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Charlevoix man arrested, charged with impersonating police officer

By Michelle Medjesky

EAST JORDAN - Michigan State Troopers on routine patrol in East Jordan last week arrested a Charlevoix man who is now facing multiple criminal charges, including that he allegedly impersonated a police officer.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof confirmed in a statement to the Charlevoix County News that 45 year-old William Elton Burns of Charlevoix pled not guilty during his February 26 arraignment to nu-

merous charges, including two counts of resisting and obstructing police, a two year felony, and multiple misdemeanor charges, including impersonating a police officer, a one year misdemeanor, and unlawfully displaying a Michigan State Police badge. Burns is also facing numerous traffic related charges, including driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without a license on person and driving without insurance.

According to the police affidavit filed in the case and a news release from the Michigan State Police, state troopers were on routine pa-

trol in East Jordan late afternoon on Wednesday, February 24 when they stopped a white 1996 Ford for having an expired license plate.

Upon questioning, police said the driver, William Elton Burns, allegedly showed them a gold Michigan State Police lieutenant's badge which had his name, William Burns (retired), on it.

The state troopers stated Burns then proceeded to assure them that he was a retired state police officer and that he repeatedly told them, "You can go home now."

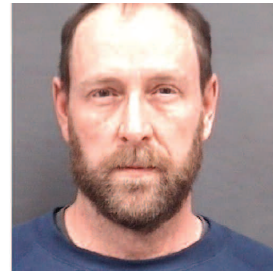
When the troopers returned to

their vehicle to run a check on Burns' license, registration and insurance, he allegedly got out of his vehicle and started to approach their patrol car. The troopers said they ordered Burns to return to his vehicle several times but he ignored them.

Police stated they were eventually able to get Burns back to his vehicle, however, he refused to get inside and threatened to leave the scene.

Burns continued to refuse to co-

See Burns -3A



William Elton Burns, 45, of Charlevoix is facing multiple charges, including impersonating a police officer and resisting and obstructing police. Burns pled not guilty to the charges during his recent arraignment.

SPORTS REPORT



East Jordan's Michaela Mihal'kova finds and open teammate during the Red Devils win over Boyne City. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)



Red Devil senior guard, Colin Petrie (24) scans the court as Boyne City's Derek Willis plays defense. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

Baumann plans to retire from Boyne City Chamber

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking a replacement for its executive director Jim Baumann, who recently announced his plans to retire in November after eight years at his post.

Baumann, who turns 65 in April, has held the executive director position for the chamber since 2008. Although he lived in the Boyne City area and worked as a reporter and editor for the Charlevoix County Press from 1975-1981, he moved west when the newspaper sold to pursue a career as communications director for several chambers in suburban San Diego.

Then, almost 30 years later, he learned about the job opening back in beautiful northern Michigan.

"When I was lucky enough to be hired for the Boyne Area Chamber executive director position, we moved back on July 1 of 2008," Baumann said of himself, wife Jamie and their two children.

And what a great eight years Baumann has had.

"It's so rewarding to work in a community where everybody works together so well. There are no big egos or turf wars. And this town is so cool and keeps getting better, little by little," said Baumann, noting the remarkable economic growth and development he has seen evolve in the Boyne Area during his time as executive chamber director there.

Baumann said he is personally most proud of bringing new ideas and programs to the chamber, like a Business Expo that has grown to



Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Jim Baumann announced he will be retiring in November after eight years helping to attract and guide economic growth and development in this region.

When most people say they're "up to their neck" or "swamped" at work, they mean it metaphorically. But when Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive Jim Baumann makes a comment like that, you can bet he means it literally. The above photo shows Baumann both swamped and up to his neck in the Boyne River retrieving rubber ducks after the duck race during Boyne City's Fourth of July festivities last summer.



95 booths, a newsletter than now boasts more than 2,500 subscribers, an expanded Annual Meeting awards night and an upbeat State of the Community Luncheon.

Then there were other significant developments that also surfaced in Baumann's eight years at the helm:

"Precision Edge and Cafe Sante' move in during the recession and still thrive. The citizens approve a badly needed new city hall with police, fire, ambulance and museum facilities. A couple of philanthropic citizens buy up a major lakefront property, tear down an ugly fence and make it available for public use," said Baumann, "And there's more to come-the Dilworth Hotel, 7 Monks Tap Room, the recreational trail to Charlevoix."

While he won't officially retire
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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION
MARCH 1, 2016

Commendation given to East Jordan Boy Scouts

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - The city commission briefly met Tuesday evening in East Jordan to acknowledge receipt of the 2016 annual report of delinquent bills and to discuss a letter from the Charter Review Commission.

Preceding regular business, the commission gave commendation to Boy Scout Parker Demars and also Boy Scout Troop #17 for their hard work, dedication, and hours of volunteered time spent painting over 150 fire hydrants within the city limits of East Jordan. Scouts gave the fire hydrants a fresh look with red and black paint to match East Jordan Public Schools' colors this past summer.

A public hearing was scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. at Tuesday's meeting for delinquent bills. If individuals delinquent on water and sewer bills have legitimate reasons why they should not be charged on the next tax roll for collection, they may present their reasons at the public hearing.

City Administrator Tom Cannon shared that the Charter Review Committee offered a recommendation for the city commission related to electronic media.

Charter Review Board Chair, Daniel Miller, stated in a letter to the commission that there is a section in which a

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MAR 817°38°	...-19° (1982)	...80° (2000)
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MAR 1017°39°	...-12° (1972)	...60° (1977)
MAR 1118°40°	...-12° (1960)	...69° (1973)

Eunice May Genson (Griffin), 87

(MARCH 4, 1928 - MARCH 1, 2016)

Eunice May Genson of Boyne City completed her life on earth on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Eunice was born March 4, 1928 in Boyne City the daughter of Edward and Rachel (Neill) Griffin.

On February 6, 1943 she married Walter R. Genson, Sr., and he preceded her in death on November 23, 1995.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister Phyllis Kenney; son Edward Genson; daughter Lisa Dansak; and grandson Michael Lee Genson.

Survivors include her sister Mildred Ingram of Boyne City; daughter Marsha (Roger) Towne of Manchester; daughter Eunice (Jim) Gallap of Boyne City; son Raymond (Loretta) Genson of Mancelona; son Walter Genson, Jr., of East Jordan. Eunice is also survived by twenty grandchildren; and over seventy great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Eunice spent her working years at Boyne Products/Essex Wire. She and her husband Walter were charter members of the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club. She was also a member of the Smelt City VFW Auxiliary 3675.

She loved all types of crafts. Many people have some of the dolls and teddy bears she made over the years, along with dozens of her warm, knitted winter socks. The craft she enjoyed the most was quilting. She

also loved fishing, bird watching and was an avid reader.

A funeral service will be held 3:00 PM Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Stackus Funeral Home with visitation being held Thursday from 2:00 PM until the time of service. Burial will take place in the spring at Evangeline Township Cemetery.

Donations may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility of the Smelt City VFW Auxiliary 3675.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Eunice are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Irene Smith, 85

(SEPT. 13, 1930 - FEB. 29, 2016)

Irene Smith joined her loving husband Tom in heaven on February 29, 2016 after a brief illness.

Irene was born on September 13, 1930 in Detroit to Bernardo and Maria Notargio. She was the youngest of their 9 children. Irene grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from Gross Pointe High School.

On September 9, 1950 she married the love of her life, Thomas G. Smith and together they had three children. Tom was her partner in every way. They shared child rearing responsibilities, household chores and even worked together for 26 years in Tom's State Farm Insurance Agency where it was never clear who was the boss.

After Tom's heart attack in 1986, Irene and Tom became avid "walkers". During the summer, you would

often see Irene on her daily walk, while winters were enjoyed in Yuma Arizona.

Recently, the highlight of Irene's day was when her "Tweety Pies" (great-granddaughters Brooklynn and Gracie) would stop by for chocolate treats and hugs and kisses. Irene also looked forward to pictures and updates from the great-grandchildren in Florida.

Irene is survived by her children; Debra (Bill) Nobilett, Thomas G. (Joan) Smith, and Mary Jo (Dean) Roleofs; grandchildren, Kristan (David), Colleen, Chris (Idellee), Anthony, Nick (Mandy), Sam, and Maria; great grandchildren Brooklynn, Roan, Gracie, Beckett, Seville, and Orin; sister Josephine (Ed) DiMambro, brother-in-law Shorty (Betty) Smith, Mike (Janet) Smith and sister-in-law Emily Notargio.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Irene on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 11 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 6-8pm, Wednesday March 2nd at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorial contributions be directed to The Manna Food Project or Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Irene are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Angela "Angie" Seldon, 39

(JAN. 13, 1977 - FEB. 22, 2016)

Angela "Angie" Seldon of Alanson died February 22, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Angie was born on January 13, 1977 in Gainesville, FL and was raised in East Jordan, but graduated from Petoskey High school with the class 1996.

On July 19, 1997, Angie married Rich Seldon in Horton Bay, and the two made their home in Alanson, where they raised their family. Angie later owned and operated Alphase Interior Clean Company for over 7 years.

Angie's two greatest passions in life were spending time with her husband and two sons and being on the water. She loved boating with her family and friends and camping on the beach.

Angie is survived by her husband, Rich; 2 sons, William and Dylan Seldon; Parents, Beth (Peter) Inman and John Wayne Sullivan; 6 siblings, Amy (Joe) Bender, Michelle (Jay) Louiska, Michael (Ashley) Cohen, Peter (Regina) Inman Jr., Hope (Kyle) Hinterman, and Angela (Shawn) DeYoung; nieces and nephews, Izic, Chloe, Nicholas, Natalee, Joseph, Johnny, Samantha, Ethan, Kassie, Juliette, Nora, Faith, Lily, Pixie, Tristan, Anna, and Charlie; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Donna Seldon; and by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Robert Seldon; grandparents, Clarence and Ruth Courson and Charles and Betty Inman.

A memorial service celebrating Angie's life was held Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Stone Funeral

Home with Rev. David Behling officiating.

A GOFUNDME account has been created to benefit Angie's family and children. <http://www.gofundme.com/angelaseldon>

John D. Ciofani Sr, 70

(JUNE 4, 1945 - FEB. 25, 2016)

John David Ciofani Sr. of Mancelona died Thurs. Feb. 25, 2016 at Munson Medical Center.

He was born June 4, 1945 in Baltimore, MD the son of Vincent and Margaret (Wellsworth) Ciofani. He joined the US Marines and was honorably discharged.

John lived in Northern Michigan for most of his life and worked at Antrim Machine for 26 years. He loved baseball and was an avid sports card collector. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved yorkies, always buying them special toys.

On Nov. 14, 2015 in Boyne City, he married his long time love of 26 years, Sherry Fales who survives. Also surviving is his mother Margaret, his children Vincent (Lisa) Ciofani, Johnna (Larry) Phillips, Johnny Ciofani Jr., Joseph Ciofani, Jackie (Eric) Calhoun, sister Florence (George) Stroyan, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, stepchildren Marcie (Dan) Downs, Terry (Christine) Cryderman, and 8 step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Vincent.

Funeral services were held Sun. Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. at the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Paul Wise and Pastor Ross Corne officiating. Interment will take place in Maplelawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Vivian J. Jones, 79

(FEBRUARY 6, 1937 - FEBRUARY 21, 2016)

Vivian J. Jones of Gaylord passed away on February 21, 2016 at Munson Medical Center.

Vivian was born on February 6, 1937, in Chestonia Township, MI, the daughter of John and Fannie (Garchow) Corey.

Vivian was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed gardening, painting, hiking and simply enjoying nature to the fullest. Vivian was a devoted Christian who loved to give to the Lord.

She is survived by 4 children, Michael Warren of Grawn, MI, Valorie (Dan) Sevnski of Boyne City, MI, Steven Warren of Indiana, Don (Vicki) Warren of Central Lake, MI, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bud Jones, a sister Dolores Chanda, and a brother Reg Corey.

No services or visitation is planned. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI, 48071.

Please sign Vivian's online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

homes.com.

Maxine Plumm, 89

(JULY 5, 1926 - FEB. 28, 2016)

Maxine Plumm, 89, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She was born July 5, 1926, in Charlevoix to Colin and Olive (Lord) McKenzie. Maxine attended Saint Mary's School through the eighth grade and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1944. She attended Western Michigan University for one year, then worked at Charlevoix Hospital as a nurse's aide until she was married.

On September 13, 1947, Maxine married George Plumm. She stayed home to raise their children, Jayne and Patrick. Maxine thoroughly enjoyed sports of all kinds, playing cards, and especially her pet dogs. In later years, she enjoyed being a caregiver to elderly people in their homes.

Maxine was a member of Saint Mary's Church, Saint Mary's Rosary Altar Society, and the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Post Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Jayne (Gary) Almonrode, of Nashville, Tenn.; son, Patrick Plumm, of Houston, Texas; five grand-children, Tricia, Fred, George, Forrest, and Elsa; four great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Betty McKenzie, Wanda Plumm.

She was preceded in death by her husband George in 2011; brothers, Louis and Donald and sister, Jane.

Funeral mass will be 11:30 am, Wednesday, March 2, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating. Cremation will follow and interment will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorials may be made as a Mass offering or to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Marjorie A. Hayward (Harris), 88

(MAY 24, 1927 - FEB. 27, 2016)

Marjorie A. Hayward, 88, died Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Autumn Joy A.F.C. and Assisted Living Home in Charlevoix, Michigan.

She was born on May 24, 1927, in Marlette, Michigan, the daughter of Clarence and Alice (Stamp) Harris. Marjorie married Milford L. Hayward on July 27, 1946, in Pontiac. They lived in Pontiac until they moved to East Jordan in 1997. Milford preceded her in death on March 4, 2005. She later moved to her new home at Autumn Joy A.F.C. in Charlevoix.

She loved people and enjoyed neighboring with folks. Marjorie also enjoyed camping at the Old Orchard Park in Oscoda, attending church camp meetings in Brown City, crocheting and cooking.

Marjorie loved her Lord and attended the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen "Ellie" Hisey of Charlevoix; sons, Rodney (Ruby) Hayward of

Charlevoix, and Gary (Marti) Hayward of Auburn Hills; grandchildren, Wayne Eubanks, Mike (Lisa) Armes, Debra (Chad) Minton; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Jaimee, Bradley, Laurel, Kyra, Jack, Elaina, and Andrew; and three sisters-in-law, Ida Mae Harris of Midland, Eunice Hayward Baker, Holiday, Florida, and Shirley (Bob) Hayward-Jimmerson of Tarpon Springs, Florida. Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Basil, Donald, and Lee, and one sister, Helen Cook.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Dan Gilmore, of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Interment will be in Marlette Cemetery, Marlette, Michigan.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Winchester Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Autumn Joy A.F.C. and Assisted Living Home, 09020 Upper Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Teddy B. Fultz, 80

(APRIL 3, 1935 - FEB. 27, 2016)

Teddy B. Fultz of Boyne City died on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at McLaren Regional Hospital in Flint.

He was born on April 3, 1935 in Tazewell, Tennessee, the son of Charlie & Julia (Williams) Fultz.

On September 4, 1968, in Troy, Michigan, he married Carol E. Billiau. She preceded him in death on February 17, 2012.

He was a long term employee of General Motors Corporation Truck & Bus for many years, as a skilled tradesman. He also served as union steward. Teddy retired in 1982.

Teddy was a man of many building trades. He also enjoyed morel mushroom hunting, camping, volunteering, working in his yard and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by six children, Susan (Alan) Kline of East Jordan, John Fultz of Pontiac, Julia Fultz of Boyne City, Linda (Mike) Helm of Polk City, Florida, Sharon Shouse of Polk City, Florida and Sandra (Donald) Jones of Brown City; numerous grandchildren; several great grandchildren; one brother, Chuck Fultz of Pontiac; and one sister, Amanda Harris of Clarkston. Teddy was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Rhonda Fultz and Amy Fultz; one son, T. Justin Fultz; eight brothers and two sisters.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 3:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment will be held later at Christian Memorial Gardens in Rochester Hills.

The family will receive friends on Thursday at the funeral home from 1:00 P.M. until service time. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

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Ellsworth Elementary students "Jump Rope for Heart"



On Friday, February 26 Ellsworth Elementary students participated in the "Jump Rope for Heart." Through sponsorships and donations students were able to raise over \$4000 for the American Heart Association. Ellsworth Community School would like to thank Mr. Randy Nagel and the many parent volunteers who devoted many hours to this worthy cause. COURTESY PHOTO

Hill House artist residency application deadline approaches

Crosshatch Center for Art & Design's Hill House artist residency applications for the June 2016-December 2016 residency season are due April 1. The program supports musicians, writers, theater/performance, visual artists, and now parent artists as well. Artists who apply to the program will go through a jury process. Selected artists are awarded time and space to create new work, with a two- to four-week stay in a semi-secluded log cabin near East Jordan, Michigan. The musician residency also offers a small stipend to emerging songwriters to aid in professional development.

The cabin is surrounded by forest and is within walking distance of the Jordan River. It includes a well-stocked kitchen (with locally sourced food when available), a selection of instruments and some basic recording gear. Artists are invited, but not required, to engage in community outreach through performance, readings and workshops with coordination and promotion help from Crosshatch. The Hill House resi-

dency program is unique as it accepts parent artists, artists who want to bring a pet, and allows artists from different disciplines to be in residence together. The only cost for an artist to participate in the Hill House residency program is a \$25 application fee.

"My Crosshatch Hill House residency provided me an invaluable opportunity to work uninterrupted, connect with the land and deepen my own understanding of what it is to be an artist and human being," says Jeff Morris, one-half of Charming Disaster along with Ellia Bisker, (musicians-in-residence, January 2016).

Crosshatch is a non-profit organization based in Northern Michigan that builds strong communities through the intersections of art, farming, ecology and economy. For more information about the Crosshatch Hill House residency, including a link to the online application system, visit www.crosshatch.org/artist-residency or contact Yvonne at yvonne@crosshatch.org or 231-622-5252.

Crossroads Resale receives EJ Snowmobile Club donation



L-R: Rose Hines, Bonnie Thomas, Mary Ann Roberts. Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop President Rose Hines and Treasurer Mary Ann Roberts received a donation of \$1,000 from East Jordan Snowmobile Club President Bonnie Thomas to be used toward Crossroads upcoming expansion project. The 4500 square foot addition will allow room for furniture and off season storage items currently being stored off site, along with much needed resale space. More storage space and an indoor waiting area for clients of Care and Share Food Pantry and office space for meeting with those in need of financial assistance are also included in the plan. The East Jordan Snowmobile Club hosts breakfast at their clubhouse located on Mt. Bliss Road each Sunday beginning in December and continuing through March 20th. Breakfast is served from 7am through noon at a cost of \$6. The Snowmobile Club is a proud sponsor of East Jordan's annual Sno-Blast and encourages everyone to join them for a wonderful Sunday breakfast. Donations for Crossroads Building Fund can be sent to: Crossroads Resale Shop, P. O. 937, East Jordan, Michigan 49727. Please call 231-536-7606 with any questions. COURTESY PHOTO.

People Fund grants \$43,163 to local organizations

Great Lakes Energy (GLE) members continue to enhance quality of life in their communities through voluntary contributions to the People Fund. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded 14 grants totaling \$43,163 in February to these non-profit organizations that support community endeavors in GLE's service territory:

In the northern Lower Michigan area, grants were awarded to:

- Charlevoix Ministerial Association, Charlevoix: \$2,500 for benevolence needs.
- Grass River Natural Area, Bellaire: \$3,000 for a field guide for outdoor student and public education and outreach.
- Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: \$5,000 toward an education center that would include storage and handicapped accessible restrooms.
- Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City: \$2,000 for arena improvements

for the outpatient rehabilitation and therapeutic riding center.

- Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs: \$2,000 for supplies for volunteer-led projects through the EcoStewards program.

- Ralph Holewinski VFW Post 1518, Gaylord: \$10,000 for a pavilion for recreational, social and patriotic events.

The People Fund, supported by GLE members who allow their bill to be rounded up each month to the next dollar, has awarded more than \$2.9 million in grants since 1999. Monthly contributions by GLE members average just 50 cents. Many charitable and community organizations throughout GLE's 26-county service area along the western side of Michigan benefit from these grants.

Non-profit organizations can request a grant application or learn more online at gtlakes.com. The next grant application deadline is June 1, 2016.

Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lillian Curtis

Grade: 3rd **Parent's Name(s):** Krystal Waldo and Will and Lauri Curtis

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a doctor when I grow up, because it would be really fun.

Favorite Book: My favorite book is Geronimo Stilton and the Cheese Colored Camper.

Hobbies and Interests: I play basketball, ski, and love to do cartwheels.

School Activities: I enjoy science, because we do experiments and learn about famous scientists. I also love writer's workshop! I like writing about camping.

Staff Comments: "Lillian has had an amazing year in third grade! She has made so much progress. In class, Lillian works hard and is a great friend to everyone. She has such a positive attitude and strives to do her best at everything. We are so proud of you, Lillian!" - Mrs. Meier



Shea Ross

Grade: 12th **Parent's Name(s):** Katy and Jack Ross

Future Plans? Major in Sports Medicine and become a sports physician.

Favorite Book: Danger Zone by David Klass

Hobbies and Interests: Lacrosse, Fishing

School Activities: Varsity Basketball

Staff Comments: "Shea is a quick witted senior that always seems to make a group better. He is not flashy but he plays an important role. As one of the smartest students in his class, he adds depth to a class discussion and makes others around him work a bit harder. Shea will succeed at anything he sets his mind to accomplishing. I look forward to seeing what his future holds." - Mr. Kurt Nothstine



BURNS

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operate with the troopers and resisted their attempt to handcuff him, resulting in them having to wrestle him to the ground to finally do so, police said.

Burns was taken to the Charlevoix County Jail and his bond was set at \$75,000. He is scheduled back in court March 8.

While the police affidavit confirmed Burns was never a Michigan State Police trooper, Telgenhof noted he's not convinced that impersonating an officer was necessarily the accused's motivation. "It does not appear

that Mr. Burns was using the badge in order to commit a crime; instead, it appears he was trying to avoid a traffic citation," Telgenhof said, adding, "It is of greater concern, obviously, when people impersonate officers in order to have innocent victims let them into their house or stop them on the side of a road. These impersonations are very rare, but make it more difficult for police to do their job."

Telgenhof advises that if a citizen is ever suspicious of any police officer's identity, they should simply call 911 and have the dispatcher verify whether that person is actually a police officer.

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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. Tickets are on sale now for \$50. Free childcare is available at the High School by reservation. Sponsors, Donations and Volunteers are most welcome. For tickets, to reserve childcare or for more information call 231-536-2259.

EAST JORDAN HERBAL HEALING SALVES

March 5, 10am-Noon, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Come and learn how to make your own herbal healing salve, you'll be amazed at how easy and effective this home remedy is. Herbal salves can be used to treat a variety of skin ailments, from dry skin and chapped lips to cuts/scrapes and infections. Participants can expect to take home their own small jar of salve, and the knowledge of how to do it again. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. \$10-\$20 (sliding scale) includes all materials, which are provided. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to register or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

March 5, 7pm & March 6, 2pm. Join Charlevoix Middle/High School in this hilarious tweaking of the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea", Queen Aggravain has ruled that none may marry until her son, Prince Dauntless marries. However, she has managed to sabotage every princess that comes along. When Sir Harry and Lady Larken learn that they are going to be parents, wed or not, he goes off to the swamps and brings back Princess Winnifred ("Fred" to her friends). The queen is horrified and immediately begins to scheme, but Winnifred, with some help from Sir Harry, the King, and the Jester, isn't going to be quite so easy to get rid of. \$7 adults, \$5 students, \$20 family of four (Sunday matinee only).

BOYNE CITY REINCARNATION AND PAST LIVES

March 6, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café. Déjà vu, reincarnation,

and past-life therapy will be explored at Lifetree Café. The program—titled "Reincarnation: Have You Been Here Before?"—features filmed interviews with people describing past life experiences as well as religion experts who share views about the afterlife. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S Park St., Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY PASSENGER PIGEON PRESENTATION

March 9, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. Did you know, that before its extinction, the Passenger Pigeon was once a dominant species here in Michigan? Join Al and David Eicher as they take you on a journey through the historic past of this majestic bird. Al and David Eicher for the past twenty years have produced 26 Michigan visual history documentaries. This presentation was developed over several years of collecting data, newspaper articles, photos, colorful artwork, visiting museums and libraries in Michigan. The 60-minute presentation will include beautiful artwork, specimens from the Cranbrook Institute of Science, plus sounds of nature as it was in the middle 1800's. This program is free, and open to bird lovers of all ages. For more information please visit the library's website www.boynelibrary.org or call the library at 231-582-7861.

PETOSKEY 9TH ANNUAL PROJECT CONNECT

March 9, 1-7pm, Odawa Casino. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need here in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The idea behind Project Connect is to bring all of the social service agencies together in one place, on one day, so that people who don't know where to go or what services are available can show up and be directed to agencies that can help them. Bringing everyone together in this way allows people to avoid some of the travel, waits and red tape that can be associated with social services. So, if you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges or health concerns please join us for a day of free services.

CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

March 10, Noon-5:45pm. Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org to make an appoint-

ment or for more information.

BOYNE CITY FREE MOVIE

March 11, 6:30pm, The Friends of the Boyne District Library are presenting a free movie series in the Community Room. Snacks will be available for a donation. Movie shown will be; Koyla (PG-13) 1997 (subtitled).

EAST JORDAN BALLROOM DANCE

March 11, East Jordan VFW Hall. Ballroom Dance with music by the Jordan Valley All Stars. Dance lesson at 6pm. The band plays from 6:45 to 9:30pm. Suggested donation - \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Come to dance or just to listen. Snacks and water available for purchase. For more information, please call 231-533-8368.

EAST JORDAN FREE SECOND SATURDAY

March 12, Noon-4pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. Join the fun this Saturday at FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Families can explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the outdoor exhibits as weather permits. Bring the whole family or make it a special event for parent and child.

BOYNE CITY KEYS TO A LONG LIFE

March 13, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café. Practical tips for living a long and well-lived life will be examined. The program, titled "How to Live to 100: Advice From Those Who've Done It," features a short film in which centenarians (people who have reached the age of 100) share their secrets for reaching the century mark. Lifetree participants will be given the chance to share their opinions of what it means to age well. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located 401 S Park St., Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY IRISH HERITAGE WEEK

March 13-20. Celebrating the community's history, which began when Irish immigrants John and Harriet Miller settled here in 1856. Week long events including Irish Sing-alongs, movie showing at the Boyne District Library, Irish History lecture, St Patrick's Day events, Irish Heritage Diner, Irish Step Dance Workshop, Story Time, Celtic Music Session and more. Complete details are www.boyne-heritagefestival.com.

300 block of Terrace
1403 Citation issued for Speed at Front St and Pleasant Ave.
2130 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St
2234 Car deer accident at N Park and Groveland.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
0112 Assist Sheriff Department at Boyne Mountain
0842 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1652 Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St
1806 Assist Sheriff Dept in the 200 block of E Lincoln on a runaway from Dietz Rd.
1915 Car deer accident on Boyne Av at High St.
1943 Lodged a dog at the shelter.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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 CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 17, 5:30-7:30pm, Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 South Lake Street. Co-sponsored by Family Fare. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food, drink and business networking. No admission charge.

BOYNE CITY EASTER EGG HUNT

March 19, 1pm, Veterans Memorial Park. Boyne City Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pre-school to 5th grade, join us for fun in the park. Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. For more information call 231-582-7983.

EAST JORDAN MAPLE TABLE POP-UP RESTAURANT & FUNDRAISER

March 19 & 20, 10am-2pm, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Wagbo will once again transform into a 'pop-up' temporary restaurant called the Maple Table, serving food that celebrates the seasons of Northern Michigan. We'll open our doors to the eating public with a late winter brunch menu that is part classic, part au courant, part experiment in home-cooking with what's locally available, wholesome and delicious. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or leave us a message right here to RSVP or for more information.

EAST JORDAN DRUG TRENDS INFO

March 21, 6:30-8pm, East Jordan High School Library. Adults are invited to discover the latest trends in adolescent drug use, and learn how they can help young people stay substance-free. Trooper Corey Hebner of the Michigan State Police will address these issues during each presentation. For information regarding these events, contact Susan Pulaski at (231) 347-5813 or visit www.safeinnm.com.

EAST JORDAN FULL MOON FEAST

March 23, 6pm, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Wagbo hosts a potluck

meal each Full Moon, celebrating traditional, land-based cooking immersed in the rhythm of the seasons. After the potluck feast, Wagbo hosts an open mic - a "show & tell" for stories, poems, songs, dance, etc. - original or otherwise. FREE. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to RSVP or for more information.

BOYNE CITY 60 WAYS TO GROW YOUR MAILING LIST

March 24, 8-9:30am, Boyne District Library Community Room. Presenter for this seminar is Kim Schott, a social media expert who has been featured at several popular Chamber seminars in the past. Coffee and pastries will be served. Admission is free for members of any Northern Michigan chamber and \$10 for non-members. Registration is required. Co-sponsored by East Jordan and Boyne City Chambers.

BOYNE CITY FREE MOVIE

March 26, 6:30pm, The Friends of the Boyne District Library are presenting a free movie series in the Community Room. Snacks will be available for a donation. Movie shown will be; Flash of Genius (PG-13) 2008.

EAST JORDAN MAPLE SUGARING OPEN HOUSE

March 26, 10am-2pm, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. This annual festivity includes syrup tastings, Maple treats, Sugar Shack tours, livestock "petting zoo," kids activities, nature hikes to the Sugarbush, music and more. This year will feature mini-workshops and a traditional Easter Egg Hunt with Mapley prizes! (FYI no plastic Easter Eggs filled with candy here.) This event is free but you can support the all-volunteer-run Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush program by purchasing a raffle ticket for a Maple-themed gift basket, a tasty treat in our bake sale, or a bottle of the sweet stuff itself. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to RSVP or for more information.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 14, 5-7pm. Raven Hill Discovery Center, Co-Sponsors: Raven Hill Discovery Center & East Jordan Public School Catering.

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standing under the ice fountain.
1630 Assist citizen in the 400 block of Silver St
1652 Welfare check in the 200 block of W. Lincoln St.
1845 Report of a road hazard on Boyne Ave.

Saturday, February 20
0451 ALARM IN THE 300 BLOCK OF N LAKE ST.
0511 Assist EMS in the 100 block of W. Lincoln.
0542 Suspicious subject in the 700 block of Maple St
0611 Parking complaint in the 300 block of E. Lincoln.
1036 Assist EMS and FD with a sledding injury up on the hill at Avalanche
1330 Citation issued for speed at N. Lake St and Groveland St.
1611 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St

ENHANCED CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 20, 5-7pm, The Bistro at Charlevoix Country Club. This event will include an elevated selection of hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, displays from member businesses, multiple door prizes, games and much more. We are taking it to the next level with the April Business After Hours and hoping to make it the standard for the future. Cost for the event is \$5/members (and YES, you can use your First Friday Business Breakfast punch cards) and \$15/non-members. The event is Co- Hosted by the Bistro at the Charlevoix Country Club and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

EAST JORDAN FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

April 30. East Jordan Civic Center. Registration at 11:30am, Jamboree Noon-5pm, Dance 7-10pm. Everyone is welcome. Musicians and callers please register at front desk and will perform in order of sign in. Instruments must be non-electrified. No admission fee, donation box at door.

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 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.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
0025 Arrested subject on State St at the City limits for OWI and Citation issued for speed
0419 Alarm activation in the 400 block of S Park.
0808 Gasoline drive off reported from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
0815 Report of lost cell phone
0846 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of McLean St
0908 Assist EMS in the 400 block of N East St.
1008 Alarm in the 100 block of River St
1130 Traffic escort on Divi-

sion St.
1131 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E. Pine St.
1410 Vehicle unlock in the alley behind between Water and Ray St
1428 NSF check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
1607 Assist Sheriff Department on M-75 near Topolinski.
1714 Attempted B&E in the 300 block of E Division
1758 Suspicious situation in the 600 block of W Court St.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
0945 Citation issued for Speed at Brockway St. and Boice St.
1054 Report of parking complaint in the 100 block of E Cedar St.
1318 Report of stolen cell phone in the Industrial Park
1355 Vehicle unlock in the

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until after the Chamber Business Expo November 2, Baumann said he gave his board of directors just more than a year's notice in effort to assist them in the hiring and transition process. He said it is hoped his replacement will be hired sometime this spring so he or she can work with the new executive director several months before handing over the reins.

Baumann said the Chamber board has asked him to keep working for the Chamber part-time after November, however, most likely working on the newsletter and website.

"I'm excited about that, because it's a way that I can still be involved in all the great things that are happening," he said.

Baumann explained he will be doing some of that work remotely from Las Vegas, where he and his wife plan to spend winter months helping care for her 88-year-old father. They plan to be back in Boyne City for summers.

Baumann has already been working for the Chamber remotely from Las Vegas the past six weeks and said so far "it's working out well." He plans to return to Boyne City March 7.

Even though he'll soon be retiring and leaving the area at least part of the year, Baumann said he will always feel part of the Boyne City Area.

He summed up his years as executive director, "This has been the greatest job of my life."

THANK YOU

On behalf of Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the restaurants: That French Place, Front Porch Café, Stafford's Weathervane, Kelsey's Lakeside Grille, Scovie's Gourmet, Smoke on the Water, Grey Gables, Villager Pub and Friske's Farm Market, for participating in our 7th Annual Artsy Soup Cook Off held in the community room at the Charlevoix Public Library. We appreciate their contribution, as well as the use of the Library's community room, in making this event a success. We would also like to thank McDonald's for the donation of cups and drink. Finally, a big thank you to the parents, students, staff and board members who donated breads, desserts and labor. This was a great evening spent tasting soup and viewing student artwork.

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts

WELFARE QUEEN

To the Editor,
THE REALIST BY PAUL KRASSNER was a sort of hippie journal before hippies, more the beat generation type publication that we college students used to get in the nineteen-sixties. One article of note was the F The Poor Pavilion of the World's Fair of 1964, a time of great agitation in the US as the Vietnam War escalated and students were dealing with draft deferments or indeed being drafted or splitting to

Canada.

That was also an era of burgeoning Welfare recipients that students and hippies began to catch onto as a way of ripping off the government that was seen as, if not an enemy, a hindrance to peace and a lot of other aspects of life - like dope. The Beat Generation in caps morphed into the student revolutions of the early sixties, then spread to the younger set that saw something appealing in the music and the lifestyle encroaching, disgust with parental restrictions, the James Dean attitude emulation withstanding, Kerouac and Ginsberg et al, the MC-5 of Detroit, the revolutionary fervor then masquerading as righteous justification for acting out irresponsible antics such as running away from home and partaking of the loosely-knit subculture of anti-war sentiment, communal living, experimenting with Oriental philosophy, diet, "rags and feathers" dress, different drugs and so on. It was a lot of fun and that's what it was mostly all about although the anti-war demonstrations were real enough.

Welfare Cadillac was a song sung by Johnny Cash in spoof albeit taken all too literally by the masses. The "Welfare Queen" was never a real person, just a visage of vile peccadillos perpetrated against the Social Service Agency, claiming nonexistent children, hiding assets and the like to get more food stamps or rent money from the government. On the record there was only one actual rip off by a black woman who managed a heist of some several hundred dollars, did a little jail time and that was that but for the

legend to follow.

The latest complaint, really a constantly revised folk myth, is the \$168 a day collected by "the poor" via food allowance, housing, child care, Medicaid and other emergency services such as SSI, SSD, SER, on and on. There are always bailouts available if one can negotiate and manipulate the "system" to advantage. Obama in fact bestowed incentivizing largesse upon the working folk with his Stimulus, only after bailing out the big guys like Wall Street, automakers and others too big to fail or to jail. This allegation, actually multiple if accessing the internet with the \$168 search, states that the fabled poor receive more than the average working family in the US whose income is a variable \$50,000, a figure which any sensible person can see does not apply to the poor, the working poor, the outer class, or any other subdivision of society.

It is possible to rack up a huge medical bill if someone is applicable for aid and perhaps this is from whence the majority of assertions come from. But food, shelter, child care and Medicaid otherwise do not account for \$50,000 a year, which amounts to \$137 a day. Since Bill Clinton more or less gutted Welfare with his version of "Welfare to Work" many were dropped from the rolls. We can access various circle graphs of where the money goes in government spending, each display only convoluting the picture more, much as the so-called "Poverty Level Index" claiming designation of poverty according to income. Income, however, is elusive for many since not all are on record as mak-

ing X amount of pay, there being in-kind remuneration, under the table dollars, shared accommodations, transportation arrangements, child care discrepancies and so on. Clinton also gutted Pell Grants for prisoners, a move that dispelled any hopes of improving lives that had only time on their hands thereafter, but as this was incorporated into the adage of prisoners getting everything for nothing in their "country club" estates it was almost immediately enveloped as acceptable. Now inmates have to pay for college courses or get loans like everyone else and pay principle and interest debt for decades or life. Fascinating semantic that, "in for life" can mean in prison or in debt.

The Federal Reserve System pretty much governs the economic outlook of this country and affects many others. With twelve satellite banks strewn around the country with hub in Washington DC, it is oddly unknown that this is no federal agency at all, it's a private banking conglomerate that goes back to Abe Lincoln's time with roots even more distant, widespread, ties to the Rothschild family of course.

In any case the "neutral" harangue of the \$168 is another veiled Obama bashing. Not that this prez hasn't some legitimate mud slung his way but this is not one of those legitimate theorems. Parsing this to pieces begets just one more asseveration of the Welfare Queen we love to hate.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

"Doing the Most Good" — Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

By Jim Akans

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop, one of six being rolled out in the organization's Eastern Michigan division between 2012 and 2014, opened on October 26th of 2013, and is operated under the direction of Lori Oldenburg, Store Manager and Timothy Schroeder, Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant.

"The inventory we carry comes from community donations," Schroeder explains, "and we rotate that inventory consistently to keep it fresh for our customers. Our revenue, after expenses, is utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need. We are up 35% over last year and have also increased our staff. We want to thank the community for all of



The Salvation Army Family Store is operated under the direction of Store Manager Lori Oldenburg, (at center) and Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant, Timothy Schroeder (at right). Brian Jergenson, (at photo left) is the Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

their donations, for shopping here and for helping others do the most good."

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, notes, "In Otsego County, much of the funding we

receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting

individuals and families in need. We also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food, and on a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas vouchers."

Revenue from the Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good." The store also provides employment for approximately 20 people. Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large items such as furniture, televisions and appliances.

Schroeder points out, "We also offer a 15-percent discount for Senior shoppers every Wednesday, and a 15-percent discount for

those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays."

Shoppers will also find half-off specials each week, and the store offers pick-up service for donated items. In keeping with the organization's mission of "Doing the Most Good," clothing items that aren't sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

"Many people don't realize that the Salvation Army is a church," states Schroeder. "We are Christian mission and a Christ-center organization. We are about helping others."

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday - phone (989) 448-2357

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Power outages and dangerous driving conditions on that extra day in February

By Michelle Medjesky

There's an old saying about the month of March that if it "comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb". According to the Farmer's Almanac, the adage stems from our ancestors' beliefs that there should be a delicate balance between weather and life, so if the weather in March "comes in like a lion", fierce and harsh, then it's only logical exit would be to leave sweetly and calmly "like a lamb".

But there's no accounting for what happens every four years when the weather turns nasty on Leap Year-February 29-like this year-on what would ordinarily be the first day of March.

Few in northern Michigan can dispute that what usually would have been the first day of March here definitely came in like a lion, and a lion who came blowing bitter cold winds and snow that left hundreds without power, caused dozens of car mishaps and shut down roads and even the mighty Mackinac Bridge for a while.

By mid-afternoon on Monday, Great Lakes Energy reported some 1,400 customers without power in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, with most outages located in Pellston, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and on Beaver Island. Consumer's Energy reported around 600 of its customers in Pellston also lost



Fierce winds from a clipper system brought snow squalls that created white-out conditions throughout Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas and caused dozens of accidents and left hundreds without power on February 29, "Leap Year's" day. Wind-driven waves soared over the breakwall at Petoskey's Little Traverse Bay throughout the day as the National Weather Service reported wind gusts up to nearly 50 mph in parts of northern Michigan on this last day of the month. Winds were clocked at around 20mph in this photo taken at the Petoskey breakwall late on the afternoon of February 29, however, just hours earlier gusts nearly twice that speed sent waves soaring nearly as high as the lighthouse.

their power, however, both providers had much of the power restored within hours after the clipper system left the area late Monday evening.

The Leap Year weather system also resulted in a brief shut-down of a stretch of southbound I-75 between mile markers 322

and 323 where weather conditions made it unsafe to travel due to white out conditions and ice. Emergency dispatchers in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan Counties reported numerous vehicles in ditches during the storm and the Mackinac Bridge also was closed briefly and later

open only to escorted vehicles. Drivers faced serious white out conditions. Especially on roads that run east-west. A stretch of M-32 west of Elmira just east of US 131 had zero visibility in areas that ran along open fields of farmland.

While some may debate

whether this year's February 29 storm translates to March "coming in like a lion", for many others, there's little doubt that it certainly did just that here in northern Michigan. And they will be the same ones eagerly waiting for it to follow through and "leave like a lamb".

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Area March Happenings!

3/4, Friday - 3/6, Sunday

Retro Weekend

Come celebrate @ Boyne Highlands Resort. Pull out your vintage gear for a weekend full of events celebrating decades of winter fun.

3/5, 12, 19, 26, Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Boyne City Farmers' Market

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

3/9, Wednesday, 1pm - 7pm

Project Connect

A day of free services for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Event is held at the Odawa Casino, Ovation Hall, in Petoskey. For more info, visit the website @ www.ProjectConnect231.com

3/11, Friday, 6pm - 3/13, Sunday, 10am

Camp Daggett, Father/Son Weekend

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, or big brothers are invited to bring their sons/grandsons (ages 7-14) for a week-end filled with fun and adventure. For more info or to register, contact Ed Leverenz at 231-347-9742, ext 112.

3/11, Friday, 11am - 7pm

3/12, Saturday, 9am - 5pm

N. Mi. Regional Home Show

Our theme "Smart Home Technology" recognizes the significant contribution that we as an industry make on the lives of each and every family that we serve through the latest in building technology. On the campus of North Central Michigan College.

3/12, Saturday

7th Annual Brew-Ski Festival @ Boyne Highlands

Join us to bring together snow, craft beers, and entertainment. Hit the slopes, share laughter with friends and join us at our sampling bars - 285 brews from more than 65 breweries. Afterwards, take in some live music and enjoy your favorite brats and burgers on the grill.

3/16, Wednesday, 4pm - 7pm

6th Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix

The expo will feature 68 booths in a wide range of categories, to include retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and more. The expo will also feature the Taste of Charlevoix where area restaurants will set up

and offer attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. (At Castle Farms)

3/18, Friday - 3/20, Sunday

Carnival Weekend @ Boyne Mtn

Every spring we celebrate the new season with a party that brings together the festivities of St. Patrick's Day and the zaniness of Mardi Gras, affectionately called "Crazy Daze".

3/24, Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:00

March Swirl @ Crooked Tree

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.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 2
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
Various Card Games

Thursday, March 3
10am "Basic" Spanish
11am Arthritis Foundation
Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, March 4
11am Dollar in a
Jukebox
Raffle
Rummikub

Monday, March 7
10:30am Line Dancing
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Gift Certificate Prize
Rummikub

Tuesday, March 8
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Free Lunch Prize
Mexican Train

Wednesday, March 9
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
11am-2pm CVX Vet Affairs
John Hess
Various Card Games

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 2
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, March 3
11am Chair Yoga Class
11:30 Roger Hartson-Music
Dessert by American House
1pm Wii Bowling Practice
1pm Mahjong

Friday, March 4
9:30am Craft Class
1pm Rummy

Monday, March 7
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study
AARP Driver Safety
Program-Call Nona

Tuesday, March 8
9am-1pm Tax Assistance
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, March 9
FOOT CLINIC
12:45pm Bingo

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 2
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Cards

Thursday, March 3
11am KARAOKE DAY!
10:30am Chair Exercise
1pm Paint Class

Friday, March 4
Bingo/Raffle 50/50
11am Barry Loper

Monday, March 7
Exercise Room
8am-1pm Walking M-F
10:30am Chair Exercise

Tuesday, March 8
10am E.J. Story Time
12:30pm Bingo -
Meal Ticket Prize

Wednesday, March 9
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Cards

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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STUFFED PEPPER

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"There has yet to be a determination of what or how an electronic media can or will be used," Miller wrote. "It is the recommendation of this Review Board that this issue be discussed and upon recommendation from State of Michigan guidelines, an amendment may be necessary."

In the city administrator's report, Cannon gave a MERIT update, where he stated that costs for MERIT could be lowered if the city has shared service with Charlevoix County, as well as local townships. Future phases could include Wi-Fi availability to downtown, the harbor, and Tourist Park. Cannon also shared that the city is now accepting bids for street paving projects. The city hopes to pave Erie Street, Williams Street and Fourth Street this summer. If bids come in low, the city plans to complete all three projects, but Erie and Williams Street are priorities if bids come in too high.

With consensus from commissioners, Mayor Russ Peck also appointed Marty Carey as a new member of the Downtown Development Authority. Carey has been a long-time business owner of Marty's Cones and Carryout and Sodalicious.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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SAFE in Northern Michigan hosts "Drug Trends Info Nights"



Trooper Corey Hebner of the Michigan State Police speaks about the latest trends in adolescent drug use at Mancelona High School in October. COURTESY PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE.

The local SAFE in Northern Michigan coalition is pleased to host four upcoming "Drug Trends Info Nights" throughout Emmet and Charlevoix counties. Adults are invited to discover the latest trends in adolescent drug use, and learn how they can help young people stay substance-free. Trooper Corey Hebner of the Michigan State Police will address these issues during each presentation.

Events are planned for the following times and locations:
 - Thursday, March 3, 6-7:30pm, Petoskey Middle School library
 - Monday, March 7, 6:30-8pm, Petoskey High School library
 - Wednesday, March 16, 7-8:30pm, Pellston High School library
 - Monday, March 21, 6:30-8pm, East Jordan High School library
 "Our goal is to educate and inform

about drug trends currently affecting youth in our community," said Susan Pulaski, coalition member and Community Health Coordinator at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "These events are geared toward parents, teachers, counselors, school administrators, youth pastors, and really any adult who interacts with teens and preteens."

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

Hebner, who is a community service trooper based in Gaylord, will speak

about the pressures youth face in today's culture. In 2015, Hebner received the Dr. Carl A. Gerstacker Trooper of the Year Award in recognition of his community involvement, dedication to duty, and professional ethics.

SAFE in Northern Michigan exists to prevent youth substance use and increase community awareness of alcohol, tobacco and other substance use in Northern Michigan, with the vision of creating environments free of substance use. The coalition is made up of community members that represent various local sectors and organizations.

For information regarding these events, contact Susan Pulaski at (231) 347-5813 or visit www.safeinm.com. Call (800) 432-4121 for more information about Health Department programs and services.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



KITCHEN SYNDROME?

When June Cleaver dished up dinner in her 1960s TV kitchen, grease never splattered and counters were never piled high with dirty dishes. Fortunately, in the real world, having a well-functioning kitchen (clear counter spaces, clean dishes, handy utensils, healthy food choices) doesn't require a hyper-pristine, Cleaver style. But it is important to keep chaos at bay. Turns out if you have a sloppy kitchen -- counters so crowded you can't find a place to chop your veggies; refrigerators that are better at hiding food than keeping it cold -- you're more inclined to grab a bag of chips or cookies, since you can see them there!

In a recent study, our pals at the Cornell Food and Brand Lab found that kitchen chaos CREATES anxiety and stress, and that fuels unhealthy food choices and ups calorie intake.

Our take: Having a chaotic environment, whether in the kitchen or all over the house, is a sign of an uncontrolled stress response and perhaps a disorder such as ADHD, depression or hoarding. If that's you, reach out to a friend or family member and ask for help restoring order to your kitchen. You might even want to discuss your challenges with your doc and see if there's a medication and/or cognitive behavioral therapy that might help you re-order your environment. And dish up a daily routine of mindful meditation (find instructions at www.sharecare.com) and exercise (walk 10,000 steps daily) to help dispel stress. You'll feel happier and eat healthier on your way to achieving a younger RealAge.

RED TIDE IN YOUR AQUARIUM -- IS IT SAFE YET?

In the 1976 thriller "Marathon Man," the bad guy Szell (Laurence Olivier) is torturing Babe (Dustin Hoffman) and repeatedly asks his victim, "Is it safe yet?" to find out if he can cash in some stolen diamonds.

If you're cleaning your home aquarium, or if you work in a store that sells fish and coral, that's a question you might want to ask yourself, too, or risk some pretty torturous (or even lethal) symptoms, including fever, respiratory distress, nausea and achiness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Alaska alone between 2012 and 2014 there were at least 10 reported cases of palytoxin poisoning caused by exposure to a type of coral, zoanthid, found in home aquariums. Frequent incidences in Europe recently led Italian researchers to confirm the hazard that the coral poses.

Many marine hobbyists may be aware of Palythoa zoanthid's potential hazards, but fall victim anyway. That's because as the coral grows, it attaches to rocks and the sides of the aquarium and can be tough to remove. Scraping, cutting, applying chemicals or just using hot water to clean the tank can release the nasty palytoxins.

So if you have coral in your tank, avoid your homemade red tide. Whenever cleaning the tank or handling the coral, wear protective eye gear, gloves and a mask or ventilator to avoid breathing it in. Keep the coral contained in the tank; small crumbs can fall onto the floor and spread the irritant. And don't let children handle it.

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Get screened during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States—but it doesn't have to be. This disease is highly preventable with regular screening. During March's Colorectal Cancer Awareness campaign, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan urges everyone 50 years of age and older to get screened.

While most health insurance plans cover the costs of colorectal screening, those without insurance or who have high deductibles may be hesitant about seeking care. In situations like these, the Health Department can help. The Health Department offers free colorectal cancer screenings year-round for eligible clients.

Joy Klooster coordinates the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program at the Health Department and works directly with clients during the enrollment and screening process.

"If you're 50-64 years old and meet certain income requirements, you may be eligible to receive free colorectal screenings and preventative services through the Health Department," she said. She encourages anyone interested in the program to call (800) 432-4121.

Klooster explained that routine screening is important because colorectal cancer doesn't always cause symptoms, especially early on. When symptoms do appear, they may include blood in the stool, stomach pain or cramps, and weight loss.

Many types of colorectal cancer screenings are available, including simple at-home tests like the Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT). To determine the best screening option, individuals should discuss colorectal screening with their physicians or health care providers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advise regular screening for men and women age 50-75, as risk increases with age. More than 90% of colorectal cancers occur in patients older than 50 years.

To find out if you qualify for enrollment in the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org for more information.

THE LEAKY GUT LIST

ESPN's Fantasy Football had to create The Undroppable Players List: Players who can't be sent to waivers/free agency. The goal of the regulation? To prevent out-of-contention fantasy owners from dropping star players so a buddy could pick them up and improve his or her team's chances.

Well, the woefully under-regulated processed-food industry has been allowed to come up with its own version; we call it the Unpalatable Players List, and its effect is just the opposite. Instead of preserving the integrity of processed food, it makes a roster of products that are seriously health-damaging.

In a recent study, researchers laid out evidence that the increase in autoimmune diseases (Type 1 diabetes, ulcerative colitis, inflammatory joint diseases, primary biliary cirrhosis, etc.) is a result of the consumption of food additives that cause "leaky gut." They compromise the integrity of the intestine's walls and allow bad guys to sneak into the bloodstream, where they set off immune system alarms triggering an autoimmune response.

Among the culprits are emulsifiers, organic solvents, nanoparticles and microbial transglutaminase. Emulsifiers keep ingredients in processed foods well-blended. One organic solvent, hexane, is used to extract about 60 million tons of oils (mostly soy) annually. Microbial transglutaminase improves texture and appearance in meats and baked goods. Nanoemulsions protect oils and oil-soluble flavors, vitamins and nutraceuticals. These guys are everywhere and virtually invisible.

Clearly, here's another reason to cook using fresh produce; vegetable proteins like nuts, seeds, beans and quinoa; trout and wild salmon; and 100 percent whole grains. Do you have the guts for it?

MEDITATE DURING STRESSFUL MEDICAL PROCEDURES

"I have so much to accomplish today," Mahatma Gandhi once said, "that I must meditate for two hours instead of one." That about sums up the far-reaching powers of meditation: It dispels stress and increases your ability to meet the challenges ahead with grace and acceptance.

Fortunately, you don't need to head to a mountaintop to meditate. Mindful meditation is something you can do anywhere, anytime -- for a wide variety of reasons. We particularly like the newest research that shows it's helpful to women undergoing a breast biopsy.

Researchers at Duke University Cancer Institute offered women getting a breast biopsy a recorded meditation focusing on positive emotions; the choice of soothing music or sounds; or standard care with a technologist offering casual conversation and support. The women listening to guided meditation reported significantly less pain during the procedure and less anxiety and fatigue.

Reducing pain is important in and of itself -- plus, if you feel pain or anxiety during such a procedure you may move, interfering with its effectiveness. You also might avoid important follow-up visits.

So, we suggest you (male or female) create a daily meditation routine. A new study out of Carnegie Mellon University reveals that it reduces an inflammatory biomarker -- IL-6 -- that is associated with stress. It can help control high blood pressure, and ease the symptoms of depression, anxiety and insomnia. You also can use meditation to bolster your immune system if you're fighting the flu!

MOMS-TO-BE: DODGE HYPERTENSION WITH EXERCISE

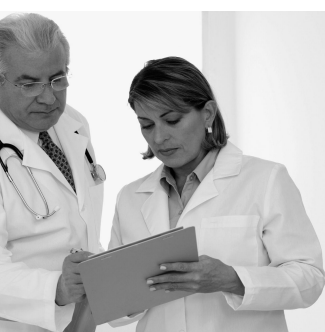
Kerri Walsh Jennings was pregnant with her third child when she won her third gold medal in volleyball during the 2012 London Olympics. Her husband jokes that she gets a gold medal for every baby.

Moms-to-be everywhere should take a page out of Jennings' playbook. A new study done in Spain, led by Western University in London, Ontario, reveals that exercising when pregnant (and you don't need to train like an Olympic athlete) is effective for fighting off high blood pressure. HBP affects up to 10 percent of all pregnant women and triggers pre-eclampsia and eclampsia that are a threat to mother and fetus. HBP is also associated with long-term maternal risk of heart disease.

The women in the study did 50 to 55 minutes of aerobic, strength and flexibility exercises three times a week beginning week 9 to week 11 through week 38 to week 39. And the workouts did more than battle hypertension: The study showed that pregnant women who didn't exercise were one and a half times more likely to gain excess weight and two and a half times more likely to deliver a baby that was oversized.

So, if you're pregnant or planning on it, get an exercise OK from your doc. Check your area for shared medical appointments for pregnant women that teach stress management, nutrition and cooking, and appropriate physical activity to help you avoid long-term health risks to yourself and your children.

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Northern Michigan Outdoors Much Ado About Mushing!

By Patrick W. C. Bevier

If you're like me and have been dubbed a "troll" because you live below the bridge-but love travelling to the U.P. for great outdoor adventures- I suggest you give dog sledding a nod. My family has made just such a jaunt a few times and has become rabid fans of all things dogsledding. We have immersed ourselves in the fabulous activities offered at Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Adventures north of McMillan.

Nature's Kennel owners, Ed and Tasha Stielstra, have created a dog sledding utopia. They are fortunate to have access to extensive state and private trail systems through the rolling and heavily wooded environment in the Newberry State Forest Area. Both Stielstra's have raced sled dogs all over the world. Even more impressive is that Ed has actually raced in the granddaddy of all dog sled challenges, Alaska's grueling Iditarod. Needless to say, this gives what the Stielstras have to teach about dog sledding a certain authenticity you might not get elsewhere. They've taken on an enthusiastic apprentice, a dedicated young woman from Ohio who is now entering races with her own team of dogs.

Nature's Kennel offers a variety of half day and full day dog sledding excursions.

Full day trips are 20 miles long from 9am-3pm and lunch is included. This comprehensive tour includes sled driving instruction, the opportunity to help hook up and un-hook the dogs and stops along the trail for photos and snacks. Weekday trips are \$340 per person to drive your own sled or \$510 for a 1



Lydia Lohrer-Bevier (r.) and daughters Nina (f.) and Natalya enjoy an invigorating sled dog ride at Nature's Kennel Adventures in the deep forests of the Upper Peninsula.

driver/1 rider option. Weekend/Holiday trips run \$380 per person to drive your own sled or \$560 for a 1 driver/1 rider option.

Half day excursions are from 9-noon or 1-4pm. The timeframe of your tour includes sled driving instruction, the opportunity to help hook up and un-hook the dogs and stops along the trail for photos. This is the most popular trip because it's perfect for families or large groups. Weekday trips are \$190 per person to drive your own sled, \$290 for a 1 driver/1 rider option, or \$200 for two riders. Half day trips on weekends or holidays cost \$220 per person to drive your own sled, \$320 for a 1 driver/1 rider option, or \$250 for two riders. A bonus is they offered reduced rates for the little ones in that children age 4 and under are free and ages 5 - 10 are only \$45 each to ride in the sled.

Both trips are offered 7 days a week and are truly exhilarating, whether you are driving your own team or riding with an experienced guide.

Even more adventure-some are their dog sled

overnight camping packages. The folks at Nature's Kennel have built a canvas yurt deep in the woods with everything you need for a semi-outdoor camping experience. I say, "semi" because they have a wood burning stove in the bunk room and a full outdoor kitchen to prepare yummy meals. And, believe me, nothing tastes better after a day of running dogs and other winter activities in the U.P.

All trip types require reservations.

A big part of the experience for kids, and adults alike, is to get to know some of the over 100 beautiful and diverse Alaskan husky mixes represented by the sled dogs. My daughters fell in love with about half of them and thoroughly enjoyed saying hello to each of them as their name was clearly etched on their individual dog houses surrounded by thick warm hay.

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