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Charlevoix senior, Hannah Zipp (40) goes in for a layup from the post in the Rayders victory over Boyne City. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)



Red Devil guard, Colin Petrie (24) gets off a layup as he draws contact from a Grayling defender. (PHOTO BY NIKI RYLAND)

Middle School Principal injured in snowmobile accident

By Michelle Medjesky

WALLOON LAKE - Sheriff's deputies say speed is to blame for a snowmobile accident in Charlevoix County last weekend that left the principal at Boyne City Middle School seriously injured. A news release from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office reported that Michael Wilson, 38, of Boyne City, lost control of his 2001 Polaris SuperSport, was thrown and hit a tree just after 12 noon on January 23. The accident occurred on a snowmobile trail just off Cobb Road in Melrose Township.

See **Principal** -8A

Ross replaces Moss as Boyne City School Superintendent for now

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - School officials in the Boyne City Public School District have decided who will temporarily fill their superintendent's post while they search for a permanent replacement. The school board voted 6-0 at a special meeting

last week in favor of hiring Thomas Ross of Alden to act as interim superintendent effective February 2. Board member Ross McLane was not present to vote at the meeting. Ross will be acting in place of present superintendent Peter Moss, who is set to retire at the end of January after more than five years at the helm of

the Boyne City School District. The board's personnel committee recommended Ross as one of three candidates most qualified to hire as interim superintendent. He has had a long-time career in education, including years spent early on as a teacher and administrator in various dis-

tricts such as Flint North-western, Altmont and Reese. Ross was later principal at Mancelona High School for seven years and then became that district's superintendent until retiring in 2001. He also has served as administrative dean and interim superintendent for the Alba Public School District. The school board in

early January launched its search for a permanent, full-time superintendent and is being directed by consultant Mark Eckhardt, Regional President with the Michigan Leadership Institute. Eckhardt has said he is tapping various resources in finding the candidate

See **Superintendent** -8A

BOYNE AREA CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE FALLS - Members of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce gathered at Boyne Mountain Resort last week for their annual meeting and awards banquet to honor several local businesses and organizations that seemed to shine more brightly than ever this past year. The chamber's 375 members were joined by community members in nominating and voting for this year's six winners, which are listed as follows:



Winners at the annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce awards banquet standing (L to R) Courtney Angell-Sumpter of Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Chuck Vondra, on behalf of his father the late Ed Vondra, Jill and Jim Habasco of Big E's Smoke Shack, Bob Grove and Mark Warner of Northern Table, Asuka Barden, on behalf of her grandfather Ed Barden and F.O. Barden and Sons, Kyle Marshall, on behalf of Mary Palmer with Magnum Hospitality and Susan Conklin on behalf of Good Neighbors Food Pantry.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ed Vondra, long-time Boyne City School Board member, school supporter and community leader was named winner of this award posthumously. Vondra, a Kiwanis Club member and father of seven, passed away in September at age 66. His son, Chuck

Vondra, accepted the award on his late father's behalf. Runners up for the Volunteer of the Year Award included Jackie Wallenberg of Boyne City Arts

Collective, Susan Conklin of the Good Neighbors Food Pantry and Alice Marshall of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Courtney Angell-Sumpter of Northern Michigan Equine Therapy was named Entrepreneur of the Year Award for work at her facility devoted uniquely to using horses to help rehabilitate autistic children and others facing physical, emotional or mental challenges. Chamber board member and award presenter Kristen Spears described the work Angell-Sumpter does through her non-profit



Courtney Angell-Sumpter of Northern Michigan Equine Therapy gives her acceptance speech before a crowd of nearly 400 area business owners and community leaders during the annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce awards banquet. Angell-Sumpter was named Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

See **Chamber Awards** -5A



Kyle Marshall (left), of Magnum Hospitality and Asuka Barden (right) of Ed Barden and Son, take a moment to pose with plaques they received at the annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. The two businesses tied for the Heritage Award, which Marshall accepted on behalf of Mary Palmer and Barden accepted on behalf of her grandfather, Ed Barden.

BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2016
 Township board trying to find \$27,000 to make township hall ADA compliant



Banks Township Trustee Tom Cooper and Supervisor Thomas Mann check out perfect hardwood stairs recently uncovered during renovations and new doors that open into the hall's banquet room.

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Whether or not to move forward with purchasing the lift that would complete renovations at the Banks Township Hall, making it ADA compliant, was the topic of discussion at the January 25 Banks Township Board meeting. A large portion of the three hour meeting was spent discussing safety features and required maintenance of the lift that would make the upstairs "great" room handicap accessible. The banquet hall which includes a stage can presently only be reached by stairs. After consulting with a representative from ACCESS, the lift company, about the lift's features the board turned their at-

See **Renovations** -6A



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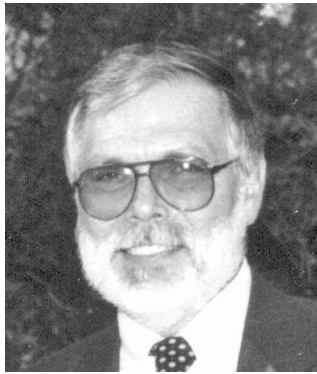
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1/5/201568.5	BOYNE FALLS	1/4/201611°29°	...-8° (1986)	...46° (1990)
1/5/201539.1	CHARLEVOIX	1/4/201611°29°	...-33° (1994)	...48° (1988)
1/5/201579.9	EAST JORDAN	1/4/201610°29°	...-16° (1980)	...49° (1988)
1/5/201597.3	GAYLORD	1/4/201610°29°	...-28° (1962)	...47° (1998)
1/5/201568.5	KALKASKA	1/4/201610°29°	...-31° (1961)	...46° (1991)
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1/5/201577.6	PETOSKEY	1/4/201610°30°	...-25° (1996)	...50° (2005)

Gary H. Schmidtke, 68

(JULY 14, 1947 - JAN 19, 2016)



Gary H. Schmidtke of Charlevoix passed away at home, after a long illness, on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, surrounded by family. He was born in Saginaw on July 14, 1947, the son of the late Harold A. and Deloris L. (Courtland) Schmidtke. Gary attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic School for 12 years, graduating in 1965. He continued his education at Chicago Technical College, Wayne State University and Delta College. He was employed by General Motors Corporation for 39 years as an Engineer / Designer, retiring in 2004. In 1995 he obtained his Builders License and, in 2004, proudly designed and built their retirement home overlooking Lake Charlevoix.

Gary was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Boyne River Conservancy, American Foundrymen's Society, Pioneer Club (golf) of Saginaw, Boyne Highlands Men's Golf League, Boyne City Yacht Club, Clinton River Ski Club, Charlevoix Historical Society, Crooked Tree Art Center and several other organizations. He was an avid

outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, and skiing. He inherited his love of the outdoors from his parents.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Kathleen. Also surviving are his step-son, Jason Haucke of Hendersonville, TN; his sister, Eileen (Michael) Chrzanowski of Kingwood, TX & East Jordan, MI; his nephews, Alex (Amanda) Medler and Ethan Medler both of Kingwood, TX; his great-nephew and niece, Lukas and Adaline; and many special friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at a later date. Those who wish are asked to make contributions in Gary's memory to The Boyne River Conservancy, The Charlevoix Historical Society, or the charity of your choice.

A special thanks to our friends who loved and supported us through this difficult time.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Henry "Hank" I. Klooster, 81



(SEPT. 6, 1934 - JAN. 12, 2016)

Henry "Hank" I. Klooster of Norwood died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

He was born September 6, 1934 in Petoskey, Michigan to Conrad and Catherine (Smith) Klooster.

Hank graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1953. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957.

On August 21, 1957 he married Jacqueline Marcotte in Brunswick, Maine. They made their home in Norwood. Hank was part owner and parts manager of Klooster Implement in Atwood. He was a member of Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, farming, hunting and cribbage.

Surviving are his wife Jacqueline; children Diane (Dan) Bennett of Bellaire, Paul Klooster of Dallas, Texas, Carl "Butch" (Joan) Klooster of Jamestown, South Dakota, Debby (Lee) Chapaw of Petoskey, Patrick (Susan) Klooster of Charlevoix; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Esther Klooster of Cedar Springs, Carolyn Klooster of Charlevoix, and Eloise Klooster of Charlevoix. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Jim Klooster, Conrad Klooster and Robert Klooster.

The funeral service was held Monday, January 18, 2016 at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Chip Sauer officiating. Interment in Atwood Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests Hospice of Northwest

Michigan or Front Porch Ministries in Ellsworth. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at hastingsfuneral.com.

George S. Puroll, 49

(MAY 31, 1966 - JAN. 21, 2016)

George S. Puroll of Bellaire passed away on January 21, 2016 at his brother's home in Bellaire.

George was born on May 31, 1966, in Gaylord, the son of Chester Puroll and Georgie Martelli.

George was a lifelong resident of Bellaire and was an avid outdoorsman. He loved many activities in the outdoors especially, hunting, fishing, four wheeling, golfing and hiking. Those are just some of the things he enjoyed, if it was done outside, he enjoyed it.

He is survived by 2 sons, Todd of Bellaire, Connor of Boyne City, a sister, Cathy (Ron) Westcott of Mancelona, 5 brothers, Ray Puroll of Lander, WY, Larry (Laurie Andree) Puroll of Bellaire, Chet (Jessica) Puroll of Hesperus, CO, Jimmie (Christine) Puroll of Bellaire, Rob (Susie) Puroll of Ellsworth as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private gathering will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Please sign George's online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Daniel McDermott (Chuck), 76

(JAN. 13, 1940 - JAN. 21, 2016)



Charles D. "Chuck" McDermott died Thursday, January 21, 2016, at his home on Stonehedge Farm, near East Jordan, in Jordan Township, Antrim County.

Chuck was born in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Emit J. and Yvonne G. (Williams) McDermott. He grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1958. His first paying job was as gatekeeper on the Ironton Ferry. Chuck started his thirty-year career with General Motors as a sweeper in the Bay City plant and retired as a production superintendent at their plant in Adrian. He retired in 1988.

On June 18, 1983, in Hudson, Michigan, he married Debra Sue (Fowler) Riddle. Twenty seven years ago, they moved to Stonehedge, which is a 163 year old working farm. Among his many farm products produced there on the farm, they produce yarn via their seventeen year old company, now known as, Stonehedge Fiber Mill, LLC. Yarn made at Stonehedge was used in the Ralph Lauren's sweaters worn by the 2014 Winter Olympians. Chuck also de-

signed and sold fiber milling equipment worldwide.

Chuck was a member of the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge - #282 and the Michigan Fiber Industry Coalition Cooperative.

He enjoyed keeping himself busy. Chuck loved to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and cherished his Irish heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Deb S. McDermott of East Jordan; five children, Kelly McDermott of Ann Arbor, Mark McDermott of Florida, Ron (Dawn) Riddle of East Jordan, Jodi (Doug) Peck of East Jordan, Jamie Sparks of East Jordan; twelve grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Jeff McDermott.

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 2:00 P.M. at the Harvest Barn Church, 210 S Lake St, East Jordan. Rev. Peter Elliott will officiate.

In memory of Chuck, the family asks those attending the gathering to wear attire appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. A potluck meal will follow.

Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Algert Firovich, 87

(SEPT. 21, 1928 - JAN. 25, 2016)

Algert Firovich of East Jordan died Monday, January 25, 2016, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan, MI.

Arrangements pending at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for January 2016 is Mercer Harding Carey. Born on April 10th, 1921 on the family farm near Atlanta, Mich., where he would grow up working the land and attending school, Carey graduated from Atlanta High School in the class of 1940. In 1942 he moved to East Jordan, Mich. going to work for The East Jordan Iron Works until Oct. 10th, 1942 when he was inducted into the Army entering into active duty on Oct. 24th, 1942 in Detroit, Mich. Following Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training, where he qualified as Sharpe Shooter with the M1 Rifle and Browning Automatic Rifle, Carey was reassigned to Company F, 383rd Infantry, serving as a squad leader, and while home on leave on June 21st, 1944 he married Bernice Helen Olson. On July 23rd, 1944 Carey departed the USA arriving in The Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations on July 28th, 1944 and participated in Battles and Campaigns in Sou Philippines, Ryukyua, Leyte Bay and Okinawa. On April 28th, 1945, in the West Pacific, Carey was wounded when hit by shrapnel in the arm, leg and chest and was sent back to the USA arriving at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas on May

23rd, 1945 to recover from his wounds. On Feb. 19th, 1946 Carey was given a Certificate Disability Discharge from McCloskey General Hospital and on Feb. 21st, 1946 Carey was given an Honorable Discharge having attained the non-commissioned officer rank of Staff Sergeant and received the following decorations and citations: M-1 Rifle SS Medal, BAR Metal, Combat Infantryman Badge, The American Theater Medal, The Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal with Two Bronze Battle Stars, The Philippines Liberation Medal with Two Bronze Battle Stars, The Good Conduct Medal, One Overseas Service Bar (representing six months service) and The World War II Victory Medal. Returning home to East Jordan, Carey went to work for The East Jordan Public Schools in 1947 as the School Custodian serving for 30 years where he touched the lives of countless students and teachers and gained many lifelong friends retiring in 1977. From 1977 to 1984 he worked for Northwestern State Bank in East Jordan as a bank courier and gardener. During retirement Carey remained active in his community serving as Chaplain for The Military Order of The Purple Heart



and Disabled American Veterans. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid photographer and was an elder in the Community of Christ Church performing many marriages, funerals and other special services. He received The Citizen of The Year, served on the cities Elm Pointe Commission and Portside Historical Society and was involved in 4-H Club, Little League and many school activities. On Jan. 5th, 2002 Mercer Harding Carey answered the final call and is being

honored by his wife Bernice, children Bud, Donna, George, Marty, and their families.

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.

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Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop to expand



East Jordan Lions Club President Denny Gocha presented Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop President Rose Hines with a \$4,000 check in support of the upcoming Crossroads building project. COURTESY PHOTO

East Jordan Lions Club President Denny Gocha presented Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop President Rose Hines with a \$4,000 check in support of the upcoming Crossroads building project. The resale shop plans to add approximately 4,500 square feet to the existing building, giving more resale space as well as indoor space for clients of the Care and Share Food Panty. Office space will also be provided for those needing financial assistance. Furniture and off season items, currently being stored at the Family Fare Plaza, will also find a perma-

nent home within the new space. The East Jordan Lions Club has pledged an additional \$2,000 per year for the next five years toward this very important project in the East Jordan community. The Club is dedicated to serving others locally and encourages anyone interested in becoming a part of this great organization to contact Gocha at 231-536-0837. For more information about the Crossroads building project, please call 231-536-7606.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING JAN. 26, 2016

How high can you go

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - With a city growing as fast as theirs, Boyne City Commissioners are aiming to make sure certain developments don't get too high.

The city commission at its meeting this week considered a measure to amend the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance defining building height as it is recommended by the planning commission.

Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the first reading of the proposed amended ordi-

nance and scheduled a second reading of the ordinance for the commission meeting on March 15.

In other business at the January 26 meeting:

Commissioners considered a Charlevoix County Parks millage application and voted unanimously in favor of authorizing city manager Michael Cain to move forward in submitting the application in the amount of \$25,000 for the Community Pavilion project and a \$25,000 application request for the Open

Space Acquisition project.

The commission also voted unanimously in favor of naming Boyne City Mayor Tom Neidhamer as ex-officio City Commission Representative to the Planning Commission for a term concurrent with his elected term of office. Neidhamer told the commission he is happy to serve on the plan commission, so long as his fellow commission members are assured he would not be "overstepping boundaries" in wearing two city official

hats. The commission agreed they did not feel Neidhamer's service on the plan commission was a conflict of interest between either position.

Commissioners also unanimously approved a measure to authorize city staff to submit an application to the National Trust for Historic Preservation to fund Phase Two of the city's Historical Walking Tour project, which is expected to cost around \$7,000 through the matching grant.

USDA expands Microloans program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers

across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to

\$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundberg

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message of the community luncheon held at the city schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck, whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pillings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge in order to stop all from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house already up and running, the now open 24' recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Wilenski at (231) 562-3132 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 562-7246.

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BOYNE FALLS BLOOD DRIVE

January 28, 10am-3:45pm. Boyne Falls School, 01662 M-75 South. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL DINNER/MEETING/AUCTION

January 30, Castle Farms. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner/Meeting/Auction. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to join us for an evening of fun, friends, food (dinner \$45/person & cash bar) and networking please contact Mary at the Chamber Office - 536-7351. Please remember your employees and team members are welcome to attend.

EAST JORDAN BLOOD DRIVE

February 2, Noon-5:45pm. East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

February 4, 8:30am-2:15pm. Boyne City High School, 1035 Boyne Ave. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST

February 5, 7-9am, Castle Farms. Please join us as we celebrate Charlevoix at the 2016 Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast. Doors will open at 6:45 with the Presentation and Awards beginning at 7:15. Mark Heydlauff, City Manager for the City of Charlevoix will be our featured speaker. During this event we will be presenting the following awards: Member (Business) of the Year - Fox Charlevoix & Fox Ford Charlevoix, Outstanding Citizen - Craig Boss MD, New Business of the Year - Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company, Young Professional of the Year - Chelsea Townsend, Outstanding Customer Service - Terry Osterhout and Chamber Ambassador of the Year - Larry Levengood. Cost: \$30 pp or \$240 for a table of 8 which includes Table Sponsorship Register on-line at www.charlevoix.org or by calling the Chamber office at 231.547.2101.

CHARLEVOIX GROUNDHOG SHADOWFEST

February 5 - 7, Retail Sales, Groundhog Goodies, Lodging Deals, Bar Specials

East Jordan Public Schools STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Zoe Bunker

EJES student of the month is 4th grader, Zoe Bunker! Zoe is a kind, respectful, responsible, and safe student. She is dedicated to her schoolwork and is always prepared for class. Zoe is truly a best friend to others, and willing to help at all times. She is a hard worker and sets challenging academic goals for herself. As a student of the month Zoe claims she loves every class she has, including MAP classes, music, gym, and art, and she is an exceptional student in each of those classes. This describes the perfect Student of the Month, and it also describes a remarkable young lady, Zoe Bunker. Congratulations Zoe for being a wonderful role model to everyone at EJES

Evan Carey

"Evan is a very responsible student. He wants to do his best and is willing to work hard to achieve. I have not doubts about his future, because he has one of the best work ethics I have seen from a 7th grade student. I have seen him demonstrate this both in class and during cross country. Congratulations Evan." Mr. Nacho

Evan Cary is a hard worker, and role model for others to follow in seventh grade. I've had the privilege of having Evan as a student and athlete (cross country) for the past two years and his attitude and work ethic have always been top notch. Keep up

the good work Evan!

Jorel McCoy

When you mention Jorel's name to any teacher, coach or staff member at EJHS, the first thing you will see is a smile and the comment, "What an awesome per-

son". Jorel is a hard worker, a member of the varsity football team, a great student and an all-around great young man. He is always polite and patient to everyone. He is a mentor to other students as well as a great role-model. We wish you the best in the future!



and Entertainment all weekend. On Saturday enjoy the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, Beer Tent, Chili Cookoff, Free Movie, Kids Games, Horse Wagon Rides and Cold Butt Euchre. For info visit www.charlevoixshadowfest.com

EAST JORDAN SNO-BLAST

February 5-7. This annual event includes Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Blessing of the Sleds, the Annual Rotary Chili Supper, Classic Fishing Tournament, Snowshoe Hike, Antique Snowmobile Show and much more. Schedule available at www.ejchamber.org or on Facebook at EastJordanSnoBlast.

CHARLEVOIX TOAST TO LITERACY

FUNDRAISER

February 6, 7-10pm, Castle Farms. Char-Em United Way's third Toast to Literacy fundraising event will again focus on delightful libations from local breweries and vineyards as well as a delicious food competition by select caterers. Toast to Literacy will take place in the lower level of Castle Farms and will feature wine/beer/mead tastings, food, a silent auction, and live music. All proceeds will benefit the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a literacy initiative sponsored by Char-Em United Way. The Imagination Library provides free books to children from birth to age five in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Admission is \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance and includes a souvenir glass and food tastings. For more information, call 231-487-1006 or go to <http://www.chareunited-way.org/content/toast-literacy>.

way.org/content/toast-literacy.

BOYNE CITY WICCA, PAGANISM & WITCHCRAFT EXAMINED

February 7, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café. The beliefs and practices of Wiccans and pagans will be examined at Lifetree Café. The program—titled "The Witch Next Door: What's the Appeal of Wicca and Paganism?"—features filmed interviews with self-identified pagans and a Wiccan who says she began exploring the religion as a teenager and still practices it today. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S Park St., Boyne City.

CHARLEVOIX MIKE SCHLITT PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

February 9, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. The Charlevoix Photography Club travels all over searching for that ultimate image. On February 9, at 6:30pm, Mike Schlitt will be showing a slide presentation of some fabulous photography of our winter wonderland. This presentation is open to the public and free of charge. www.charlevoixphotographyclub.org

CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

February 11, 10am-3:45pm. Munson Healthcare Charlevoix 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.

BOYNE CITY CHOCOLATE COVERED

BOYNE & WINTER FEST

February 12 through 14. Downtown and Old City Park. The combined event will have something for everyone with kids' games in the park, kids' activities at the library, horse drawn wagon rides, bonfires with marshmallow roasting and s'mores, hot chocolate, a chili cook off sponsored by Coldwell Banker, a Chocolate Dessert Contest featuring ultimate chocolate creations from 10 of our local restaurants, snowshoeing, sledding, skating and cross country skiing in Avalanche Park, and chocolate specials and sales offered by many downtown businesses. For the latest schedule of events, please visit www.boynechamber.com or contact info@boynechamber.com

BOYNE CITY BOYNE CITY CAREER CONNECTION

February 16, 2-3pm. Boyne District Library conference room. Learn about job opportunities and improve your job search skills by getting involved in the new Boyne City Career Connection. The meetings include discussions on job and job search strategies. For more information contact George Peet, (231) 439-5239 or visit www.NWMich-Works.org.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Winter Farmers Market is being held at the Red Barn on Saturday's from 9am-1pm through April.

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning Jan. 26th at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

1131 Civil dispute from the 600 block of N East St
1143 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
1307 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of S Park St
1358 Threats complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1457 Civil complaint from Pleasant St
1951 Pedestrian reporting being hit by car mirror earlier in the day in the 100 block of N Park St

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

1357 Report of vehicle on the sidewalk at Boyne Av and Lincoln.
1505 Vehicle broke down in travel lane of S Park St
1742 Driving complaint, possibly coming into town on M-75.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

0800 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
1631 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St
1802 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St.
1804 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

0800 Civil complaint on Groveland St
0808 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St
1232 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Front St.
1403 Salvage Inspection
1417 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St
1520 Suspicious situation reported on Roosevelt St
2100 Assist to Shiawassee County Sheriff Office in the 500 block of Boyne Av.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

0212 Report of larceny in the 300 block of E Division St.
0354 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah
0722 Vehicle unlock in the 1400 block of Pleasant St

0735 Assist EMS in the 300 block of State St
0825 Vehicle reported in snowbank at State and Call. No one around. Gone on arrival
0906 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 200 block of N Lake St.
1101 911 hang up from the Industrial Park
1452 Disturbance in the 500 block of N Lake St
1510 Found debit card turned into officer. Owner contacted.
1901 CDA on Wildwood Harbor Rd.
1920 Vehicle in the ditch on Division/Park. No damaged. They were pushed out.
1942 Vehicle out of gas on

Water St. They retrieved a can of fuel. Moved it.
2118 Report of two large explosions in the area of Jefferson St. and Collings St. Saw what looked like transformers blowing. Located down lines behind Jersey St.
2340 Alarm activation in the 500 block of W Michigan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

0326 Assist Fire Dept on Spring St.
1039 Animal complaint in the 400 block of N. East St.
1329 Assist Sheriff Dept on Boyne City Rd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

0342 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

0448 Assist Sheriff Department with an alarm on M-75 S.
0903 Vehicle unlock on LacVue.
1030 Littering complaint on Ray St. Located responsible party.
1539 Report of possible PPO violation on N East St.
1557 Unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1655 Unlock on Wilson St.
1805 CDA on Boyne Ave.
1850 Report of overdue motorist. Arrived home and was arrested on outstanding warrants.DWLS, Water and Park.

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group as a “modern day miracle” that is “dramatically changing lives” of at risk youth and others.

“Horses do not judge. They give us unconditional love and support,” Angell-Sumpter said in accepting her award, “We are so lucky to be able to give the opportunity to many in our community the chance to have a horse heal them.”

Runners up for the award were Jessica Bell of Resort Rentals North and Ivette Dixon of Smit-ten Designs.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Two area businesses tied for the chamber’s Entrepreneur of the Year Award this year.

Jim and Jill Habasco of Big E’s Smoke Shack in Boyne Falls captured the award for success at their new shop on U.S. 131 South selling fresh smoked fish and shrimp, cheeses, hot pulled pork sandwiches, homemade dips and other items with a farmer’s market appeal.

The Habasco’s shared the award with Mark Warner of Northern Table. Warner opened his new restaurant in downtown Boyne City last year with the help of Chef Meghan Wruk, who helped him develop its unique “farm to table” theme.

“We followed our dream,” Warner said in accepting his



Scott MacKenzie played auctioneer for a crowd of nearly 400 during the live auction held at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and awards banquet.

award.

Runners up included Lori Her- rington of 52 Weekends boutique and Brian Kozminski of True North Trout Guide Service.

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

The Good Neighbor’s Food Pantry was named winner of this year’s Community Pride Award, which aims to spotlight a local non-profit agency that has made a notable impact on the commu- nity in the past year.

Accepting the award on behalf of Good Neighbor’s Food Pantry was Susan Conklin, who joined

forces with Deb Noblett of the Manna Food Project to bring a larger food pantry to the Boyne City community.

Conklin said she was humbled to accept the award on behalf of all those at Good Neighbor’s and grateful for a means to help those in need.

“We live in such a beautiful place. Unfortunately, there’s poverty in paradise,” Conklin said.

Runners up for this year’s Com- munity Pride Award were Eta Nu Charities, First Presbyterian Church and the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association.

HERITAGE AWARD

Two businesses tied to win this year’s Heritage Award, which is geared to recognizing a longtime business that continues to operate in and contribute to the commu- nity.

Ed Barden of F.O. Barden and Son Lumber and Home Center will share this year’s award with Mary Palmer of Magnum Hospi- tality, founder of Red Mesa Grill and Cafe Sante’ restaurants in Boyne City.

A family-run operation, Ed Barden is now at the helm of F.O.

Barden and Son, which his grand- father founded in Boyne City in 1922. Ed Barden was not able to attend the chamber banquet to receive his award, which his granddaughter, Asuka Barden, accepted on his behalf.

Palmer was also unable to at- tend the banquet to accept her award, which Kyle Marshall ac- cepted on her behalf.

Runners up were Michelle Cor- tright of Harbor House Publish- ers and Tom Johnson of Landmark Development.

SALLY ROSELLI BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Two friends who conspired to buy what was once an unsightly parcel of lakefront property and turn it into a beautiful, new Open Space park for Boyne City were named winners of this year’s Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award.

Mike Dow and Bob Grove last spring purchased a four-acre parcel of lakefront land at 475 Lake Street that was surrounded by what locals called “the ugly fence”. The pair bought the land and offered to lease it to the city for \$1 a year through 2017 in hopes city officials can mean- while figure out how to buy the land and incorporate it into its parks program. The city has since removed the “ugly fence” and cleared the property so it can be enjoyed by the public.

Runners up for the award in- cluded Lori Meeder, executive di- rector of the Boyne City Main Street Program, Bud Shear of In- dustrial Magnetics and Dr. Cathy Wonski of Boyne Area Medical Center.

Good Samaritan Furniture Store and Sammy’s Shoes

By Tina Sundelius

The Good Samaritan Furni- ture Store has outgrown the building it has been occupying for the past few years and moved next door to the building recently occupied by MI Farm Market.

The Good Samaritan Ministry serves between seven and eight hundred families through their food pantry each month. The number of needy that benefit from the resale shop and furni- ture store is unknown but the ministry has continued to grow and provides quality furniture and home décor. “It’s all do- nated and it comes from all over,” said Mary Peterson, Di- rector of the Pantry/Resale Shops who began the Good Samaritan on her kitchen table

in 1990.

When the Good Samaritan first opened the furniture was sold out of the resale shop then moved to the Center Street loca- tion. “We needed more room, it became overwhelming, so we moved next door, the windows are so nice and we have some ladies that come in just to dress the windows,” said Peterson. The volunteer driven ministry has 122 volunteers that perform a variety of tasks such as pick- ing up food and donated items, sorting clothing, helping folks fill out forms, hauling furniture and stocking shelves. The new store also houses appliances and flooring donations. All the pro- ceeds from the furniture store come back to the food pantry. The ministry whose official mis- sion is serving the Lord while

reaching out to those in need is also affiliated with Mom and Tots whose goal is to equip young mothers with the means necessary to raise healthy and happy children and His House, a mentoring program for young men. “We’re here to support families,” said Peterson. “Some- times they just need somebody to listen, It’s just not always a fi- nancial need or even food, it’s being heard and seen and lis- tened to,” she said about the ministry that provides help with emergency needs like shut off notices, propane fill ups or “the guy who comes in with his face all swollen with a trip to the dentist,” she said. Sammy’s Shoes Sammy’s Shoes takes up space in a small room in the back of the original resale shop and contains over 700 pairs of

brand new tennis shoes. The shoes sell for \$5 for the smaller sizes and \$10 for the larger. “Some of these kids have never had new shoes,” said Peterson. Anyone with a Bridge card or who qualifies for the free and re- duced lunch program qualifies for Sammy’s Shoes. The main resale shop and pantry is lo- cated on the north end of Ellsworth on Main Street the furniture store is located on the corner of Main and Center Streets at the four corners downtown Ellsworth. “We’re here to help families improve their quality of life and to help them get through the rough times, when families are really struggling and they don’t know where to turn, that’s why we’re here,” said Peterson.



Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops stands among the 700 pairs of shoes in a closet at the Good Samaritan resale shop. Sammy’s Shoes is a program designed to provide every child with a NEW pair of shoes.

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FLINT'S MAN-MADE DISASTER
Governor Snyder's Financial Emergency Manager Law has created a State of Emergency in Flint. In 2011 newly elected Governor Snyder signed Public Act 4 giving him the freedom to take over any city government his office found financially bankrupt, with power to override any decision of elected city officials. This law showed his primary motive—money before people. In November 2012, the People of Michigan voted down his Financial Emergency Manager Law as they resented losing control of their cities. In December 2012, he showed his contempt for the people's vote and signed a revised version. The revised law did not give power back to the people as Snyder's henchmen still retained financial control. In 2011, Snyder appointed the first of four Emergency Financial Managers to run Flint. In 2014, for economic reasons only, Flint's water supply was switched from Detroit's water system to the polluted Flint River. The Governor and his staff saw no red flags when resi-

dents immediately noticed discolored, off-taste, smelly water. The public health alarm was sounded by Dr. Hanna-Atrisha with Hurley Medical Center, when her testing showed twice as many children with excessive blood lead levels. This travesty has now resulted in the poisoning of approximately 8,600 children under six. There has also been an increase in Legionnaires disease in which 10 adults have died and many others experienced severe pneumonia most likely from the toxic Flint water. Snyder in his State of the State address played up the blame game. However, the real culprit is Governor Snyder with his money-hungry laws, inaction when aware of the problem, and total lack of leadership to prevent permanent harm to Flint's children and measurable suffering to the elderly and high risk individuals. I suggest going to the Governor's website: www.michigan.gov and express your opinion.

Catherine Hunter, Boyne City

RENOVATIONS

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tention to the budget in hopes of finding the \$27,100 needed to make the purchase. When the \$140,000 renovation project began the board moved forward with only \$80,000 and hopes of receiving grant monies. With the new fiscal year just around the corner Supervisor Thomas Mann came to the meeting prepared to discuss areas of the budget where the funds could possibly be found. "We can probably swing it," he said. After carefully examining the budget a motion was passed to order the lift. "We need to finish this project and not have this dragged out," said Treasurer Katy Postmus. The lift should arrive in 4-5 weeks. A maintenance agreement will be decided on at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Mark Groenink informed the board that a new member joined the department. Elizabeth DeKorn will be training with the department to get her firefighter certification. "She's just getting her feet wet, trying it out," he said. He also stated that the department's computer lost its operating system and an aerator on the equipment truck has broken. Repairs for the aerator



Bill Grumbleton of ACCESS lifts answered the Banks Township board's questions before they made the decision to move forward with the purchase of a wheelchair lift as originally planned. The question of waiting to purchase the lift was raised when grant monies didn't come in as expected.

will cost between \$875 and \$5,000. "Until I tear it apart, I won't know," said Groenink.

The board also reviewed recommendations and expenses for next (fiscal) year's road improvements. Estimates for needed repairs to North Church, Slough and Pleasant Hill Roads were reviewed. "We don't even have enough to do Church Road," said Mann. The board decided to contact the Antrim County Road Commission to discuss an alternate plan for Church Road which needs to be widened, cut back, ditches, 3 new culverts and topped with gravel. Treasurer

Postmus was confident that enough money would be in the road fund to complete the projects by March 31, the start of the fiscal year.

Up to \$500 was authorized to replace the clerk's recently failing printer.

A motion to let the Lioness's use the hall for their upcoming Euchre Tournament in trade for cleaning was passed. The tournament is set for February 27.

The next Township Board meeting is set for February 22 at 6p.m.

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Area February Happenings

2/5, Friday – 2/7, Sunday Charlevoix Groundhog Day Shadow Fest

Free movie "Groundhog Day" at Cinema III, a concert by the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, chili cook-off, pan-cake breakfast, kids' games, magic show, "cold butt" Euchre tournament, and many other family friendly activities.

2/5, Friday – 2/7, Sunday 35th Annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival

Come out and enjoy some winter fun; Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of Winter Knight & Belle of the Bliz-zard, Blessing of the Sleds, Chili Supper, Softball in the Snow Tournament, Indoor Sidewalk Sales, and many more fun family events.

2/6, 13, 20, 27, Saturdays, 9am – 1pm

Boyne City Farmers' Market

Indoor winter market held in the Red Barn next to the Boyne City District Library.

2/6, Saturday Ellsworth Shiverfest

Small town winter fun! Ice fishing, snowshoeing, cardboard sled contest and race, and a sledding party with hot choco-late, s'mores, and a warming party.

2/11, Thursday – 2/14, Sunday Petoskey Winter Carnival

Join us for winter wonderland fun. A chocoholic frolic, ghost walk - tour of haunted buildings downtown (tickets are \$15), ice carvings, bump jumping and youth sledding competitions, snowman building contest, and much more.

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2/12, Friday – 2/15, Monday Winter Side-Walk Sales

It may be cold outside, but the deals are hot at the Charlevoix Indoor Side-Walk Sales taking place over President's Day weekend. Enjoy countless bargains on a variety of great merchandise at participating stores.

2/13, Saturday – 2/14, Sunday Bay Harbor Ice and Spike Festival

This is a fabulous fun-filled event for the entire family. Watch as professional & amateur carvers turn blocks of ice into works of art! Taste chili creations in both professional & amateur divisions and vote for your favorite. A spectacular fireworks show will take place Saturday evening.

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2/25, Thursday, 5:30pm – 7:00 February Swirl @ Crooked Tree Arts Center

Join us for wine tastings in our galleries! Mingle among beautiful art, listen to local musicians, and sample fine wines and food from local restaurants. Tickets may be purchased on-line, telephone, or at the door.

2/27, Saturday, 5pm – 9 pm Torchtlight Snowshoe Outing @ Camp Daggett

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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 27
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
Various Card Games

Thursday, January 28
10am "Basic" Spanish
11am Arthritis Foundation
Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, January 29
11am Adolf Cwik
Raffle
Rummikub

Monday, February 1
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Gift Certificate Prize
10:30am Line Dancing
Rummikub

Tuesday, February 2
10:30am Adv Board Mtg
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Free Lunch Prize
Mexican Train

Wednesday, February 3
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
Various Card Games

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 27
11am-2pm Veterans Svcs
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, January 28
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Wii Bowling Practice
1pm Mahjong

Friday, January 29
9:30am Craft Class
11:30 Kevin Johnson Music
1pm Rummy

Monday, February 1
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 2
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, February 3
12:45pm Bingo

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 27
CHICKEN ENCHILADA

Thursday, January 28
KARAOKE DAY!
10:30am Chair Exercise
1pm Paint Class

Friday, January 29
Raffle 50/50
11am Barry Loper
Bingo

Monday, February 1
Exercise Room
8am-1pm Walking M-F
10:30am Chair Exercise

Tuesday, February 2
10am E.J. Story Time
12:30pm Bingo -
Meal Ticket Prize

Wednesday, February 3
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Cards

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, January 27
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Thursday, January 28
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East Jordan man sentenced up to 15 years for sexual assault of an eight year old

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - An East Jordan man could spend up to 15 years in prison for sexually assaulting an 8 year-old child.

Judge Roy C. Hayes III in Charlevoix 33rd Circuit Court recently sentenced 42 year-old Shawn Christopher Kreager of East Jordan to between 100 months and 15 years in prison after his conviction on three counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct. Hayes said he exceeded the recommended sentencing



Shawn Christopher Kreager

guideline of between 43 to 86 months in prison due to the heinous nature of Kreager's crime.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said he was pleased with the outcome in Kreager's case, both in terms of the jury's verdict as well as his sentencing.

"I thought Judge Hayes sent a real message that these types of crimes will not be tolerated," said Telgenhof in a statement to the Charlevoix County News, "And if people commit crimes against children, the only way society can be protected is to send the offenders

away for a long time." Telgenhof noted how Kraeger's conviction came after the courageous testimony of the then 8 year-old female victim, who witnesses said he sexually assaulted on two occasions.

"We had a very brave 9 year-old little girl who had to testify in front of her assailant as well as a courtroom full of strangers about something terrible that happened to her. She did a great job, as did the jurors," Telgenhof said.

He said a key component in the child's case was having such highly trained professionals involved in her testimony. Telgenhof praised the officer in charge, Officer Brent Seese and Deputy Rob Scholey from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, for their skills in navigating such a sensitive interview with a child.

"This type of cooperation is very important," Telgenhof said.

Pair charged in Apartment break-ins

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - Police have released the names of two men being charged in a string of break-ins at a Charlevoix apartment complex last week.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Allen Telgenhof said Lane Alan Peavy 17, and David Benjamin Lamb, 18, both of Charlevoix, were arraigned in 90th District Court on Monday, January 26, and charged with second degree home invasion, a 15-year felony, and receiving and concealing less than \$200, a 93 day misdemeanor.

"These relate to alleged break-ins at Lake Harbor Apartments in Charlevoix," Telgenhof said.

Police say three apartments were broken into and money and personal items stolen over a period of two days at the apartment complex in



David Lamb Jr.



Lane Peavy

Charlevoix County.

Both men are believed to be residents at the complex.

Telgenhof said Peavy and Lamb are scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on February 9 and preliminary examinations on February 16.

He noted both men are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Emergency need for blood and platelet donations

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors. Severe winter weather since Jan. 1 has forced the cancellation of more than 300 blood drives across 20 states, resulting in more than 9,500 donations uncollected, further depleting an already low winter supply. Blood donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

"Blood products are being delivered to hospitals as quickly as donations are coming in," said Todd Kulman of the Great Lakes Blood Services Region. "Eligible donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now and help ensure blood products are available for patients locally, and across the country, including areas severely impacted by winter weather."

Because of generous donors, the Red Cross is able to provide blood products to patients like 2-year-old Charlie Stephens. Charlie has received both blood and platelets during treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her mother, Michelle Stephens, donates blood regularly. "I want to help supply blood for someone else, because others have provided for my family," she said.

The Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 blood and platelet donations every day for the patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide. Blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

To donate blood, a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a home or work computer prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



message: Moms (and Dads) don't get a day off. That company wants you to buy its product and get to work! And it's the same message from a guy in a suit downing an elixir to hide his symptoms so he can make a presentation to co-workers. Not smart!

If you're that sick, you're probably infectious; you'll pass the germs along with every breath and on every surface you touch. With the common cold, you're most contagious the first two to three days. The flu is contagious a day before symptoms appear (eek!) and up to a week after.

Going out into the world when you're sick costs your employer money (more sick employees, higher health care costs) and harms you and others. And even when you're feeling a bit better, until symptoms are gone, wash your hands frequently, sneeze into the crook of your arm, flush away used tissues, don't share food or drink.

A new study published in the journal PLoS Biology says that when you're sick you feel like staying in bed for a reason. Seems sickness behavior (crawling under the covers, refusing to talk to anyone) is a highly developed evolutionary trait that exists not only so you heal quickly and completely, but to help your group (that's family, colleagues, neighbors, etc.) as well. So, don't force yourself out of bed with symptom-quashing meds or iron willpower. Sleep, have some chicken soup, sleep some more. It's good for everyone.

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THE HAZARDS OF HYPING SUPER THIN

A woman walks into a doctor's office with a carrot in her left ear, a stalk of celery in her right and an asparagus spear in each nostril. "Doc, what's wrong with me?"

"Well, obviously," replies the doctor, "you're not eating properly."

But seriously, the hazards of not eating properly are no joke. You know how dangerous excess weight can be (70 percent of you deal with it), but it's equally risky to be too thin because of an eating disorder.

Around the globe, that is finally getting recognized. The French recently joined Italy, Spain and Israel in banning excessively thin runway models. The reason? Besides the fact that, according to an editorial in the American Journal of Public Health, "models have died of starvation-related complications, sometimes just after stepping off the runway," glorifying all-too-thin runway models is a public health hazard, especially

for teenage girls.

It contributes to developing body dysmorphic disorder (seeing yourself as severely flawed) and eating disorders such as anorexia (thinking you're overweight, even when you're clearly underweight) and bulimia (binge-eating followed by forced vomiting, laxative overuse, fasting, excessive exercise). Those disorders can trigger gastrointestinal and kidney problems, osteoporosis, diabetes, heart disease -- and can be life-threatening.

Now experts from Harvard's School of Public Health are calling on the U.S. government to ban hiring models with a BMI below 18 -- many are below 16. We second their call and urge parents to help their children feel good about their appearance and to understand the hazards of being too thin.

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BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

Boyne Falls High School homecoming game is Friday night, Jan. 29, 2016



Senior class homecoming court: bottom (left to right) Alicia Gasco, Kayla Carson, Megan Byrne, Kurstin Wilson. Top (left to right) Cody Milbrandt, Sean Lynch, Marcus Matelski and Andrew Campbell. COURTESY PHOTO



Homecoming Representatives grades 9-12. Bottom row (left to right) Katelynn Wilson, Alicia Gasco, Kayla Carson, Megan Byrne, Kurstin Wilson. Middle: Cory Kauska, Hannah Smith, Sydney Bess, Hunter Sparks. Back row: Ben Wheeler, Cody Milbrandt, Sean Lynch, Marcus Matelski and Andrew Campbell. COURTESY PHOTO

PRINCIPAL

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Wilson, who has been principal at Boyne City Middle School since 2012, suffered serious injuries and was taken by Emmet County Ambulance to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, where he remained in stable condition

earlier this week. (01/25) Deputies said Wilson had been wearing a helmet at the time of the accident and that alcohol was not involved. However, they said high speed was the contributing factor in Wilson's accident as well as three other snowmobile accidents in northern Michigan last weekend.

SUPERINTENDANT

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who will be the best fit for the Boyne City Public School District, including a nation-wide search effort and input gathered from staff, administrators, students and community members.

Ross's hiring as interim superintendent was contingent upon his criminal background check and approval of his compensation contract. He told the board he does not plan to apply for the permanent superintendent position, which the board hopes to fill by July.



Dog Gone Fun!

The East Jordan Lions Club recently held their second annual Dog Gone Fun Dog Show at the EJ Civic Center Saturday, January 23, to raise funds for and awareness of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. CAHS Director Scott MacKenzie emceed the event as 24 dogs and owners competed in humorous, fun categories such as wiggliest tail, youngest handler, best trick, etc. A

special highlight of the dog show was an agility course set up and demonstrated by Lee Ann Elliot from Valley Gate Farms. Over one hundred spectators enjoyed the event which raised over \$600.00 for the CAHS.

PHOTO: Dog Show Contestants and their dogs showing off their skills.

Magical Snow Garden



Library maintenance director Bryan Wagner places the last available, hand-painted ornament in the courtyard they are calling the 'Magical Snow Garden' at the Charlevoix Public Library recently as they prepare to send photos to the author of the book inspiring the project ('Magical Snow Garden' by Tracey Corderoy). Children's director Audrey Shapiro spawned the idea and children from around the area painted the ornaments. The library is considering adding more as winter progresses. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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