231) 588-2208 or on the web at www.thegoodsam.com

> subject walking downtown. Refused any assistance.

0542 Report of an intoxicated subject at E. Main St. and Boyne Ave. Gave subject ride to Boyne Falls

Subject calling looking for 0604 the above intoxicated subject. 0810 Request for Welfare Check in the 300 block of E Division. Subject moved out several months

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, December 26, 2016 0505 Alarm on Lakeshore Dr. 1114 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park Car deer accident on 1329 State St near River Ridge Ln. Property damage acci-1617 dent reported in the 100 block of E Water St. 1852 Alarm on S Lake St. 1901 Report of tree in road on Pleasant near Prospect. Someone had already removed it. 1928 Assisted Fire Dept with limb on lines in the 400 block of Terrace 1950 Report of tree partially blocking the road on Pleasant near Division

2047 in trees in the 1000 block of Leroy.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 27, 2016 0636 Assist sheriff Dept with personal injury crash on Advance Rd

near Snyder Rd. 1131 Brockway. Was Charter cable. Gasoline drive off from 1234 the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Arrested subject for No 2139 Insurance and Unregistered vehicle in the 1400 block of Pleasant Assist Sheriff Dept with 2202 Unknown Accident at Anderson Rd. and Thunder Rd. Came upon another car 2206 in the ditch at Anderson Rd. and Bersano Dr.

Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of N Park St. Citation issued for Speed 1400 in the 800 block of Brockway 1530

Citation issued for prohibited u-turn at Water and Park

0106 block of S Lake St. Vehicle fire at Division 0445 and Pleasant. Driving complaint on N 0817 ke St

0914 Parking complaint on Front St near Pleasant. Report of some totes in 1623 the road on Boyne Ave near Brockwav 17Ó3 Vehicle unlock on Boyne

Av. Noise complaint from the 1813 300 block of Silver St.

Assist sheriff Dept by dis-

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016 Report of a gas leak in Vehicle unlock in the 100

Assist Fire Dept with lines 1244

Report of a line down on

Thursday, December 29, 2016 Vehicle unlock in the 200

patching an injured deer on M-75 N.

block of E Main St. 1212 the 200 block of S Lake St. Fire Dept made entry and located the leaks in the kitchen. 1409 block of E Morgan St.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28, 2016 Arrested subject for No 0445 Insurance in the 300 block of E Lincoln St

Assist to Circuit Court pa-0932 role and Probation in the 300 block of N Lake St. Assist EMS in the 1300 1052 block of Boyne Av. 1611 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St.

Friday, December 30, 2016 0010 Assist MSP at Park and State.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 0007 Citation issued for Violat-ing GDL II on Boyne City Rd at Court of car keys in the 100 block of E. Pine St.

0251 Welfare check on several intoxicated subjects kicked off the transit bus on Pleasant Valley Rd. Assist East Jordan PD 0302 with subject threatening to harm others. Found a box of firework 0339 tubes on fire in Peninsula Park.

ago 1311 Larceny of a Christmas Laser light from the front yard in the 1000 block of Pleasant Ave 1349 911 Hang up check in the 600 block of W Michigan. Subject was attempting to reset the phone. 1437 Civil complaint in the 400 block of North St. 1607 Report of a drive off from



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January 12, 2017 News

Communities invited to apply for Greenspace Improvement Dollars

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan invites local communities to apply for funds to implement infrastructure, policy, and educational enhancements to public greenspaces. By improving the aesthetics, accessibility and safety of greenspaces, the project aims to increase the percentage of adults and youth who meet federal physical activity guidelines, ultimately reducing poor health outcomes and health disparities in Michigan.

Eligible applicants include any local government department, agency, special purpose district, public school district, Indian Tribal organization or 501(c)(3). Several grants will be awarded, with individual grants limited to \$20,000. Entities with greenspace sites in the

following counties are eligible to apply: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Otsego and Wexford.

The grant, Building Healthy Communities, is part of continued work by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to ensure all residents have an opportunity to live a healthy life. A portion of the grant aims to fund sustainable public greenspace enhancements that will create a lasting impact on the health of the community.

"We are excited to support local agencies in their work to improve greenspaces while also promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing against disease," said Erika Van Dam, the Director

of Community Health Services at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "These investments will be coupled with our continued work in health education and policy, systems, and environmental changes across the Northern Michigan region."

Letters of Intent are due January 27th and the submission deadline is February 10th. An informational call will take place on January 30th. For further information, including application requirements, visit www.nwhealth.org or call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at (800) 432-4121.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@Charlevoix CountyNews.com.

To The Editor:

My nine-month-old sister talks to everything, and I mean everything. She converses with her hands, the Christmas tree, her bottle, paper scraps, socks, the envelopes in the pews at church, the dog's tail, and the bracelet on my left wrist with equal and indiscriminate affection.

However, although my baby sister is on speaking terms with almost every inanimate object in the house, she has a special smile and a special squeak that she saves only for other human beings.

At only nine months old, my baby sister is onto something. She knows that, although the Christmas tree might be a good friend, it's not another person. At nine months old, she already knows that

I am. and you are, another person. What is the difference between a person and a Christmas tree? The fundamental difference between a person and anything else is the human soul. And what is the human soul? I am not a philosopher or a theologian, but I think that we can imagine the soul as the part of God's heart that He puts into each of His children when He creates them, at

the moment of conception. Yes, from the very moment of conception, God invests His loving heart into each of His children. Yes, from the very moment of conception, God has loved you with all His heart, called you by name, and dreamed of spending eternity with you. And yes, from the very moment of conception, He loves and gives His heart to every child, no matter what;

God loves every part of every one of us with a love so strong and so unconditional that we can't even begin to comprehend it.

Sunday, January 15th, is Sanctity of Life Sunday. Take a few moments on this day to delight in human life, as my baby sister does, and to rejoice in God's love for you. While you're at it, reflect on what you can do to protect human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Remember, any crime against human life- contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, or euthanasiabreaks God's heart.

Sincerely, Anastasia Bragg

NCMC Ireland scholarship available

North Central Michigan College and the **Robert Emmet Society** are seeking entries for a scholarship contest that will send a North Central student to Ireland this fall for a semester of study. This is the only scholarship awarded by the College that sends a student abroad. The competition is based on an essay contest, academic achievement, student activities and an interview with college and society representatives

Applicants must be enrolled in at least seven credits each semester in an academic program at North Central for the 2016-2017 school year and be committed to studying at GMIT from mid-September through mid-December, 2017. Participants must submit an essay on the topic, "How do the political values of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot and namesake of Emmet County, relate to our world and our lives today?"

Those wishing to enter the competition should contact Dr. Sara Glasgow, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at North Central at (231) 348-6604 or

sglasgow@ncmich.edu by February 13, 2017. Essays must be submitted by March 6, 2017 to Dr. Glasgow at North Central Michigan College,

1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770. The winner will be announced before the end of the school year. Details are available at http://www.ncmich.edu /paying-forcollege/scholarships/ire

land-scholarship.html. The winner of this competition will receive a scholarship for Fall 2017 at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) in Galway, Ireland. The scholarship covers round-trip airfare from Detroit or Chicago and tuition, room and

books at GMIT. The Society was founded in the early 1990's to honor Robert Emmet, the namesake of Emmet County, Michigan, and to make area residents more aware of Emmet's brief but courageous life and his enduring legacy as a champion of freedom and democracy. The Society works closely with North Central in awarding the scholarship that is named after Joseph W. McCarthy, a local businessman, and Dr. William McCullough, a Petoskey physician, both active members of the society since its founding. The Robert Emmet Society and the Blissfest Music Organization raise funds for the scholarship through donations and annual music events.

MEDC approves tax break for forthcoming manufacturing facility in Antrim County

LANSING — State Sen. Wayne Schmidt applauded recent action by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that will aid in

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the construction of a planned, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Antrim County's Warner Township.

EJ USA, Inc., known for its manhole covers and other iron works, through its affiliate East Jordan Foundry LLC, will construct the new facility. The plant will feature a high tech, more environmentally friendly molding line that will use fewer fossil fuels.

"This is great news for EJ USA, its employees and customers, and for the region's economy," said Schmidt, R-Traverse City. "My thanks to the MEDC for supporting this project that will help support more than 400 jobs and generate \$125 million in capital investment."

Additionally, the company will take down an existing foundry near Lake Charlevoix to allow for redevelopment of the site.

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved a five-year Alternative State Essential Services Agreement valued at \$408,535 that will support the project.

Chamber Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

January 19, 5-8:30pm, Boyne Mountain Resort. It's the "can't miss" event of the year and typically sells out with 300 people attending. The program is an upbeat gathering with great food and drink, live and silent auctions, live music and the introduction of our Chamber Board members. We will also be announcing six awards for business leadership, volunteer of the year, nonprofit of the year, entrepreneur of the year, young entrepreneur and heritage award. Tickets are \$50 per person. Table sponsorships are \$420, including 8 seats, a table sign, program listing, listing on overhead screens and introduction at the event. Call the Chamber at (231) 582-6222 for ordering information.

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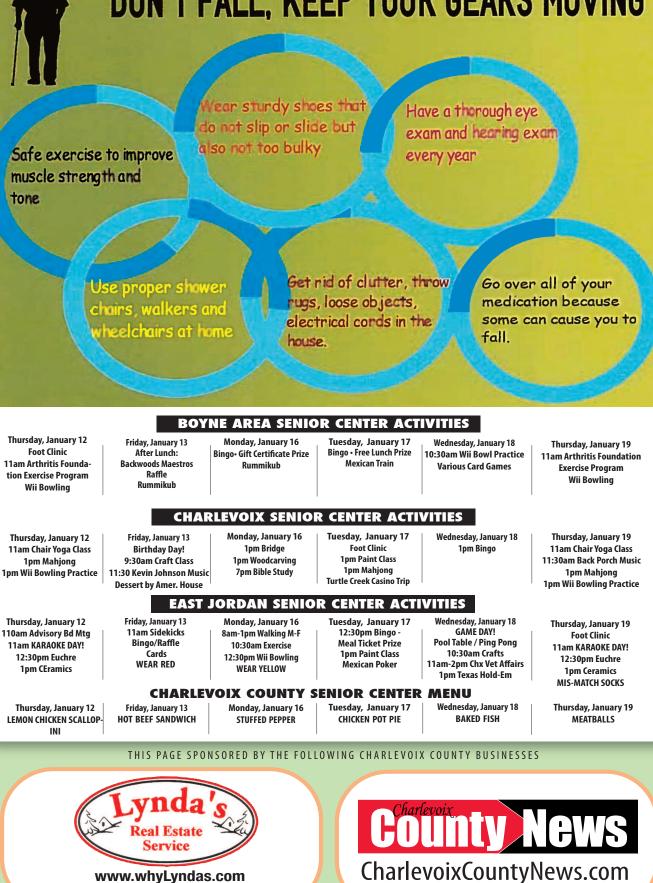
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507 WATER STREET • EAST JORDAN

Commercial building in the heart of East Jordan. This building could be used in many ways, currently has one tenant and many options for the remainder of the building. Lots of private off street parking and highly visible to passing traffic. Private courtyard to the side of the building. MLS #447749. \$179,000. Chris Oliver.



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Rare find on Six Mile Lake boasts 3 bedrooms. An amazing deck with beautiful views of not only Six Mile Lake but of Scott's Creek too. Abundant wild life, over 300 feet of lake frontage, creek frontage and all this on over 8 acres of land with a barn. Great open floor plan for entertaining. MLS #445956. \$199,900. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



5924 ZIMKLEY ROAD • HARBOR SPRINGS

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2452 MARTINSON ROAD • EAST JORDAN Rare opportunity! Almost 200 feet of river frontage on the

amazing Jordan River. This 4 bedrooms 2 bath home with newer roof and a 2 car garage. The home is located on a private road with very little traffic. There is a nice path that has been mowed to the rivers edge. MLS #449029. \$159,900. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



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