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Leap Year baby!

Ezabella Leech was one of four babies born on leap day at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey. She was born at 6:19 p.m. weighing 7 lb 3.5 oz and 20 inches long. Proud parents are Tiffany Bavitt and Devon Leech of East Jordan. COURTESY PHOTO



SPORTS REPORT



Charlevoix senior, Hannah Zipp, goes up for a contested shot against St. Ignace in the district final. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)



East Jordan's Colin Petrie (24) knocks down a free throw late in Red Devils district win over Inland Lakes. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

Boyne City/Charlevoix Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - There were smiles all around at Young State Park early morning March 8 as dozens of area residents showed up for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of construction of a 15-mile-long recreational, non-motorized trail that local officials have worked and waited years to see happen.

The trail will eventually link to the Little Traverse Wheelway, a feature which Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation director Ross Maxwell assured the crowd is certain to attract bicyclists, joggers, and other outdoor enthusiasts from far and wide.

"People are going to come from all over the world," Maxwell said, "Boyne City and Charlevoix are going to be hubs...it's a wonderful thing."

Boyne City manager Michael Cain said it has taken local officials and various groups working together about ten years to get the trail project from its initial planning phase to the start of construction.

Numerous obstacles evolved as the project moved forward that impeded its progress and played into the decade-long timeline, including environmental, legal and funding complications.

One such setback came last spring when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service blocked construction due to concerns it might interfere with pup-rearing season of the long-eared bat, a species threatened by a fungal disease.

Cain said the process of bringing the trail to fruition has been "a true model...of perseverance."

"In my line of work, the impossible just takes a little longer," Cain said, "This is one of those cases."

Trail construction that began this week on phase one of the project includes roughly a three mile stretch connecting Boyne City with Young State Park and is slated for completion this July.

Phase two is set to begin later this year and will connect the trail to the Little Traverse Wheelway via completion of a 3.3 mile-long section leading from the wheelway at a point on U.S. 31 North of Charlevoix to Quarterline Road.

Phase three will also be about three miles-long and will run through Horton Bay, but its timeline is yet to be determined.



Dozens of people showed up early Tuesday, March 8 for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction of the bike trail at Young State Park. (Left to right) Steve Crane, project manager for Team Elmer's, Lucas Porath, regional manager at Northwest Design Group, Susan Vrondran, Charlevoix County Parks Committee, Boyne City Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation director Ross Maxwell and Charlevoix County commissioner George Lasater.



Workers this week began clearing the way as the first phase of construction began on a 15-mile-long recreational, non-motorized trail at Young State Park, west of Boyne City. The portion completed during the first phase will link the state park to Boyne City.

Boyne City celebrates its Irish Heritage



The ninth annual Irish Heritage Week kicks off in Boyne City on Sunday, March 13. Boyne City's Irish foundations run deep and that history will be celebrated with a full range of themed events running through March 20. In 1856 when Irish immigrants John and Harriet Miller, came upon the green valley in northern Michigan with a river running through, it reminded them of home. They settled here and named the valley and the river Boyne.

Leading the event is chair and founder, Linn Williams, who was the vision behind the first event in 2008. "The River Boyne in Ireland is one of great historical significance steeped in history, legend and tales. During Irish Heritage Week we want to share some of this heritage with the people of Boyne City," said Williams. "The events are family oriented and include Irish music, song, storytelling, dance and, of course, food."

Irish Heritage Week schedule:
- Sunday, March 13, 1 to 3 p.m. Irish Singalong

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MAR 12	...18°40°	...-15° (1980)	...68° (1990)
MAR 13	...19°40°	...-9° (1960)	...68° (1990)
MAR 14	...19°41°-7° (1963)	...72° (1995)
MAR 15	...19°41°-7° (1956)	...79° (1990)
MAR 16	...20°41°-8° (1998)	...67° (2003)
MAR 17	...20°42°-6° (1967)	...72° (1966)

OBITUARIES

Helen Derenzy, 90

(AUGUST 10, 1925 - MARCH 5, 2016)



Helen (Oliver) Derenzy, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

She was born August 10, 1925 to William and Marie (Thompson) Oliver. She attended the Central Lake School. She worked at a bomber plant during the war.

On June 19, 1948 she married Karl Derenzy in Traverse City. To them were born children Lynda and Stanley.

Helen served as Kearney Township Treasurer for some years, operated a foster care home for many years, obtained her real estate license and enjoyed bowling on a league in Bellaire. She enjoyed many crafts - oil painting, wood carving, knitting, upholstery and sewing. She was a skilled seamstress and made daughter Lynda's wedding dress. They beaded it together.

Helen greatly enjoyed her trips - "out west" with her cousin Vivian Bladell, to Florida to visit her sisters, and to Hawaii to visit her school chum Betty (Morse) McPherson and husband Harold.

Helen attended Grace Community Church. She had a quick wit and was known as "Grammy" to her precious grandchildren Courtney and Jessica Brown. Her great-granddaughter Piper was a joy to her.

Helen is survived by her daughter Lynda (Jim) Brown of Bellaire; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; siblings Harold (Janet) Oliver of Central Lake, Nina Pallister of Hermitage, Tennessee, sister-in-law Fern Oliver of Central Lake.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents William and Marie Oliver, siblings Doris Dawson, Howard Oliver, Ruth Purdy, Betty Zook, sister-in-law Bernice Oliver, and her beloved son Stanley.

Friends may call at Grace Community Church in Central Lake on Friday, March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12 with the Rev. Max Tracy officiating. Burial will be in Southern Cemetery in Central Lake.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Sylvia "Flo" Florine Davis (Redfield), 106

(SEPT. 30, 1909 - MARCH 1, 2016)

Born September 9th, 1909, in Onsted, Michigan to Leo and William Redfield, Sylvia Florine Redfield Davis, passed away March 1st 2016 at Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan, Michigan.

Having lived more than 106 years, "Flo" accumulated many wonderful memories and made countless friends

during her long career as a teacher and lifelong resident of Boyne City. She often marveled at the changes of the last century and was thankful that she had overcome the many challenges of advanced age.

When she was growing up in Onsted, her family used an outdoor privy which had three holes and which Flo recalls had grape vines planted along the path. She and her friends would sit in there and spit the seeds into the center hole and they all thought they were really well off. Flo remembers that when an airplane went overhead they would all run outside to watch it and marvel at such a feat. She also enjoyed telling about banging pots and pans and marching up and down the street to celebrate the ending of World War I.

She graduated as the Salutatorian of the Onsted High School class of 1927 and went on to Michigan State University where she became a member of the girls glee club which sang at the dedication of the Beaumont Tower, still a landmark on campus. During the summers Flo ventured north to work as a waitress. Flo worked at the Chicago Club in Charlevoix, the Ramona Park Hotel in Harbor Springs, and finally at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. After graduating from Michigan State in 1931, Florine got a teaching position at Boyne City High School where she taught English and acquired a reputation as a "grammarian". She was well known for correcting the grammar of any and every body and remained steadfast in that regard until her death. Flo loved singing, dancing and musical theatre, often directing plays in high school.

She remembers her first date with the love of her life, Norman, as a cold ride in a Model A Ford with side curtains and no heater. She also said that anyone she married had to be good looking and could dance. Apparently, Norm qualified and Norman and Florine were married in 1935 after she survived interviews with each member of the school board who had to approve of the marriage of a single female teacher. She taught English to thousands of junior and senior high school students in Boyne City, many of whom have continued to correspond with and remember her and visit her in her later years.

Florine was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, her sister, Ilene and her husband Frank Benedict, her sister Donna and her husband, Gordon Williams.

She is survived by her son and daughter in law, Sara and Jerry Davis and her granddaughter, Jill Davis and many nieces and nephews.

Burial arrangements will be handled through Stackus Funeral Home and memorials will be determined by the family at a later date.

Recognitions may be made at Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan or the

Methodist Church in Boyne City.

Quoting from one of Florine's favorite passages from "Thanatopsis" by Robert Browning, "So live, that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not like the quarry slave at night scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams". So be it with you Mother. May your couch be soft and comfy and your dreams be rich and full.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Flo are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Darlea S. Matthew, 80

(DEC. 30, 1935 - MARCH 3, 2016)

Darlea S. Matthew of Walloon Lake passed away on March 3, 2016 at her home. No services are planned. Arrangements are being handled by the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Arlene Smalley, 92

(FEB. 29, 1924 - MARCH 3, 2016)

Arlene Smalley of Levering formerly of Charlevoix and Ellsworth died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at her home. A full Obituary will be published later.

Eunice May Genson (Griffin), 87

(MARCH 4, 1928 - MARCH 1, 2016)



Eunice May Genson, age 87 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 Manches-

ter; 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.

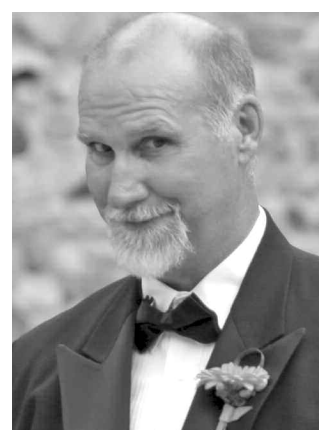
A funeral service was held Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Stackus Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the spring at Evangeline Township Cemetery.

Donations may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or 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.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

John F. Whitley, 62

(APRIL 22, 1953 - MARCH 3, 2016)



John Floyd Whitley of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, March 3, 2016, at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. He was born April 22, 1953, in Charlevoix to James T. and Bessie Faye (Skeel) Whitley. John graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1973.

On November 2, 1985, John married Cynthia Lynn Story in Charlevoix.

John worked as a lineman for the City of Charlevoix electrical department. He retired in 2012, after working for the city for thirty-eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; sons, Nick (Janell) Whitley, and Andrew (Kim) Whitley of Charlevoix; brothers and sisters, Jim Whitley, Ed (Cindy) Whitley, all of Charlevoix, Mary (Ed) Nachazel of Ellsworth, Faye (Larry) Fiendt, Kathy (Al) Lawson, Carl (Tammy) Whitley, Sally Whitley, Mike (Tina) Whitley all of Charlevoix.

John was preceded in

death by his parents; and sister, Nancy Russell.

Funeral was held Monday, March 7, 2016, at the funeral home. The Reverend Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene officiated. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please visit John's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Dorothea Kelley (Taylor), 95

(AUG. 28, 1920 - MARCH 3, 2016)



Dorothea (Taylor) Kelley of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, March 3, 2016, at Masonic Pathways in Alma. Her funeral was held Saturday, March 5, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Greg Culver of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church officiated and a service was presented by the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #72, Charlevoix. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Dorothea was born August 28, 1920, in Charlevoix, to Walter and Ella (Matchett) Taylor. After graduating from Charlevoix High School, Dorothea attended Detroit School of Cosmetology. She returned to Charlevoix and worked at Dode's Beauty Shop.

Dorothea married Robert E. Kelley in Charlevoix on September 23, 1944. The Kelleys lived in Bay City for thirty-five years. In 1983, Dorothea and Bob returned to Charlevoix.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Auxiliary, and a life member of Charlevoix Chapter #72, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dorothea is survived by her son Kim of Battle Creek; grandchildren, Justin (Kristy) Kelley of Gaylord, Melissa Kelley and Sean Kelley of Bay City; sister, Elaine Martin of Charlevoix; niece, Sherri (Larry) Greer of Edmore; nephews, C.T. (Francie) Martin of Charlevoix, Kevin (Jane) Martin of Bahrain.

Memorial contributions may be made to O.E.S. Charlevoix Chapter #72, c/o 7463 Old US 31 #32, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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Daylight Saving Time returns this Sunday

By Jim Akans

It doesn't seem that long ago when we "fall back" from the annual Daylight Saving Time cycle. Yet, less than four months or so later, Daylight Saving Time is returning at 2am this coming Sunday, March 13. If you don't want to be late for a date on Sunday or Monday, don't forget to set your clocks and watches ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

Daylight Saving Time was an idea hatched by Benjamin Franklin, who proposed in a 1784 essay that moving the clock ahead an hour each spring would save candle wax. Still, it took awhile for the idea to take hold, with the first Daylight Saving Time being imposed in the United States during World War I to help alleviate the effects of wartime coal shortages and nightly air raid blackouts.

The practice of moving clocks forward an hour in the spring and back again in the fall was spotty for a while, with Congress reinstating the concept from 1942 until 1945 to, once again, save energy during wartime. Some states continued this ritual after World War II, and some did not. When Congress made this seasonal time warp official by the passing of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, only Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana decided to opt out.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) period now extends from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November, or nearly nine months. If that seems like a longer stint than it was a few years ago, those instincts are right on target. Prior to the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October, so the duration was about a month less than it is now.

Proponents for DST argue the extra hour of sunlight saves energy, cuts down on crime, and boosts the economy. Those opposed cite the havoc shifting time twice a year has on the internal body clock, disrupting sleep patterns and biochemical, psychological and behavioral processes.

Regardless, don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour this coming Saturday night or Sunday morning. Hopefully those programming instructions for the DVD player, stove and microwave clocks are still close at hand.

6th annual Charlevoix Chamber Business Expo Wednesday, March 16th

On Wednesday, March 16th, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 6th Annual Business Expo from 4 to 7pm at Castle Farms. The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes for the opportunity to win the title of 2016 Best In Taste.

The Expo is one of the largest business and public trade show events in Charlevoix County. Now in its 6th year, the Expo is dedicated to serving our business community, visitors and residents. This is a must-attend event for small business owners & executives who want to gain a competitive advantage, network with other business owners from throughout the area, and develop new business and client contacts. Join us for one day only and take your company to the next level.

The Expo is not just for businesses! The public is welcome to



come out and explore the 70 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of the Castle to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. If you're looking for a new dentist, insurance agent or auto me-

chanic, this is your opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you. There will be live demonstrations and free food to sample in conjunction with the Taste of Charlevoix.

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in the 2nd Annual Chamber Basket Raffle. Attendees may purchase tickets for the chance to win a "Basket" of their choosing filled with a variety of exciting and unique items provided by area businesses. Baskets will be on display throughout the event for everyone to view. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund which is awarded to a graduating High School Senior each year.

Admission is just \$5 and includes 10 taste tickets, exciting give-a-ways, and more. For more information call 231-547-2101 or e-mail info@charlevoix.org.

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St. Patrick's Day inspires good luck and fortune

By Jim Akans

Whether you be of Irish heritage or not, tis' the time of year we all tend to go a bit green and believe good luck and good fortune lay near as we gather to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Four leaf clovers and a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow inspire visions of leprechauns clad in green attire and pocketbooks overflowing with greenbacks, and a jolly limerick or two brings smiles, good cheer and temporary retreat from life's routines.

Now the hero of St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick himself, was actually born Maewyn Succat, the son of a wealthy landowner, in Britain somewhere around 385 AD. He was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland during his impressionable mid-teens, and spent several years in slavery herding sheep.

Maewyn returned to Ireland when he was in his 30's and became a bishop, adopting the Latin name Patricius, later shortened to Patrick. St. Patrick is said to have used the three-leafed clover, or shamrock, to symbolize the concept of the holy trinity in his ministry. St. Patrick is believed to have passed away on March 17th in the year 461 AD, and thus it is on the occasion of his death that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year.

Three-leaf shamrocks from St. Patrick's times evolved into the lucky four-leaf clover variety



Enjoy the "luck of the Irish" this weekend and on the "official" St. Patrick's Day; Thursday, March 17th. FILE IMAGE

much sought after today. They are a symbol of good luck and

good fortune that according to some estimates can be found only

once among 10,000 of the regular three-leaf brand that choke the grass in many a lawn.

The image of the precious shamrock was widely popularized to baby boomers in America by "Lucky the Leprechaun," who first appeared on children's cereal boxes back in 1963. Children pursued Lucky who lamented they were "always after me Lucky Charms," a sugar and grain version of his pot o gold; consisting of "magically delicious" stars, moons, hearts and especially hard to find green clovers, or shamrocks

The tradition of associating the color green with St. Patrick's Day is likely due to the affiliation of the shamrock with St. Patty's leg-end, though it is believed St. Patrick actually preferred blue as the color of his vestments. Green actually didn't become associated with St. Patrick's Day until the 19th century. Today, green is everywhere on St. Patrick's Day. We have green beer, green hair, green water in the Chicago River, green clothing worn somewhere to keep from getting pinched, and of course, green shamrocks.

And that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow...apparently rainbows are actually circular and have no end. Thus searching for something as valuable as a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow is a safe bet for an unattainable mythological quest. However, on such a spirited occasion as St. Patrick's Day anything is possible!

So grab some green and enjoy the luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day. As one popular Irish toast proclaims: 'may the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.'

Ellsworth Schools form new summer day camp

Ellsworth Community School is excited to announce the formation of a new summer day camp. Camp Lancer will be open to all students ages 5-11 and will offer weekly themed activities. Campers will be able to choose individual weeks, or come for the entire eight-week summer season. Camp Lancer will be staffed by highly qualified

teachers and support staff and provide free breakfast and lunch.

"As a school community we really saw the need for an affordable summer day camp option for students in Charlevoix and Antrim Counties," said Ellsworth Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "Camp Lancer will be open to all children ages five through eleven."

Camp Lancer will offer fun themed activities each week. Themes such as Outdoor Life, At the Carnival, Christmas in July, A Day at the Beach, and Got Talent make it the perfect summer opportunity for elementary aged children.

Space is limited. To register your child, please complete the Camp Lancer Registration Form found on

the Ellsworth Community School website (www.ellsworth.k12.mi.us) and return it to 9467 Park Street, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729.

For more information contact Camp Lancer staff at (231) 588-2544 or camp-lancer@ellsworth.k12.mi.us.

Sheriff Schneider not running for re-election

Sheriff Don Schneider announces his intention not to run for re-election and to retire at the end of this term after serving the citizens of Charlevoix County for over thirty-five years at the Sheriff's Office.



elected for two terms.

Sheriff Schneider is both humbled and honored to have been placed in the trust of the good citizens of Charlevoix County over his long career.

Sheriff Schneider is placing his full support and

endorsement of Undersheriff Chuck Vondra to assume the honored position of Sheriff in the coming election. Vondra has been his appointed Undersheriff for the past two terms and has done an exemplary job which has prepared him to be the best candidate for County Sheriff, without question. Sheriff Schneider asks for your support for Chuck Vondra.

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Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Madison Pickering

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Eugene and Cathy Pickering

What do you want to be when you grow up? Madison would like to be a farmer when she grows up.

Favorite Book: Sea Turtles

Hobbies and Interests: Madison likes to play outside, read books and play with her sister.

School Activities: Math and science are two of her favorite things to do in school.

Staff Comments: "Madison is a very motivated young lady. She goes above and beyond what is asked of her. She is always willing and excited to help her classmates in any way she can. She has a wonderful personality and is a real joy to have in class." - Mrs. Powers

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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 appointment 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 Singalongs, 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.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

March 16, 11am-4:45pm. Eagles Lodge FOE 1583, 106 River Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

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.

CHARLEVOIX NORTHERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE NIGHT

March 16, 6:30-8pm, Charlevoix Middle/High School, 5200 Marian Center Road. Designed for high school students and their families, College Night introduces students and their parents to representatives from approximately 50 post-secondary institutions.

Participants will receive important information about educational planning, gather literature, speak one-on-one with representatives from these institutions, and visit displays from various colleges, universities, trade schools, and the armed forces. For more information, students may contact Charlevoix Middle/High School at 231-547-8206.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 16, 5-7pm, The Zone Sports Lounge, co-sponsors are The Zone, Marty's Cones & Carry-Out & Sodalicious.

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.

CHARLEVOIX AQUA EGG HUNT

March 20, Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Register for one of three waves: 11 a.m.-noon, noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Swim and dive for eggs, then trade them in at the end of your hunt for an awesome Goody Bag. Popcorn and refreshments included. Enter the drawing for a special prize. Limited to 50 swimmers per wave. Admission is \$5 pre-registration, \$6 at the door. Our last two events sold out, call or email today to ensure your spot - info@charlevoixpool.org or 231.547.0982.

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.safeinm.com.

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL STAFF VS STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME FUNDRAISER

March 22, 6pm. Ellsworth Community Schools Staff vs students' Basketball Game. ECS Staff will be taking on representatives from the 10th and 11th grades in a basketball fundraiser. Proceeds to benefit Jr./St. Trip to Washington DC.

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 EASTER EGG HUNT

March 26, 11am, Young State Park. For children ages 12 and under. You'll need a state park Recreation Passport (\$11 annual pass) to enter the park.

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

EASTER FUN AND GAMES

March 26, 10am-Noon, East Jordan High School Gymnasium. The free event is for children ages 5-11 and features lots of games, candy, and door prizes. The Easter Bunny will be there so bring your camera to take his picture. Sponsored by the EJ Lions Club

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 Maple 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 TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES BENEFIT

March 29, 6pm, Charlevoix Cinema III - admission by donation - proceeds to benefit Jr/St. Washington DC field trip.

BOYNE FALLS BLOOD DRIVE

March 29, Noon-5:45pm. Boyne Falls School, 01662 M-75 South. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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

CHARLEVOIX 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'oeu-

vres, 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-12:30pm 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 22

1538 NSF check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
1559 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of W Court St
1713 Report of an unattended juvenile fishing by the river mouth.
2127 Suspicious situation on Brockway

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

0042 Citation issued on Boyne Ave near R St for speed
0902 Truancy complaint in the 600 block of Jefferson.
1050 Civil complaint originating in the 500 block of Front St
1157 Report of lost keys near the Post Office.
1545 Report of suspicious situation in the area of McKinley and Second Streets

2317 Assist EMS with a report of a 54yom who was unresponsive. Possible stroke.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24

0743 Citation issued for Expired plate.
0833 Report of damage to door in the 600 block of W Court St
0920 Assist Sheriff Department and MSP on Skop Rd
1339 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1425 Citation issued for no insurance at Vogel and Park
2147 Motorist assist at Division and Lewis.
2220 Animal complaint in the 500 block of Poplar.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

0540 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
0810 Private property damage accident on Fall Park Rd
0828 Rear tires of semi

went through the boardwalk in the 100 block of N Lake St
1607 Open door in the 300 block of State St.

1716 Welfare check on subject walking with a cane in the area of Division and Park.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

0812 Arrested subject on warrant at the PD.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

0110 Assist Sheriff Department on M-75 S
0146 911 open line in the 300 block of E Division St
0327 Car deer accident on State St. near Call St.
0418 Assist Sheriff Department with an alarm on Glenwood Beach Dr.
0821 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
0902 Report of possible suicidal subject on. Pine St.
Not suicidal-miscommunication
0940 Found key turned in
1227 Car parked in roadway at Pleasant Ave and Trent St.

1419 Assisted MSP on a vehicle search in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.

1553 Report of an ATV possibly through the ice in front of the fire department. It was not through the ice, subjects were fishing.

1634 Assisted EMS on Pleasant Av

1828 Citation issued for speed at Lake and State.

1838 Assist Sheriff Dept with car deer accident at Boyne city Rd near State Park

1856 Car deer accident on State St.

2357 Suspicious situation at Lake and Water

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

0718 Animal complaint in the 600 block of W Court St

1350 Motorist assist in the 1200 block of Boyne Av.

2027 Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St

2038 Assisted EMS in the 400 block of North St

2336 Assisted EMS in the 600 block of Grant St.

Teddy Bear Drive donates 1,260 bears to CCE911



Shari Schult, RN, BSN, Director of Operations at McLaren Northern Michigan is pictured with just a few of the bears donated to the CCE911. McLaren Northern Michigan colleagues from Petoskey and Cheboygan held a Teddy Bear Drive and collected 1,260 bears for the first responders in Emmet, Charlevoix, and Cheboygan counties through CCE911. Courtesy photo

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“Get your gear on” at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Christine Klatt states, “While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment.”

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women’s, children’s and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers...the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. Currently, they are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 7 pm. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.

ASPIRE social skills program offered in northern Michigan

North Central Michigan College, along with Northern Michigan Autism Association, Char-Em ISD, Michigan Rehabilitation Services and North Country Community Mental Health, have formed a partnership to bring the pilot program ASPPIRE (Adaptive Social Program Providing Instruction, Recreation and Enrichment) to Northern Michigan. The ASPPIRE program offers a social coaching curriculum to adults who struggle to understand social cues and relationships.

North Central hosted a work-

shop in November to train five area facilitators to work with ASPPIRE participants. Grants were received from Michigan Transition Association, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Zonta Club of Petoskey to support the project.

The pilot program has six North Central Michigan College students participating in the 15-week social coaching program, offered weekly in Learning Support Services on the Petoskey campus. Students

will learn appropriate social skills and will get an opportunity to practice their new skills with the other participants in the group by attending group outings during the 15 weeks. Megan Gardner, North Central Michigan College student and current President of Phi Theta Kappa is the student assistant for the ASPPIRE program.

The cost of the program is \$225 per participant, including materials. Some participants may receive funding to participate in the social coaching program if they are a client of Michigan Rehabilitation

Services or Community Mental Health.

If successful, the program will be expanded in the fall to other Northern Michigan communities with interested participants. A waitlist has been started for fall.

For more information about the ASPPIRE Social Coaching Program, please contact Gena King, Director of Learning Support Services, North Central Michigan College, at 231-348-6817 or gking@ncmich.edu.

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Landing restaurant to re-open this spring

To the dismay of Northern Michigan recreationalists, Lake Charlevoix’s, “The Landing” dockside restaurant was slated for demolition and replacement by an RV park a few years ago. The loss would have been devastating to the boating culture, as very few opportunities for dockside family fun and nightlife exist.

In 2014, an inspired local businessman/philanthropist stepped in to save this critical thread of the community’s fabric. Many people have been wondering about the bustle of construction on the previous site of The Landing. On March 4th, 2016 the now complete, bigger, better and reconstructed dockside destination is having a private reception for all of the local contractors and suppliers who help resurrect “The Landing”. “The Landing” on Lake Charlevoix will re-open to the public in the spring of 2016.

This effort is a very significant Northern Michigan success story. The site not only avoided conversion to an RV park, but the “new” restaurant also avoided the “developer” urge to become a survey-tested national “Boat-Themed” implant business. Authentic regionalism is alive and well at The Landing, inspired by contractors, suppliers, designers and products from the neighborhood. In fact, the dedication to staying local is the lifeblood of The Landing’s personality. The owner’s trust in local talent and love for the area actually promoted a type of spontaneity during construction that cannot be duplicated or experienced anywhere except The Landing. On the evening of March 4th, these individuals that crafted the return of The Land-



“The Landing” on Lake Charlevoix will re-open to the public in the spring of 2016. COURTESY PHOTO

ing will be once again given gratitude for their efforts.

Among the guests will be the influential Architect raised on Lake Charlevoix, Justin Roberts of Designhaus Architecture.

Under his creative advisement and deep understanding of the local context, the interior layout, color palette, lighting and materiality coalesce to leave patrons the strongest of impressions of

what Northern Michigan is all about. Working with Andre Poineau, of Poineau Woodworking, and general contractor Rick Roberts of Rick Roberts Building, The Landing stayed true to Northern Michigan’s Cottage Styling and Details. Both gentlemen are slated to be on hand. Michigan is not known for commercial kitchen equipment, but The Landing defiantly found and installed a real beast by a local company, GrillWorks Inc out of Atwood, MI.

Of particular interest to the owner was to prove that a project can be cutting edge and “Made in Northern Michigan”. Among cutting edge technologies are Michigan-made Tarnow motorized retractable insect screens that help discourage the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like Zika virus. Many other material and product choices were scrutinized and studied in the effort to be on the forefront of emerging ideas. The environmentally friendly, underappreciated construction material known as hemp (non-hallucinogenic cannabis plant) was selected and used throughout the project. Designhaus Architecture researched and found a way to construct cabinets, tiles and concrete walls using the extraordinary hemp plant. The hemp-panel cabinets were, in fact, produced and installed by Charlevoix resident Shane McClure of MAC Construction. The wood docks are sealed and finished with hemp seed oil and on the menu are recipes with, you guessed it, hemp; which is considered a “super-food” due to its high protein and fiber content.

The Landing is located at 10231 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 and can be reached at (231)547-9036.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTDOORS!

A Stupendous, but Sticky Spring!

By Patrick Bevier

Now that Old Man Winter is acquiescing to Spry Sister Spring it's time to grab the kids and head out for a maple syrup experience in your area.



I spent some time last spring at Camp Daggett with a group of elementary students from Petoskey at Camp Daggett. The youngsters got a great lesson in maple syrup processing from professor Dr. Bill Wehrenberg. They used a power drill to tap sugar maples for the precious sap that would become the sweet nectar destined to drizzle down stacks of flapjacks. When asked what his favorite activity was Sheridan Elementary fourth grader, Alex Jacobsen, chortled, "I thought tapping the trees for sap was really interesting. I learned a lot!"

Call (231) 347-9742 or go on-line to campdaggett.com to learn how you and your family can get involved in maple syruping or other outdoor adventures at the camp.

Thanks to the Michigan Maple Syrup Association website we discovered a veritable plethora of other northern Lower Michigan venues to learn how to make maple syrup. The website describes the opportunity in the following way:

"The trees will be tapped and the syrup flowing, see how it is har-



There are very few outdoor activities more enjoyable to do with youngsters than springtime maple syruping. These Public Schools of Petoskey students learned how to make maple syrup at Camp Daggett (photo courtesy Julie Sisson).

vested and made into the great tasting syrup you enjoy! Some of the other products you might catch a glimpse of being made are maple candy, maple cream, maple sugar and so much more! Meet the sugar makers and take the opportunity to support your local businesses and purchase some of the great flavors to enjoy at home."

Most northern Lower Peninsula outings are the weekend of March 26-27 while U.P. dates are slated for April 2-3. Here's some information on places you can take the kids to experience this activity:

West Branch: Ron's Pure Maple

Syrup-Reetz Family Sugar Bush. March 19 and 20th. 10:00am-4:00pm. 133 N. Campbell Rd. West Branch. (989) 329-7069.

Rose City: Sean Delaney & Sons. March 26th only. 10:00-4:00pm. 1050 Grandjean Dr., 3 1/2 miles south of Rose City, just off M-33. Look for signs. 989-820-9958.

Mio: Miller Bros. Maple Products. March 26 only. 10:00-4:00pm. 295 W. Kneeland Rd. Mio. 3 miles north of light in Mio. Turn west on to Kittle Rd. and follow signs. (989) 826-5073.

Mio: Sweet Success Sugarbush. 1442 N. Galbraith Rd. Mio. 4.75

miles north of light in Mio. Stay straight on Mt. Tom Rd. (989) 826-3160.

Fairview: Ed's Maple Syrup. March 26 only. 10:00-4:00pm. 781 N. Abbe Rd. Fairview. 1 1/2 miles south of blinker in Fairview on west side of road. (989) 370-6143.

Tawas City: Britt Family Pure Maple Syrup. March 26-10:00-6:00pm; March 27 12:00-6:00pm. 155 N. Greenwood Rd. Tawas City. 5 miles east of M-55 & M-65 intersection. Visitors welcome, call first please. (989) 362-0084.

On March 26th you can attend the Michigan Maple Weekend in Mio and Fairview in Oscoda County. From 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM you can sample Pure Maple Syrup products, enjoy free refreshments and tour the farms that are some of the top suppliers of maple syrup products in the Midwest. You can find more information on-line at www.MichiganMapleWeekend.com

Visit www.mi-maplesyrup.com for more locations in the northern Lower or Upper Peninsula to participate in the yummy process of making maple syrup!

Michigan Outdoor Fun Fact
The tallest tree in Michigan is a 180-foot monster red maple in St. Clair County. Even though pines seem to dominate, sugar and red maples are the most common tree species in our "Water, Winter, Wonderland."

IRISH HERITAGE

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Session with John Richey and Friends, Boyne District Library Community Room.

- Monday, March 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn to Speak Irish for St. Patrick's Day - Becky Kuebler, Boyne District Library Community Room.

- Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. "Michael Collins" film showing, Boyne District Library.

- Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. Irish History Lecture/Discussion - "The Easter Rising 1916: Its Meaning Then and Its Meaning Now," Dr. George Colburn, City Hall Auditorium.

- Thursday, March 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Business After Hours - Boyne Area Chamber networking event hosted by Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 S. Lake St. Co-sponsored by Family Fare Supermarket. Complimentary admission, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

- Thursday, March 17, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cafe Santé St. Patrick's Day Celebration features Grand Rapids Irish folk fusion band The Saltbound, house-made corned beef Irish dinner, green beads, \$3 Irish shots and logo glasses with Irish beer pints all day. Happy Time Zone means \$1 off beer, wine and cocktails from 3 to 6 p.m. Located at 1 Water Street.

- Friday, March 18, 5:30 p.m. 9th Annual Irish Heritage Dinner featuring a traditional Irish feast prepared by the Boyne City High School Hospitality Program and live Irish music. The dinner will be held at the Boyne City Eagles Hall, 101 River St. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 6 through 12. Tickets are available online at www.boyneheritagefestival.com, or at the Chamber office or Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River.

- Saturday, March 19 Irish Step Dance Workshop, 9 to 10 a.m. - Boyne City Education Center (former Middle School) Culinary Arts Classroom, entrance on Main Street. Irish Story Time, 10 to 11 a.m. Fairy tales and myths, Boyne District Library.

Soda Bread Contest and Judging, 11 a.m. - Boyne City Bakery (former Johan's location), Entry forms at boyneheritagefestival.com. Irish High Tea, 2 to 4 p.m. - Local Flavor Bookstore, 125 Water St., Boyne City Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tastes of Spring - It's time to "Think Green," in the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library.

- Sunday, March 20, 1 to 3 p.m. Celtic Music Session - Join hostess Gaeyle Gerrie and other local musicians to hear Irish music at the Boyne District Library. Musicians and listeners are encouraged to attend. For info, contact Gaeyle at (231) 883-7664.

For more information and updates on events visit www.boyneheritagefestival.com or call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222.

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Area March Happenings!

3/12, 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.Project-Connect231.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 Levereiz 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 9 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice 11am-2pm CVX Vet Affairs John Hess Various Card Games	Thursday, March 10 10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, March 11 11am Backwoods Maestros Raffle	Monday, March 14 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 10:30am Line Dancing Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, March 15 Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, March 16 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 9 FOOT CLINIC 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, March 10 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30 OJ Adkins Music 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahjong	Friday, March 11 BIRTHDAY DAY 11:30 Adolph Cwik Music 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, March 14 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, March 15 9am-1pm Tax Assistance 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class	Wednesday, March 16 FOOT CLINIC 12:45pm Bingo
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 9 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards	Thursday, March 10 Foot Clinic 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am KARAOKE DAY! 10:30am Chair Exercise 1pm Paint Class	Friday, March 11 11am Barry and Ray Bingo/Raffle 50/50	Monday, March 14 Foot Clinic Exercise Room 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Chair Exercise	Tuesday, March 15 10am E.J. Story Time 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize	Wednesday, March 16 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, March 9 POLISH SAUSAGE	Thursday, March 10 TURKEY MUSHROOM SCALLOP	Friday, March 11 ROASTED VEGGIE LASAGNA	Monday, March 14 FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE	Tuesday, March 15 BEEF CHOP SUEY	Wednesday, March 16 BAKED CHICKEN
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Veteran of the Month



Maurice Peter Kraemer

The "Veteran of the Month" for March 2016 is Maurice Peter Kraemer, Jr. Born on Jan. 3rd, 1949, Kraemer grew up and attended school in East Jordan, Mich. In Oct. of 1968 Kraemer was inducted into the Armed Forces receiving basic and advanced individual training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. While home on leave Kraemer married Mary LaCroix on April 1st, 1969. On April 13th, 1969 Kraemer was sent to the Republic of Vietnam assigned to Company D, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division serving as a Radio Operator. On Aug. 31st, 1969 Kraemer was awarded The Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action while engaged in military operations against hostile forces. On July 27th, 1969, during a ground

reconnaissance operation, his unit came under intense enemy fire. PFC Kraemer returned devastating fire on the insurgent's position, which contributed, to the success of the mission. On Sept. 11th, 1969 Kraemer was awarded The Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement while participating in an Aerial Flight from May 5th to July 25th, 1969 and flew more than 25 aerial missions over hostile territory in support of combat operations. Kraemer was also awarded the The National Defense Service Medal; The Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Service Bar; The Vietnam Campaign Medal; The Combat Infantrymen's Badge; Expert Badge with the BAR Rifle; Marksmen's Badge with the Automatic Rifle and Machine Gun; and

the Good Conduct Medal. On Oct. 10th, 1969, while on a reconnaissance patrol in the Hau Nghia Province, a hostile mine was detonated killing Kraemer instantly and wounding several others. Kraemer was Posthumously awarded his second Bronze Star for Heroism in ground combat, a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations against Hostile Forces from April 13th, 1969 to Oct. 10th, 1969, The Purple Heart Medal and was promoted to the rank of Corporal. The news was devastating to his Wife, family and friends back home. Kraemer was the 3rd soldier from East Jordan to be killed during the Vietnam War. Kraemer's Company Commander stated, "Throughout his assign-

ment to this Company, I had observed Maurice to be an exemplary soldier. His integrity and devotion to duty earned him the respect of all with whom he came in contact" unquote. On Oct. 10th, 1969, Maurice Peter Kraemer, Jr. answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Mary, siblings Judy, Chuck, Cathi, Carol, Jerry, Steve, Tim, Cris, Lori, Bill and their families.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 7, 2016

Charlevoix City Council changes mind on ballot for Mt. McSauba easement

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX--In a surprise turn of events, the Charlevoix City Council rescinded its prior decision to draft language that would appear on this November's ballot asking if residents want to make the Michigan Beach Park and the Mt. McSauba Recreation Area into a conservation easement.

After all business on the agenda was concluded and the council was making their final comments, Councilman Shane Cole reopened discussion on a decision made at the February 15 meeting. The motion to direct city staff to draft language that would place the question of making a conservation easement out of the city owned Lake Michigan Park and McSauba Park under the authority of a third party was debated for close to 2 hours before it was passed. Cole stated that he was not present when the vote took

place and that based on phone calls he has been receiving the last few weeks, he wanted to make a motion to reconsider "having staff move forward with putting the question of voting on having a conservation easement." Councilman Bill Supernaw joined the discussion, "I have not received one comment in favor of having a conservation easement in place. The statement, if it's not broken why fix it has come up many times," he said. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner (the city) and a land trust or government agency that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its (the city's) conservation values. Once in place it cannot be changed. The motion in question was to draft language that would place the question for a vote of the people. Councilman Shirley Gibson insisted throughout the discussion that the people had a right to vote on the topic. "The people will have to vote if anything is to be done out there any-

way," responded Cole who made the motion to rescind, seconded by Supernaw. The motion passed. Councilman Luther Kurtz was absent.

Earlier in the meeting a motion to have Charter cable service brought to the Marina was passed and a public hearing was set to consider a request by Lake Harbor Apartments to update a PILOT ordinance they received in 2013. A PILOT is a payment in lieu of taxes. It is a method to encourage improvement and development of low income housing. Lake Harbor Apartments was unable to accomplish the required improvements to the complex within the 2 year time frame of the original agreement but is now under slightly different ownership. The public hearing was set for March 21 at 7 p.m.

Zika virus cautions for spring break travelers

Spring break is the time of year when many Michigan residents choose to travel and make memories with their friends, families, or loved ones. Unfortunately, this year, many of the foreign destinations favored by sun-seekers are also those areas that are affected by the Zika virus. Because of the potential link between Zika and birth defects, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is urging pregnant women in any trimester to reconsider travel to those areas. Additionally, anyone traveling to an affected area should take precautions against mosquito bites.

The Zika virus is spread primarily by the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. The disease has not been found in mosquitoes in the United States, but has been found in Puerto Rico, Mexico and much of Central and South America. The virus can also be spread sexually from infected men.

Most people who get the virus will never experience any symptoms. The most common symptoms of Zika are mild and may include a fever, rash, joint pain, and red itchy eyes. These symptoms usually last just a few days. Currently, no vaccine or treatment is available for the Zika virus.

"For people who are traveling in those areas, avoiding mosquito bites is the best prevention against this virus," said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director at the Health Department. "We encourage women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant to consider postponing their trips out of an abundance of caution."

Meyerson advises anyone who has traveled to an affected location and experiences symptoms, either while on the trip or within a week of being home, to contact their doctor.

To avoid contracting the virus, the CDC recommends using mosquito repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellents. Use only as directed, and reapply often. Dress in long, loose, and light-colored clothing while outside, especially during the day. The mosquito that spreads Zika is most active during the daytime. Travelers visiting an affected area can further protect themselves by choosing lodging with air conditioning or screens, and by trying to avoid mosquito-infested areas like dense forests and stagnant water.

To learn more about the Zika virus, visit www.cdc.gov/zika or www.nwhealth.org.

MDOT's living snow fence to improve safety, cut maintenance costs

The thousands of Norway, Colorado, and blue spruce trees the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) planted along side windswept routes in northern Michigan didn't make the cut for tinsel and ornaments.

"They're not perfect Christmas trees. They have gaps in them, or they're bent," said MDOT Gaylord Transportation Service Center (TSC) maintenance coordinator Rob Hall. "But we don't care how pretty they are - we want them to stop the wind and the snow - and these are some of the best you can use in a roadside environment."

Hall and MDOT crews planted 2,000 spruce trees in 10 locations along I-75 in Otsego and Cheboygan counties. They were placed on the west side of the freeway in open areas frequently plagued by blowing and drifting snow - places crews have previously placed plastic snow fencing.

Snow fence helps reduce blowing snow that can hamper drivers' vision, as well as the snow and ice conditions that can contribute to crashes.

In consultation with MDOT maintenance worker Mark Phillips and the Otsego and Cheboygan County Road commissions, Hall prioritized locations by crash history as well.

"When salt residue remains on the roads, blowing snow sticks to it, melts, then refreezes as ice," Hall said. "We'd place snow plas-



The living snow fence trees were planted in open areas prone to blowing and drifting snow along I-75 in Otsego and Cheboygan counties. As they grow, they'll become an effective windbreak. COURTESY PHOTO

tic fence in those areas in the past to prevent that, but it requires ongoing labor and costs a lot of money, so having the trees will save us in the long run."

Other states, including Minnesota and Wyoming, have developed living snow fence programs for their highways. Studies in both states have shown the living snow fence - which could include not only trees, but bushes and even standing corn rows - is an effective replacement for traditional snow fence, and when located properly, more economical as well. Data gathered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) showed living snow fence decreased the number and severity of crashes and cut

travel delays.

Cliff Spoonmore, a Wyoming Department of Transportation (WyDOT) maintenance staff engineer, said his department has an extensive history with living snow fence. He's part of WyDOT's "Blowing Snow Team" that manages its living snow fence program.

"I think it's an excellent approach," Spoonmore said. "It's effective and cost-effective."

Michigan's batch of trees came from the Dutchman Tree Farm in Manton, which is one of the largest suppliers of evergreens in the country. MDOT paid \$25,000 for 2,000 trees, which at \$12.50 per tree is far less than usually charged for nursery stock. The

trees, 3- to 6-foot-tall in 5- to 10-gallon pots, were delivered to each planting site by the tree farm at no additional charge.

From there, MDOT Youth Development and Mentoring Program workers planted the trees in two rows, staggered 10 feet apart. The trees were watered through the summer with assistance from a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) firefighting rig. The trees are within the road right of way, but outside of the "clear zone," an area 30 feet from the white line. That's the amount of space that 85 percent of vehicles leaving the roadway stop within, so MDOT makes sure there are no obstacles within that zone.

So far, about 90 percent of the trees survived the first season, which is better than the 70 percent usually expected. Hall says crews will be back to clip the leaders - the top-most shoots of the trees - which will encourage them to grow bushier and wider, rather than taller. Ideally, crews will keep their height at about 10 feet, and the trees' energy focused on growing together into an effective windbreak.

As the Chinese proverb says, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now." Hall said it's difficult to determine how much of an effect the small trees have had so far, but he's confident they'll continue to improve as they grow.

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BC Blaze triumphs at robotic competition

After two days of intense competition at the FIRST Robotics event in Standish-Sterling, Boyne City Blaze and their two alliance partners came out victorious. In addition to the win, the team also received the Entrepreneurship Award and the Industrial Safety Award, both of which come with points that help the team on their quest to qualify for the state competition in Grand Rapids in April.

"To be on the winning alliance at a forty team competition is a great accomplishment," said team build mentor Steve Jarema. "There were rookie teams there who had just built their first robots and teams that have been doing this for twenty years. We were pleased with the performance of our robot and were consistently ranking in the top two or three teams throughout the preliminary rounds."

BC Blaze was partnered with team 1918, NC GEARS, from Fremont, MI, and team 5166, the Freeland Fabricators, from Freeland, MI, to comprise the top ranked alliance and the eventual winners. Other area teams, including Petoskey, Grayling, East Jordan, Central Lake, and Beaver Island, progressed to the playoffs but were eliminated in the quarter- and semi-final rounds.

The Industrial Safety Award was presented to the team based on their preparation for any injuries or potential issues that might arise, their response to actual events at the competition, and an interview of the team Safety Captain, Elizabeth Mansfield. The Entrepreneurship Award was one that required the submission of a business plan prior to the competition. Twenty-two



After two days of intense competition at the FIRST Robotics event in Standish-Sterling, Boyne City Blaze and their two alliance partners came out victorious. COURTESY PHOTO

students and ten adult mentors worked since early January to design and build the robot, submit information for awards, coordinate travel plans, and prepare for competition. On a community level, several local companies helped with the fabrication of parts and all of the team's sponsors contributed to its success through their financial support.

The Blaze robot weighs 90 lbs., maneuvers with tracks, has an arm to open, raise, and lower defenses, and picks up and shoots balls called boulders in the 2016 FIRST Stronghold game that has a medieval castle theme. It is operated by a four person drive team for the majority of each two and a half minute match but runs through a series of preprogrammed actions for the first 15 seconds during the autonomous period. The drive team at the Standish-Sterling event was com-

prised of team captain Jacob Brewer as the driver, Andrew Yang as the arm operator, Eli Korhase as the drive coach, and Noah Lockman and Max Matelski sharing the human player role.

"It is important that younger team members like Andrew and Noah get the experience of competition to carry those skills on to future years of the program," said Brewer, a senior. "I have been on the drive team since my freshman year and know that I have benefited from having those years of experience."

Korhase is also a senior team member this year, Yang is a sophomore, while Lockman and Matelski are freshmen.

BC Blaze is in its fifth year of FIRST Robotics participation and has grown into a year round program that provides a wide variety of opportunities for students to learn skills including fabri-

cation, programming, project management, public speaking, fundraising, marketing, business, and teamwork. The team does community outreach and fundraising activities when it is not building a robot and going to competitions.

The next goal for the team is to put in another good performance at their next FIRST Robotics competition at Lake Superior State University on April 1 and 2. The team welcomes contributions of time, expertise, resources, and funds from community supporters. Anyone interested in more information about the team or the program can contact the team's head mentor, Karen Jarema, at Boyne City High School at 231-439-8100 or via email at bcbaze@boyne.k12.mi.us.

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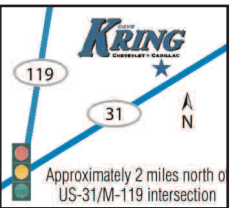
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