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22 year old Charlevoix woman found dead on shore of Round Lake

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - 22 year-old Nataleigh Musser spent some of the happiest times of her life on the back of Angel, her beloved horse, and now her family and friends in Charlevoix believe she's become an angel herself up in heaven.

Musser passed away last weekend, her body found along the shoreline of Round Lake in Charlevoix. Police have labeled her death "an unfortunate inci-

dent" that took away the life of a loving, young mother and accomplished equestrienne way too soon.

According to police reports, Mummer's family reported her missing on Friday afternoon, January 29. A search and dive team, including state and local police and the U.S. Coast Guard, found her body hours later that night along the north shore of Round Lake.

Investigators later found her parked car near the lake, followed

her footprints in the snow and concluded she had been alone at the time. They said it appeared she walked near the waterfront and somehow fell in, struggled out towards a dock, then possibly slipped and hit her head and again ended up back in the water. Police said her body was eventually found under the ice close to shore. A medical examiner later declared she died from drowning.

Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan said although the investigation is ongoing, it's believed there

was no foul play involved in Nataleigh's death, which he described as "an unfortunate incident".

Musser, the mother of one-year-old Noah and who was engaged to be married, was much beloved by many in the area. She was especially well-known within the northern Michigan horse show circuit for her award-winning skills as a barrel racer.

Sonya Russell of Charlevoix

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Nataleigh Musser COURTESY PHOTO

SPORTS REPORT



Logger senior, Shea Ross (33) gathers a rebound in the Loggers win over Alanson. (PHOTO BY ROB DE-FORGE OF RDSPOORTSPHOTO.COM)



East Jordan's Katie Rowbotham gets off a baseline jumper during first half action against Boyne City. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

It's a "Sno-Blast" festival in East Jordan

By Jim Akans

Prepare for a real "Sno-Blast" weekend! Starting this Friday, February 5, and continuing on Saturday and Sunday, East Jordan will be hosting its 35th annual Sno-Blast. The winter festival will feature wonderful snow sculptures around town, the EJ Rotary's famous Chili Supper, an always fascinating antique snowmobile show and ride, the crowing of the "Belle of the Blizzard" and "Winter Knight," a Snow Shoe Hike, Roller Skating, a Softball in the Snow Tournament, and much more indoor and outdoor seasonal fun.

There will also be a Coloring Contest with prizes being awarded in four age groups; 5 and under, 6 to 10, 11 to 15 and adult. A coloring page is available at the Chamber of Commerce or online at www.ejchamber.org.

Fishermen and women, try your luck at the Mid-Winter Classic Fishing Tournament that begins on February 6 and goes until February 8 at noon. There will be cash awards and prizes, and information is available at Tom's Bait & Tackle (231) 53-3521.

The EJ Sno-Mobilers Club on Mt. Bliss Road will host an antique and vintage snowmobile show on Saturday, and Father Chet Collins will hold a "Blessing of the Sleds" at 10am on Saturday. The delicious Sno-Lovers Breakfast will be taking place on Sunday Morning at the Club from 7am until noon.

For more information contact the East Jordan Chamber at 231-536-7351 or visit www.ejchamber.org or check out EastJordanSnoBlast on Facebook

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)
 4:30 - 7:00 PM - CHILI SUPPER - Enjoy chili, salad, dessert & beverage. \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 children (12 & under). Sponsored by East Jordan Rotary Club.
 5:30 PM - CROWNING OF WINTER KNIGHT AND BELLE OF THE BLIZZARD - In front of the Sno-Mobilers Club House Grand Fireplace.
 2016 CANDIDATES:
 Belle of the Blizzard Winter Knight Sienna Wenz Chad Wenz
 Trina VanderArk Greg Porter
 Bekki Brusse Anthony Castle
 Grand Marshal - Agnes Clark



Prepare for a real "Sno-Blast" weekend! Starting Friday, February 5, and continuing on Saturday and Sunday, East Jordan will be hosting its 35th annual Sno-Blast, featuring vintage sleds, a snow sculpture contest and a flurry of activities and events. COURTESY PHOTO



Don't miss the "Blessing of the Sleds" by Father Chet Collins at 10am on Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - CLASSIC & ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILE SHOW
 10:00 AM Sharp - BLESSING OF THE SLEDS - Father Chet Collins, all sleds welcome.
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Concessions at Club House
 1:00 PM - ANTIQUE/VINTAGE/CLASSIC SNOWMOBILE RIDE (Everyone Welcome) lite lunch served.
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - SNOW SHOE HIKE - Hike to the bonfire and make

a s'more. Sponsored by: Little Traverse Conservancy. (Children's size snow shoes available, adults bring your own equipment)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

(Locations around town)
 12:00 - 3:00 PM - ROLLER SKATING - Harvest Barn
 Church on M-66, \$5/person includes skate rental
 12:00 PM - SOFTBALL IN THE SNOW TOURNAMENT - Adult softball field. Put a team together and play ball! Contact Nikki Skrocki 231-536-3331. Sponsored by: Essence Hair Salon
 5:30 PM - WILD GAME & FORAGED FOOD DINNER - Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center, family friendly.
 7:00 - 10:00 PM - ANNUAL WINTER PARTY - Jordan River Arts Council, Party & Dance, Music by "Full Circle", Admission: By Donation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)
 7:00 AM - NOON - SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST - "The Works" Pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and eggs: \$6 Adults \$3 Kids 10 & under
 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY, Noon - 4:00 PM at participating Downtown Businesses-

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
 FEB. 1, 2016

Councilman Supernaw responds to innuendos

By Tina Sundelius

The Feb.1 Charlevoix City Council meeting opened with a moment of silence in recognition of the tragic death of resident Nataleigh Musser whose body was found the evening of Friday, Jan. 29 on the north shore of Round Lake and concluded with a speech from Councilman Bill Supernaw who reference the death as something more worthy of his attention than defending himself against what he perceived as an attack on his character instigated by someone he served with at the city.

Councilman Bill Supernaw spoke up at the close of the meeting to address "innuendos" that he had taken money from the city that he wasn't entitled to. "I want to pay that \$200 back if that's what you want," he said addressing Mayor Gabe Campbell. Supernaw was reacting to an article that appeared over the weekend in the Petoskey paper that he said hinted that he was receiving per diem payments for meetings that were not covered. Supernaw felt that someone near to him talked to the press. "This was a hit job and it will probably have a big impact on how I respond to things in the future," he said. Su-

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TJ Reeves, 25

(APRIL 18, 1990 - JAN. 28, 2016)



Todd (T.J.) James Albert Reeves unexpectedly departed from our lives Thursday, January 28th, 2016. T.J. was born on April 18th, 1990 in Petoskey. There, he attended school and participated in multiple sports throughout the years. He was an incredibly kind-hearted person who loved everyone. As a truly genuine and compassionate person, T.J. walked this earth with strength and stability that could only be admired. His family near and far are, and will always be, so proud of the man he grew to become.

A loving father and husband—T.J. is survived by his wife, Melissa Reeves (Lukowski), and his 6-year old son, Todd (Aiden); Parents: Todd and Shana Reeves of Walloon Lake and Melissa (Childs) and Chris Poland of Washington; Brother, Hunter Reeves; Sister, Brooke Reeves of Walloon Lake; Grandparents Al and Judy Reeves of Walloon Lake and Irene and Jim Seelye of Millersburg; Aunt Renee Reeves-Scheib, Uncle Troy Scheib, and their

daughter Isla of Walloon Lake; Uncle Joshua and Aunt Childs of Columbus, OH; Mother and Father-in-law- Nancy and Henry Lukowski of Romeo.

A funeral service celebrating TJ's life was held on Tuesday, February 2nd at the Walloon Lake Community Church with Rev David Behling officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor TJ's memory are asked to make a donation to a college fund that has been established, at Huntington bank, for his son. Any other donations may be directed to TJ's wife, Melissa and envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Nataleigh Rose Musser, 22

(MARCH 3, 1993 - JAN. 29, 2016)



Nataleigh Rose Musser passed away unexpectedly on January 29, 2016.

Born March 3, 1993, Nataleigh was the daughter of Duane and Cathy Musser of Charlevoix. At a young age, Cathy taught Nataleigh to

ride horses, and Nataleigh became an accomplished barrel rider who often beat riders twice her age. Her ribbons, trophies, and medals cover the walls in her parents' home. Nataleigh loved animals and found peace in being outdoors.

Nataleigh was a gifted musician who could play any instrument she picked up, and she was proud to be the drum major of the Charlevoix High School Marching Band. She was also a talented artist whose art continues to hang in the library at North Central Michigan College, where she studied architectural design.

Beyond her many achievements, Nataleigh was a bright, cheerful person who always had a smile on her face. She overcame challenges with an upbeat attitude, was generous even when she had little to give, and was a fiercely loyal friend. Nataleigh had a free spirit, a strong will, a quick wit, and a heart of gold. Her friends describe her as "the kind of person you'd fall in love with the second you met her." Nataleigh lived every day of her life to the fullest with the wisdom beyond her years.

Nataleigh's greatest joy was her one-year-old son, Noah Kristopher Sladick, and Nataleigh was proud to be his mommy.

Nataleigh is survived by her son, Noah; fiancé, Peter Sladick; parents, Cathy and Duane Musser; two sisters, Carrie and Brittany Musser; three brothers, Jeffrey and Brian Musser and Joseph Eickenroth; grandparents, Dale and Iris Musser of Central Lake and Robert Donaldson of Winter Haven, Florida.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Karen Donaldson, in December 2015.

Memorial service will be 1 pm, Saturday, February 6, 2016, at the old Charlevoix Middle School Gym, 108 East Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Pastor Philip Green of the Charlevoix Bible Baptist Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family for Noah's care:

<https://www.gofundme.com/47m8jud8>

Nataleigh will forever be loved and held in our hearts.

The Musser family flowers are being arranged with Petals in Charlevoix, and they ask that if you plan to order flowers, you consider ordering from Petals. The Musser family wants to

thank Petals for their generosity.

Joshua Aaron Hadix, 40

(MAY 28, 1975 - JAN. 30, 2016)

Joshua A. Hadix unexpectedly departed from our lives Saturday January 30, 2016.

Joshua was born May 28th, 1975 in Charlevoix. He moved to Oklahoma in 1978, attended school there until moving back to Boyne City, graduating in 1993.

He was truly genuine, compassionate, and a loving person. He loved and lived life to its fullest. He will always be remembered for his beautiful smile, and kindness. He loved the great outdoors, mushroom picking, and working with plants and flowers. But more than anything he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a loving father, husband, son and brother. Joshua is survived by his wife Trina (Cooper) Hadix, three year old son Jaxon, parents Gerald and Paula Hadix of Boyne City, sister, Ashley (Hadix) Carrow of Boyne City. Grandmother Patricia Mosley of Boyne City, Robert and Marlene Fine of Boyne City, and mother-in-law Theresa Berdan (Cooper)/Robert Berdan. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life for Joshua will be held February 5th from 3-7pm at the Boyne City Eagles with a time of sharing starting at 4pm.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Josephine M. Bindi, 93

(MARCH 10, 1922 - JAN. 29, 2016)



Josephine M. Bindi, 93, of Charlevoix, passed away Friday, January 29, 2016, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born March 10,

1922, in Chicago, Ill., to Frank and Catherine (Raspaz) Jaskierski. She lived in Chicago until moving to Charlevoix in 1958.

Josie worked at Hoskin's Manufacturing, Lexalite International, and American Mold - all in Charlevoix.

Josephine was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Rosary Altar Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

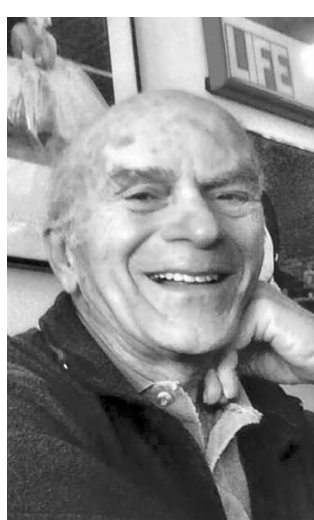
She is survived by her son, Ronald G. Bindi of Charlevoix. Josie was preceded in death by her brothers, Frank and John Jaskierski, and sisters, Mary Jones, and Eleanor Nowakowski.

Funeral mass was held Tuesday, February 2, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Those wishing to honor Josie's memory may do so by leaving a Mass offering.

Lou Hollow, 85

(JAN. 11, 1931 - JAN. 29, 2016)



Louis J. Hollow of Charlevoix, Mich., passed away peacefully at his winter home in Venice, Fla. on Friday, January 29, 2016, at the age of 85.

Lou was a veteran of United States Air Force. He received his BA from The University of Detroit and Master's in finance from the University of Michigan. He married Barbara Hollow in 1953, with whom he had five children. He began his banking career at National Bank of America and moved to Charlevoix in 1973, where he served as the President of First State Bank of Charlevoix and later was the founder and CEO of Charlevoix State Bank. He retired in 2000.

Lou was an active member of Charlevoix community. He was a Charlevoix Yacht Club member & commodore; member of committees for Michigan Bankers Association; past president & board member of First State Bank of Charlevoix; retired president & founding board member of Charlevoix State

Bank; board member of North Country Community Mental Health; Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year; member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; board member of Charlevoix County Foundation; longtime member of Charlevoix Lions Club; president of Charlevoix Hospital board.

He appreciated the beauty of the northwest where he enjoyed sailing, skating, running and reading.

Louis is survived by his sister, Elise Divian; son, Mark (Mary) Hollow; daughters, Deborah (Steve) Trent, Karen (Bob) Sussman, Lori Hollow, and Michele (Mark) O'Donoghue; and many loving grandchildren nieces, nephews and extended family. Louis was a loving father, grandfather and friend to all.

A memorial service will be held in the summer. Details to be announced.

Memorial donations may be made in Lou's name to the Little Traverse Conservancy, <http://landtrust.org/Donations/LtcMemorialForm.htm>, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, (231) 347-0991; or, Charlevoix Area Humane Society, <http://www.charlevoix-humane.org/support/online-donations?view=Contributions>, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, (231) 582-6774.

Diana Lynn Parsel, 56

(JAN. 27, 1959 - JAN. 25, 2016)

Diana Lynn Parsel of Charlevoix died Monday, January 25, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. She was born January 27, 1959, in Cincinnati, Ohio to Michael and Mary (Chelastris) Kempter. Diana grew up in Cincinnati, and moved to Harbor Springs while in high school, graduating from Harbor Springs High School in 1977.

Diana loved horses. She is survived by her husband Timothy Parsel of Charlevoix; mother, Mary Kempter of Harbor Springs; brothers, Rick Kempter of Harbor Springs, Paul (Kim) Kempter of Grand Rapids; sisters, Mary (Gary) VanderStel of Grand Rapids, Kathy (John) Rich of Holland.

Cremation has taken place. A private service is planned.

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pernaw mentioned how no one talked to him about the possibility that he was submitting illegal per diem slips. He asked that he be given an exact total for the 4 meetings in question.

During the meeting council approved an electrical long term capacity purchase and a request to reduce the cost of adding a power transformer at ACAT Global. The city owns small portions of several power plants, which supply the city's base power needs. To fill in the gaps left after using what is owned, they purchase contracts for future power supplies. They do this by buying future blocks of capacity and energy which locks in the price. After being briefed by City Engineer Don Swem a vote to purchase a ten year block of capacity that will expire in 2030 was approved. ACAT Global on M66 is expanding

and in need of another electric transformer. The company provides the city with \$48,000 in electric payments per year and the expansion will provide employment for over 30 people. "It's valuable to the utility to get this going," said Swem who explained that discounts for electric utility expansion were common in the industry. A motion to approve a \$7,750 discount was passed.

No More Lifeguards at Michigan Beach

Recreation Director Tom Kirinovic proposed the elimination of lifeguards at Michigan Beach at the Feb.1 Charlevoix City Council meeting and to use the money saved by the opening to hire a third seasonal police officer. "It seems to be a better utilization of our resources," he said. Kirinovic explained that last year the city had to cease lifeguard services in August because of a lack of lifeguards. "We started out with 5 and ended up with 1," he said. After researching the problem he concluded that other beaches are having the

same issue, there are only 2 other Lake Michigan beaches that provide lifeguards. "The addition of another seasonal police officer will allow for someone to be out not only on the beaches but on the piers and places like that," he said. Council passed a motion to not advertise for lifeguards but to seek a third seasonal police officer. Kirinovic then asked Council to accept a proposal from the Spicer Group for the preparation of the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The city is required to update the plan every 5 years. The council approved the request not to exceed \$11,500. He then brought changes to the Recreation Advisory Board By-laws to the council for approval. "I like the changes, good job," said Councilman Shirley Gibson. The proposed changes were in the areas of adding committee members including an additional student member and setting a regular schedule. The changes were approved by the board.

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Chocolate Covered Boyne and Winter Fest combine

From February 12 – 14, Boyne City will celebrate everything chocolate and everything winter with events taking place downtown and in 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 marshmallows, low 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.

The event will kick off Friday evening February 12 at Café Sante with a Fat Friday Party Gras Celebration from 3 – 10pm. In case you missed Fat Tuesday, they will have Happy Hour Drink Specials, Entertainment, Mask and Bead Contests and more, with 10% of food sales benefiting The Last River Draw Logger Sculpture project.

Saturday kicks off with the ultimate chocolate breakfast at Café Sante from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring Chocolate Cherry French Toast: Brioche bread, tart cherries, warm chocolate syrup and whipped cream. Saturday Line Up Includes:

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Children's Activities at the Library
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Children's Games in Old City Park
11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Bon Fire and marshmallows/ s'mores in Old city Park sponsored by Habitat For Humanity

11a.m. – 2 p.m. - Horse Drawn Wagon Rides from Old City Park

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm - Hot Chocolate in Old City Park Hosted Family Fare
1:00 – 2:00 pm - Chocolate

Dessert Contest held at Fustini's Oils and Vinegars, featuring chocolate creations from 10 local chefs, including the Boyne City Culinary Arts Program. Stop in and try them all.

2:00 p.m. Guided cross country skiing excursion at Young State Park with Jack Laurent 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Chili Cook Off sponsored by Coldwell Banker Real Estate, featuring dozens of delectable entries that you don't want to miss

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Complimentary wine tasting at The Wine Emporium

All Day. Avalanche Park activities include skating, sledding, horseshoeing, fat tire biking and cross country skiing. The warming house is open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with skates and sleds available for use.

"Throughout the day on Saturday, our businesses will offer many great sales and chocolate treats. We are hoping to include a scavenger hunt on Saturday that will keep people guessing on where to go to find the next clue," said Karen Guzniczak, co-chair of the event.

Sunday, February 14, Café Sante will again offer the ultimate chocolate breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring Chocolate Cherry French Toast: Brioche bread, tart cherries, warm chocolate syrup and whipped cream.

The Festival will wrap up with a Concert at FreshWater Gallery at 8:00 p.m. starring Carla Cooke on Sunday.

"We are adding events every day and will have a full line up of all of the business specials and discounts, updated events and activities," said Linn Williams, founder of Chocolate Covered Boyne.

For the latest schedule of events, please visit www.boynechamber.com or contact info@boynechamber.com

County sets a tax limitation on operating expenses

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - In spite of blustery weather and an almost empty agenda, the January 27 Charlevoix County Commission meeting proceeded as scheduled with commissioners approving 8 resolutions including setting a tax limitation on county operating expenses.

The resolution renewed a 5.9 mill cap on what can be requested for operating expenses. The county can request up to 4.70 mill, townships can levy up to 1.00 mill and the Intermediate School District can levy up to .20 mill. "This is the first year we've been below the max we've been allowed since 1978," said Commissioner Chris Christensen. This year the county only levied 4.6 mill and are hoping that next year they can lower ex-

penses again to 4.5 mill.

Resolutions to set the Recycling, Transit and Senior Citizen millage requests that will appear on the August 2 ballot were also passed. Electors approved a recycling millage in 2012 which expired in 2015. This resolution is to renew the current .15 mil for recycling purchases and programs for the next 4 years. The Senior Citizen millage is also a renewal. The .65 mill to support existing programs for senior citizens as well as implementing additional programs will also be good until 2020 if approved by voters. Because projected budgets for the county-wide transit system show a need for additional revenues over and above the fare box, a .25 millage request resolution was also approved to appear on the ballot.

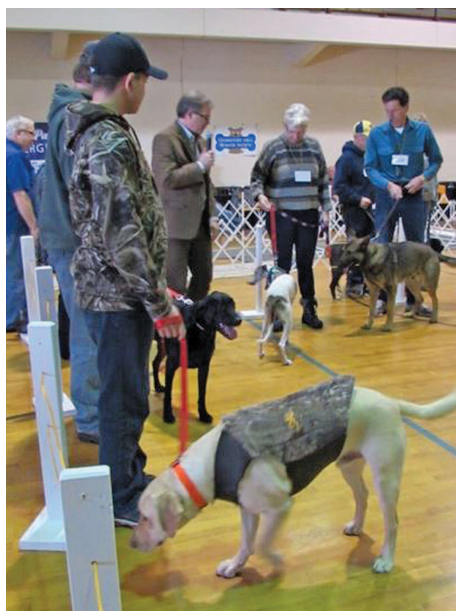
Other resolutions included approving a plan review fee and scale for smoke alarm inspections. The resolution allows the County Building Department to charge for inspecting fire alarm systems in commercial buildings. A resolution to transfer funds to pay for construction costs at Grandvue, a resolution giving probate court appointed attorneys a \$5 an hour raise and a resolution approving paperwork pertaining to temporary and permanent easements for phase 2 development of the Boyne City to US-31 non-motorized trail were also approved.

The meeting was adjourned after commissioners met in closed session. The next Charlevoix County Commission meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

EJ Dog Gone Fun Show mixes skills and humor

The East Jordan Lions Club recently held their second annual Dog Gone Fun 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 wigglestail, 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.



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



Cathie Seaman with her dog Fitzcarraldo, a Portuguese Water Dog and Scott MacKenzie, Director of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. COURTESY PHOTO

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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 Levensgood. 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 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.charemunitedway.org/content/toast-literacy>.

BOYNE CITY WICCA, PAGANISM & WITCHCRAFT EXAMINED

February 7, 6:30pm, Life-tree Café. The beliefs and practices of Wiccans and pagans will be examined at Life-tree 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 HOW THE STARS INFLUENCE CHINESE NEW YEAR

February 8, 10am, Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Headlands International Dark Sky Park Program Director Mary Stewart Adams who will focus on the features of the Chinese calendar. Adams will discuss how the 'year animal' is determined from one year to the next, and how it relates to the celestial events of the year. Mary Stewart Adams is a star lore historian and storyteller dedicated to a human-centered approach to our celestial world, and the arts and sciences it inspires. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will introduce their new lecture series "Monday Morning Coffee" with the work of Mary Stewart Adams. This series will be presented on the second Monday of the month throughout the calendar year. For more information please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at (231) 547-3554; www.charlevoixcircle.org

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.charlevoix-photographyclub.org

CHARLEVOIX FREE MOVIE

February 10, Doors open at 5:30pm, Charlevoix Cinema. Offered as a patient appreciation night by The Beacon Dental Center team.

CHARLEVOIX CHAR-EM SCHOOLS JOB FAIR

February 10, 10am-2pm, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD conference room, 8568 Mercer Rd. This event is for anyone who is interested in becoming a substitute teacher, teacher aide, food service, custodian, and/or other employee type throughout the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD. These employment opportunities offer a rewarding experience and flexible hours. Also attending the event will be Charlevoix-Emmet school district administrators who are looking for candidates for direct employment within their district. Door prizes, free snacks, and other fun giveaways will be at the job fair. To preregister for this event please go to EDUStaff's website www.EDUStaff.org and click the "Job Fair" image in the middle of the page.

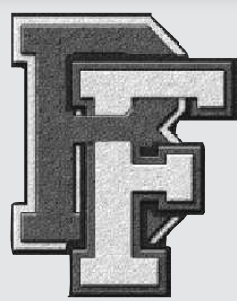
CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

February 11, 10am-3:45pm. Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org to make an appointment or for more information.


EAST JORDAN BALLROOM DANCE

February 12. Ballroom Dance with music by the Jordan Valley All Stars at East Jordan VFW Hall, 6710 M-32 Hwy. Dance lesson at 6:00 p.m. The band plays from 6:45 to 9:30pm. Suggested donation - \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Snacks and water available for purchase. For more information, please call 231-533-8368.

BOYNE CITY CHOCOLATE COVERED BOYNE & WINTER FEST



Boyne Falls Public Schools Student of the Week



Nicoma Sayles

Grade: 8
Parent's Name(s): Tait Sayles, Nicole Skinner
Future Plans: Go to college to become a Pediatrician
Favorite Book: Numbers
Hobbies and Interests: Painting, snowmobiling
School Activities: Basketball, Volleyball
Staff Comments:
 "Nicoma is a pleasure to have in my classroom. She always stays on task, works hard, and is respectful and willing to help other students. Nicoma always has a smile on her face and has a great attitude towards school." - Frank Hamilla

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

EAST JORDAN SWISS STEAK DINNER

February 13, 5-7pm, EJ United Methodist Church. The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All you care to eat Swiss Steak Dinner with Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, rolls and homemade pies. Please enter the church parking lot on Fourth Street. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 ages 5-12, under 5 free.

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.NWMichWorks.org.

BOYNE CITY CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

February 18, 5:30pm, American Legion, 302 South Lake Street.

EAST JORDAN DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

February 20, 5-8pm, East Jordan Co-op Nursery. Daddy Daughter Dance hosted by East Jordan Co-Op Nursery. Dinner, Dancing & Crafts. Tickets are \$25 a couple and \$30 for two or more children. Enjoy this special opportunity for Dads and Daughters to make memories that will last a lifetime.

EAST JORDAN EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXTRAVAGANZA

March 5, Castle Farms. Everyone is welcome to join us at a fun fundraising event for East Jordan Public Schools. The evening starts with a complimentary Happy Hour sponsored by The Landing restaurant from 5:30-6:00. After that follow good eats, a cash bar, fun and games, silent and live auctions, DJ and dancing, and photo booth until 11:00pm. There's never a dull moment! Tickets are on sale now for \$50. Free childcare is available at the High School by reservation. Sponsors, Donations and Volun-

teers are most welcome. For tickets, to reserve childcare or more information call 231-536-2259.

CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

March 16, 4-7pm, Castle Farms. 6th Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix. For more information call 231.547.2101.

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 17, 5:30pm, Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 South Lake Street. Co-sponsored by Family Fare.

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

0814 Assist Sheriff Department with personal injury accident on Fall Park Rd.
 0904 2 vehicle Property damage accident occurred in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 0923 Car deer accident in the 300 block of E Division St.
 1101 Motorist assist at Brockway and Beardsley
 1430 Report of new IRS scam from Park St. Foreign sounding caller now claims to want to help individuals with money they owe the IRS before the IRS can contact them.
 1411 Semi jack-knifed on the hill on Marshall Rd
 1508 Vehicle stuck in the 300 block of S Lake St.
 1546 2 vehicle Property damage at Michigan and Charlevoix.
 1556 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Elm St
 1604 Assist motorist at W Court and Charlevoix St.
 2117 Assist Sheriff Dept on the Old M75 Loop. Arrested subject on probation violation & MIP.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

0025 Assist Fire Dept in the Industrial Park. False alarm.
 1410 Report of hit and run accident in the 100 block of S Lake St. No damage.
 1750 Assisted a towing company with traffic control while they loaded a vehicle in the 200 block of E Water St.
 2158 Motorist stuck halfway in a driveway on Division by Pleasant. We pushed him out.
 2335 Civil issue in the 300 block of E Division St

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

0918 Possible trespass complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
 1150 Report of possible suicidal subject in the 300 block of E Division St.
 1336 911 hang up from the Industrial Park. All OK
 1412 Verbal altercations in the 700 block of Wenonah St.
 1544 Report of bond violation on E Main St.
 1755 911 hang up call from E Court. Phone line problem. All OK
 1912 Report of larceny in the 300 block of E Division.
 2128 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park.
 2324 Assist Sheriff Dept on

Laurie Rd.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

0626 Met MSP in Boyne Falls to transport subject they arrested on our warrant
 1403 Found Boyne Mountain Rewards card dropped off at PD
 1455 Unlock vehicle in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1532 Private property damage accident in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
 1913 Well-being check in the 500 block of E. Division St.
 2151 Assisted Sheriff Dept with suicidal subject on Pleasant Valley Rd.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

0717 Civil complaint on Pearl St.
 1203 911 check at Lexamar
 1205 Report of someone putting brown sugar in gas tank in the Industrial Park
 1220 NSF check complaint from the 100 block of S Park St
 1658 Report of a man hole cover off on Franklin St.
 1733 Report of threatening phone calls on Groveland St
 1840 Assisted EMS with a fall victim on Hannah St.
 2221 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

1143 Suspicious situation in the 900 block of Roosevelt St
 1153 Report of a dog running at large around the boat launch.
 1248 Citation issued for Speed at N. Lake St and State St.
 1521 Report of a domestic dispute in the 800 block of Thompson St
 1610 Suspicious subject on E. Main St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

0154 Assist Sheriff Dept with attempt to locate on N. East St.
 0922 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1141 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St.
 1201 Suspicious vehicle in the 900 block of Brockway St.
 1808 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of First St.

TWO VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT

On Thursday, January 28, 2016 at approximately 08:06 a.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Boyne City EMS, Boyne Valley EMS, and Boyne City Fire Department, were dispatched to a two-vehicle per-

sonal injury accident on M-75 S. near Magnet Dr. in Wilson Township.

A 2006 Kia Spectrum was traveling Northwest on M-75 S. when the driver attempted to make a left-hand turn into a private drive. The driver failed to yield by turning in front of an oncoming vehicle. The 68 year old driver of the Kia was identified as Eugene Kuzmik of Boyne Falls. He was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan for treatment of his injuries via Boyne City EMS.

The driver of the 2006 Chevy HHR was identified as 44 year old Robert Kelley of Boyne City. He was unable to avoid the collision with the other vehicle and struck it head-on. Kelley was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by a privately owned vehicle.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this traffic accident. This accident remains under investigation

PERSONAL INJURY CRASH

On 28, 2016 at 12:12 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury crash that occurred on Marion Center Rd. just north of

Clark Rd. in Marion Twp.

The drivers were heading in opposite directions when they collided head on. Diana Baten 45 year old from Charlevoix was headed Northbound on Marion Center Rd. when her car crossed the center line striking the other vehicle headed Southbound on Marion Center Rd. which was driven by Jacquelyn Towsley 46 year old of Charlevoix. Both drivers were transported via Charlevoix City Ambulance to Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital for injuries sustained from the crash. Slushy roads and high winds in the area are believed to be factors in the crash.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix Twp. Fire Department and Charlevoix City Ambulance, and Charlevoix County Road Commission.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the citizens who called for help and stopped to render aid until the emergency personnel could arrive.

The crash remains under investigation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

MOONLIGHT SONATA

To the Editor,
It's settled. Cats are psychopaths. You do the math, or the check list, and it fits perfectly. They're irrational according to human psychology. You treat them nicely, they act worse. Your psychopath, the human kind, acts all his life to stifle all that he has worked to accomplish, his own worst enemy as it were. Not many have had the experience we've had these past eight years with an onslaught of stray cats due to the mortgage downturn and abandoned pets. Having cat doors (2) installed we fell prey to a barrage of hungry animals which we pretty much accepted along with the two we already had. So the opportunity to watch cats in action availed itself and we – took it, hook, line and sinker. The ship sunk. The survival principle incepted itself and it was noted that every cat is looking out for number one unless it's mama cat with her kittens.

Lemme first explain how a human, an ex-con, came into my life and the lives of others. We got him out of prison on commutation, a three-time loser, set him up in a neighborhood with all the advantages an ex-con could avail himself of, even a new truck, a house, and a new wife, lots of work. He was doing great, so we thought. Then in fifteen months it suddenly became apparent that he'd reverted to his old wicked ways and had been doing B&Es almost since the day after he was set up in his new apartment. Well, to relate this to newfound cats in our abode, I had several put away for insubordination, several more died of age and poor survival instincts, and we were down to three plus one neighbor cat – they always end up here anyway, even after I boarded up the cat doors. So there was one pooper that de-

veloped from out a seemingly good cat. What to do? Don't feed her? Tried that, didn't seem to make any difference.

Well, after having tried this and that and watching for any results, I chanced to see no more messes on the floor and so fed her a couple times along with the rest some canned food. Next day a pile. Okay, so that's how it works: you be kind, you get pooped on. It's the psychopathic inborn instinct, a brain abnormality, or a lack of certain wiring, an egocentric proclivity that excludes all others from consideration.

The self is all, nothing else matters except for finding another victim to impotune. I've read enough of the human psychopath's ways to see it in action and discern what's happening and with cats that instinct is obvious. So the ex-con is dead by his own hand and one cat is on the death-wish list watch. The experiment was one for the cat psychology books, pretty direct as it seems. Be nice, get screwed. I suppose that's how it works in criminal justice, if that's what you wanna call it. Dealing with psychopaths apparently makes for other psychopathic traits to surface in others. Or maybe it's just petty meanness. You take some stupid cops or guards in prisons and show them the true psychopaths they surveil and monitor and there you have the syndrome of recompense, the stupid guarding and catching the wily and the stupid always win. Even if the con gets free he'll subvert his own freedom every time since it's his way of being. So it is with cats. They can't help it. It's who they are. And so you treat them as such, they're crazy.

I write this as Moonlight Sonata is playing on the FM radio this morning, appropriate somehow. I did not allow the bad

one to partake of canned food this a.m. Conclusion of Moonlight Sonata. I'm not mean but I'm not stupid either. When a cat reverts to or insists upon its devious wanton feral ways, what're ya gonna do? I even booted another cat out the door recently for insubordination, another stray we adopted, but my wife let him back in when it was subzero and keeps him in her office room. Trust me, it's not working well but it's her room, so... She also has some theories about why cats do this and that, you know, psychological reasoning cat style. Um, okay. My concern is the rest of the flat in which we stay in this old house along with top floor and basement, the first floor a rental from which hails the neighbor cat, a constant actually, now perched atop my high-back office chair. So it goes around here. So that's how it's been? Um, yes...that's...how...it's...Been.

Another odd finding is how cats tend to be underfoot. They seem to want to be right where your foot is about to step. How that figures in I have no idea. Death wish? I dunno. I don't wanna know. My ex-con friend is dead. Many cats are dead. Maybe that's the only way out. Of course if we get philosophic it's the only way out for all of us unless we transcend some other way. You know like Jesus, but I can assure you I'm not Him. I've had my visions of, but... that's about it. Right now I have yet to deal with one...or two...cats.

O, BTW, boarding the cat doors also precluded some coons and possums from easy entry. O, 'scuse me, just had to open my porch roof window to let another one back in. Yeah...that's...how...it's...been.

Mitch MacKay, East Jordan

Boyne City High School ads "Talk to us" feature on web site

The Boyne City Public Schools has added a new feature to its website. When you go to www.boyne.k12.mi.us and click on the new "Talk to us" button, you can tell the superintendent search firm the characteristics you'd like to see in a new superintendent of schools.

"We are interested in what people in Boyne City are thinking about the person who will become the next Superintendent of Schools," said Mark Eckhardt, Vice-President of the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI). MLI is conducting the search for a new superintendent of schools for Boyne City.

"This addition to the Boyne City school district's website is designed to help residents contact us directly at their convenience. We are inviting school district parents, staff members, and other residents to visit www.boyne.k12.mi.us and click on Talk to us anytime, day or night.

Eckhardt says the Talk to us button is just another way the Boyne City Public School District is seeking community input. "We know that everyone won't be able to attend a community forum to tell us what they want in a new superintendent," he said. "Now they can make their voice heard any time by clicking on Talk to us."

Community and staff members who use the Talk to us button can do so anonymously or they can request a response to what they have written.

Eckhardt said that all comments received using the Talk to us button will be reviewed by MLI staff and taken into consideration in the search process.

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

By Jim Akans

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

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



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



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

drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

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

"Our location is a great resource for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more

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2016 Juried Photography Exhibition winners

The 35th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition opened on January 23, and with its opening comes the awarded photographers. Juror, Professor Darlene Kaczmarczyk of Kendall College of Art & Design, selected each photograph for the exhibition, and also picked the winning images.

"All the works in the exhibition exhibit attention to design elements – directional forces, balance, framing, and clear intent. But beyond the technical and formal concerns, I'm drawn to work that engages both the heart and the mind. When the photographer shows me what they're looking at and also why it's important for me to pay attention, I'm drawn to spend much more time with the image," said Darlene.

With that mindset, Darlene chose pieces that enigmatically reference relationships, gender, history, domestic life, and scenes of times past, to represent first, second, and third place.

The First Place Award, sponsored by Korthase Flinn Insurance and Financial



The First Place Award, sponsored by Korthase Flinn Insurance & Financial Services, was given to Kris Sanford for the pieces, "Boots" (shown here) and "Intertwined." COURTESY PHOTO

Services, was given to Kris Sanford for the pieces, "Boots" and "Intertwined." The Second Place Award, sponsored by Ollar Consulting, was presented to Marianne Priest for "Tom's Shelf." And the Third Place Award, sponsored by Dennis, Gartland, and Niergarth, was presented to Judith Kalter for "Red Willow

Basket of Onions."

Four Honorable Mentions were awarded as well. Darlene chose these based on alternative processes, tonality, and depth created by abstraction, and they are as follows: "Illusions of Motherhood: No. 3" by Melissa Bernazzani, "Barely There" by Winnie Chrzanowski, "Winter Morning" by Tom Haxby, and "Zion Flows" by Hal Willens.

This exhibition was made possible in part by the support of Edward Jones Investments of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Traverse City.

Photography events continue next month with Photographer Cynthia Greig's Coffee @ Ten on Tuesday, February 23, in which she will discuss her current CTAC exhibit, True Likeness: Representations and Nature Morte.

For more information, please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

NATALIE

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said she's known Musser and her family for about the past ten years through that very same "horsey circle". Russell said Musser was kind enough to let her youngest daughter ride her prized horse, Angel, in competitions, especially during the past riding season, while the new, young mother devoted more time to her latest passion in life.

"Nataleigh became an amazing new Mom and because she was focusing on parenthood, didn't have time for showing as much and wanted someone else to be able to enjoy her very speedy horse," Russell recalled.

Musser's parents, Duane and Cathy Musser, survive her, along with two sisters, Carrie and Brittany Musser and three brothers, Jeffrey and Brian Musser and Joseph Eikenroth. She is also leaving behind her fiancée, Peter Sladick.

Her mother, Cathy, said that her young grandson, Nataleigh's son Noah, will be her legacy in passing on her inherent love of life, animals and other people.

"She's going to be this baby's guardian angel and she's going to look after him and take care of him in very special way," Musser said of her daughter, "She was our angel and she is his angel."

Russell, along with countless others posting through social media, recalled Nataleigh not only as a fierce barrel riding competitor, but more so as a kind and fun, happy and generous human being and devoted friend.

"Nataleigh was a beautiful girl, inside and out. She loved her son, horses and her family. She had an infectious smile and laugh that will be missed. She had a heart of gold and was always offering help and support to others. Nataleigh always rooted for the underdog and stood up for anyone being bullied. She had amazing wit and lived life to the fullest," said Russell, "My heart aches for her infant son and family. She will be missed."

A memorial service for Nataleigh will be held at 1 pm Saturday, February 6 at the former Charlevoix Middle School Gym, 108 East Garfield in Charlevoix. Pastor Philip Green of the Charlevoix Bible Baptist Church will officiate.

An account with GoFundMe has been set up to help the family with expenses and to benefit Nataleigh's son, Noah, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/47m8jud8>

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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, Crown- ing 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

Boyer City Farmers' Market

Indoor winter market held in the Red Barn next to the Boyer 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 week-end. Enjoy countless bargains on a variety of great merchandise at participating stores.

2/13, Saturday – 2/14, Sunday Bay Harbor Ice and Spice 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 Torchlight Snowshoe Outing @ Camp Daggett

Experience the solitude of the wilderness as you snowshoe at Camp Daggett. Afterward, come in from the cold for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies and to warm-up by the crackling fire in the camp's beautiful main lodge. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snow-shoes are available for all ages!

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 3 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	Thursday, February 4 10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, February 5 11am Dollar in the Jukebox Raffle Rummikub	Monday, February 8 Foot Clinic (by Appt) Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize 10:30am Line Dancing Rummikub	Tuesday, February 9 Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, February 10 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 3 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, February 4 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30 Roger Hartson-Music Dessert by American House 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahjong	Friday, February 5 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, February 8 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, February 9 11am Chair Yoga Class 9am-1pm Tax Assistance Wii Bowling - Petoskey 1pm Paint Class	Wednesday, February 10 FOOT CLINIC 12:45pm Bingo
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 3 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards	Thursday, February 4 11am KARAOKE DAY! 10:30am Chair Exercise 1pm Paint Class	Friday, February 5 Bingo/Raffle 5:0/5:0 11am Barry Loper	Monday, February 8 Exercise Room 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Chair Exercise	Tuesday, February 9 10am E.J. Story Time 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize	Wednesday, February 10 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, February 3 LIVER 'N ONIONS	Thursday, February 4 SWEET 'N SOUR MEAT- BALLS	Friday, February 5 BAKED CHICKEN	Monday, February 8 GARLIC CHICKEN	Tuesday, February 9 HAMBURGER w/BUN	Wednesday, February 10 CHICKEN 'N DUMPLINGS**
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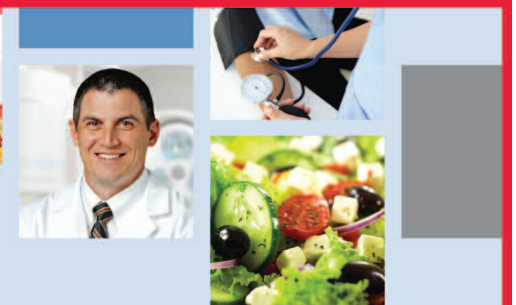
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Free Nicotine replacement offered throughout February

In conjunction with the fifth year of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Tips from Former Smokers campaign, throughout the month of February the Michigan Tobacco Quitline will offer 8 weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy to anyone who calls and enrolls.

In Michigan, 16,200 residents die every year from smoking-related diseases. Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. It kills about 480,000 Americans each year. For every person who dies from a smoking-related disease, about 30 more people suffer at least one serious

illness from smoking. Nearly 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit.

"As residents listen to the newest ads from the Tips campaign, we are hoping to help them quit for good by providing 8 weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy," said Nick Lyon, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "Each year we help thousands of Michigan residents quit through the Quitline. These ads help us further those efforts by helping people quit and never start."

The fifth year of ads from the Tips campaign began on January 25, and will run for 20 weeks on

television, radio, billboards, online, and in magazines and newspapers. The campaign features real people who are living with the effects of smoking-related diseases.

"All the Tips ad participants are heroes," said Corinne Graffunder, DrPH, MPH, Director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "By courageously sharing their painful personal stories, they're inspiring millions of Americans to make the life-saving decision to quit smoking."

More than 30 people have leant their voice and story to the Tips campaign since 2012. Each real story represents thousands of

Americans suffering from similar illnesses caused by smoking. Ads also highlight the benefits of quitting for loved ones, and the importance of quitting cigarettes completely, not just cutting down.

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or 1-855-DEJELO-YA (1-855-335356-92). For more information about the campaign, including profiles of the former smokers, links to the ads and more, visit www.cdc.gov/tips. For more information about tobacco in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/tobacco.

Children's Dental Health Month encourages good habits from a young age

Dental Clinics North, a partnership of local health departments and My Community Dental Centers, reminds you to give your child a smile that lasts a lifetime. February is National Children's Dental Health Month, which focuses on the importance of regular dental check-ups and a balanced diet. Children should brush, floss, rinse, and eat nutritious snacks to maintain a healthy smile.

"A solid foundation in dental health starts at a young age," said Dawn Marie Strehl, RDH, Oral Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"Good habits should begin with a visit to the dentist as soon as the child gets their first tooth, or before their first birthday."

A balanced diet, limited snacks, daily brushing and flossing, and regular check-ups are the keys to healthy teeth and gums. Bottles and pacifiers also impact a child's oral health. Here are some tips from the American Dental Association to keep a young child's mouth healthy:

- Place only formula, milk or breast milk in bottles. Avoid filling the bottle with liquids such as sugar water, juice or soft drinks.

- Infants should finish their bedtime and naptime bottles before going to bed.

- If your child uses a pacifier, provide one that is clean—don't dip it in sugar or honey, and don't put it in your mouth before giving it to the child.

- Encourage children to drink from a cup by their first birthday, and discourage frequent or prolonged use of sippy cups.

- Serve nutritious snacks and limit sweets to mealtimes.

Older children should follow the same rules of regular brushing, flossing, dental visits and eating a balanced diet. Juice and soft drinks are particularly damaging, due to the presence of sugars and acids. Sugars and starches encourage the production of plaque, which can attack tooth enamel; the acid in soft drinks decays teeth.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



Among patients who've overdosed once, 91 percent are prescribed the same opioid 10 months later (61 percent by the same doc), and that doubles the risk of overdosing again! Smart Move: After an overdose, explore alternate pain solutions.

GET VACCINATION INFORMATION BEFORE YOU NEED IT

In the animated Disney comedy, "The Emperor's New Groove," haughty Yzma (Eartha Kitt) dismisses the concerns of one unfortunate subject: "You really should've thought of that before you became peasants!" Pretty funny line, since no one ever decides to be a disadvantaged peasant.

But here's one thing you can decide, before your actions put you and your family's health at a disadvantage: Get reliable information, so you can make an educated decision about vaccinations.

We mention this because of a recent Washington Post story about a Canadian woman with seven children who finally decided to get her kids their vaccinations. But she was too late. They all came down with pertussis -- whooping cough -- before she could act, and were quarantined at home. Fortunately, no one died.

Now, this woman wasn't an anti-vaxer, but fear-mongering and misinformation in the media caused her to hesitate. She was reported as saying: "We were scared and didn't know who to trust. Was the medical community just paid-off puppets of a big pharmaceutical-media conspiracy?" With the 24/7 news cycle and Internet blogs, it's tough to sort out reliable information. But sort you must.

You can get the facts by going to the websites of the National Institutes of Health (NIH.com), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.com) and you can trust us. We reviewed the risks and benefits in "YOU: Raising Your Child." Vaccines have risks, but they prevent over 40,000 serious illnesses for every one they might cause. And remember: Knowledge is a key to good health!

Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic. To live your healthiest, tune into "The Dr. Oz Show" or visit www.sharecare.com.

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DEBUNKING THE HEALTHY FAT MYTH

William "The Refrigerator" Perry weighed 382 pounds when he helped the Chicago Bears win the 1986 Super Bowl. If anyone could pull off "fat, but healthy," it would be a super-size, superstar player like Perry! But down the road, The Fridge developed a roster of health woes.

That shouldn't surprise you, but there's been a lot of talk about "fat, but healthy" and headlines declaring, "Why obesity protects against heart disease and heart attack." Well, finally a top-notch study shuts that refrigerator door once and for all.

Researchers found that many obesity studies examining the link between obesity and mortality didn't distinguish between people who have always been normal weight, and those who were a normal weight at the time of the study but overweight or obese earlier in life. So they first identified folks who were formerly overweight and separated them from folks who had always been a normal weight. They then looked at the health history of the overweight and obese compared with always-normal-weight folks. And guess what? At no time did being overweight ever afford protection against health problems.

So if you have pounds to shed, don't delay. You can reverse the damage of excess fat if you walk 10,000 steps every day, do jumping and resistance exercises and avoid toxins like secondhand smoke and risky air pollution. Also, avoid processed foods, refined carbs, red meat, egg yolks, and added sugars and syrups; but do enjoy nuts, seeds, all fruits and veggies, and salmon and ocean trout.

HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTAL PAIN MEDICATION OVERDOSE

Last October the chronically injured former NFL safety Tyler Sash died from an accidental overdose after mixing two powerful pain medications. Unfortunately, overdose of opioid pain meds takes the life of 17,000 Americans annually, and in many cases the victims don't believe they're abusing the medication; they're simply taking it for post-surgical or chronic pain.

Fortunately, many folks who overdose do survive. For every female death related to a pain-med overdose, 30 women show up at the ER and recover. The numbers for men are equally staggering. So why do folks who aren't addicted to or intentionally abusing opioid medications overdose?

1. It can be hard to keep track of how many pills you've taken. Smart Move: Always keep a log of the date and time you take every pain pill.

2. You may inadvertently mix medications that trigger a dangerous interaction. Smart Move: Tell all of your doctors about every medication you're taking, and obtain them all from one pharmacy. Your pharmacist can alert you to contraindications and possible interactions.

3. You figure one more pill will finally ease your pain. Smart Move: If the medication isn't working at the prescribed dose, call your doctor to explore other ways to get relief.

4. According to a study in Annals of Internal Medicine, there's one more reason:

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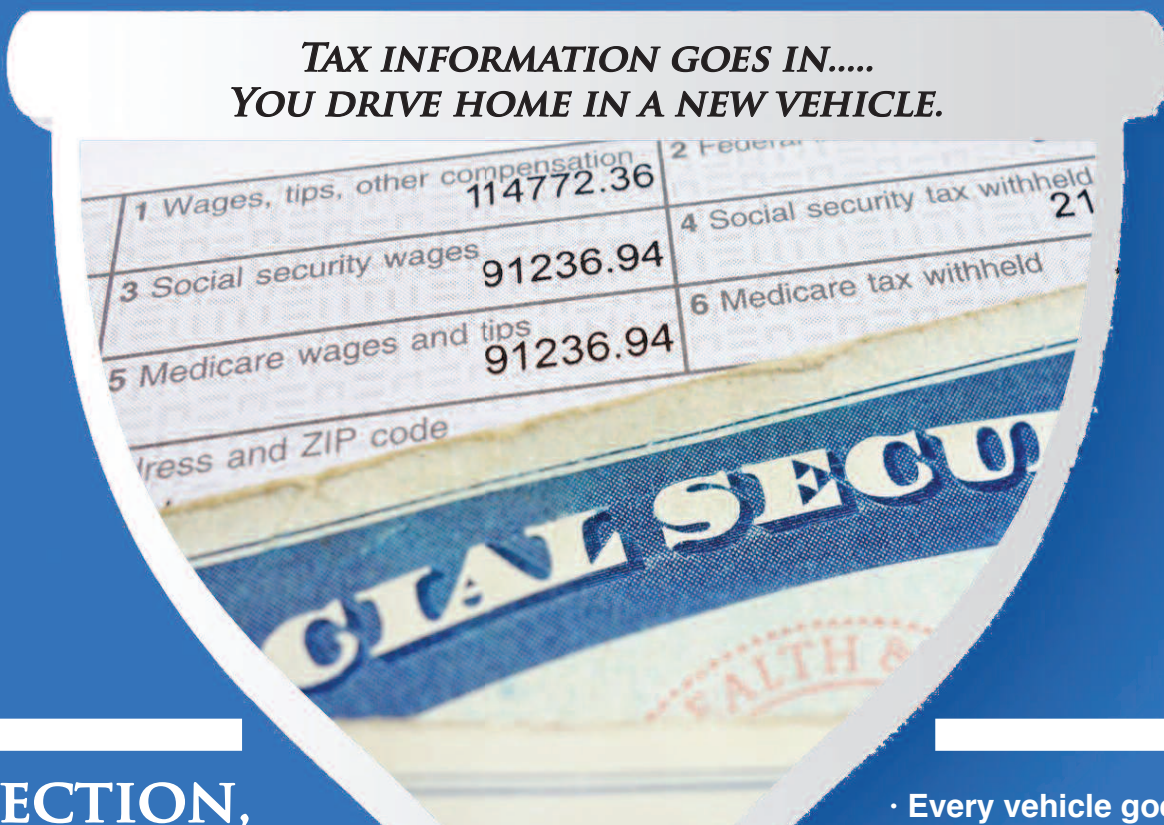
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