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Charlevoix man sentenced for second E-Z Mart robbery



By Michelle Medjesky

Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Roy C. Hayes this month sentenced a Charlevoix man to prison for robbing the Charlevoix EZ Mart

Dennis Robert McKee, 21, of Charlevoix, is now serving a 36-120 month sentence at the Carson City Correctional Facility after being sentenced recently in Charlevoix County Circuit Court for robbing the Charlevoix EZ Mart store in December, 2014. It was the same EZ Mart that he and a co-defendant had pleaded guilty to robbing in March, 2013.

in 2014-the same store he pleaded guilty to robbing less than two years earlier.

According to a press release from Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof, Dennis Robert McKee, 21, of Charlevoix has been ordered to serve a 36-120 month-long sentence for his conviction by plea agreement to larceny from a person.

Telgenhof said McKee confessed to using a CO2 powered revolver to rob the Charlevoix EZ Mart on December 14, 2014 and making off with

about \$350.

McKee and a co-defendant, Matthew Denise, had already pleaded guilty to robbing the same EZ Mart on March 26, 2013. McKee received a 36-120 month sentence for that robbery last August. Denise was sentenced last October and is serving up to two years in prison for his part in that robbery.

Telgenhof said McKee is to serve both his sentences concurrently at the Carson City Correctional Facility.

Telgenhof noted that while Michi-

gan Sentencing Guidelines advised a minimum 10-23 month sentence range for McKee's crime, he argued that length was inadequate because it did not take into account several factors.

Those included the fact that McKee had robbed the same store twice on two separate occasions, that his actions had "tremendous psychological impact on the victim," and that he had lied under oath, implicating another individual in the crime and leading to their initial arrest and incarceration.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 12, 2016

Planning Commission to review Alcohol service at Sidewalk Cafes

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - Restaurants in Boyne City may finally be able to serve alcohol "sidewalk cafe" style possibly by this summer if city officials can hammer out an aptly worded ordinance to allow it by then.

The city commission during its meeting April 12 voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the city planning commission to review the city's existing alcohol service ordinance and make recommendations for an amendment that would allow "sidewalk cafes" to serve alcoholic beverages.

City manager Michael Cain said while the city already allows restaurants to set up tables outside, they have not been allowed to serve alcohol at the sidewalk tables.

Cain said city officials have been researching whether "sidewalk cafe" alcohol service would be a welcome addition to what area restaurants already have to offer and how to formulate its provision for about three years.

Local restaurant owners and community members have reached out to city commissioners and other officials in that time and asked them to consider implementing such an ordinance and expressing support.

But city commissioner Ron Grunch said while he overall favors adopting an amendment to allow alcohol to be served sidewalk cafe style, he said he would not vote to approve it if it did not include language prohibiting such service during

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New bakery opens in downtown Boyne City

Restaurant and pub close

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - The old saying, "when one door closes, another one opens," could easily apply to three downtown Boyne City businesses in recent weeks, only in this case two doors closed and just one opened.

The restaurant "Northern Table" at 220 South Lake Street and the Boyne Pub, located on the second floor at the same location, both "abruptly closed" in March, said Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Jim Baumann.

Many in the area were left scratching their heads to see the two businesses closed, as both were fairly new to the community, having been open for only about a year.

Northern Table was opened by Mark Warner in 2015 with a "farm to table" concept of featuring locally grown foods and crafted beers in his menu selection. The restaurant won numerous accolades during its short run, from local and visiting diners, both by word of mouth and from reviews posted on social media sites.

But despite the restaurant's initial success, Baumann said that Warner, who could not be reached for comment, was for some reason unable negotiate



French-born and professionally trained baker Gildas Berrou says he wears his Chicago Cubs ball cap because he's a die-hard fan betting the Cubs might FINALLY win big this season. (Sorry, Gildas, but it's probably a much safer bet that the "C" on your cap means your "crepes" will be big winners at The Boyne City Bakery this season!) Berrou says the secret to his famous crepes and other popular baked goods is simple: "My saying is: more butter, more better," he laughs.

the purchase of the Lake Street building from its owner Paul Mitchell, whose family also operated the upstairs Boyne Pub.

"We thought Mark Warner and Chef Meghan Wruk had done a nice job making a go of it-the food was consistently excellent and the farm-to-table concept was a good niche," said Baumann.

The building on Lake Street that housed Northern Table was

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Gildas Berrou stands in front of the Boyne City Bakery at 110 S. Lake Street in downtown Boyne City in March. Berrou is on staff at the new bakery and locally well-known for his authentic French Breton crepes. He is a professionally trained French chef also skilled at creating other baked delights such as baguettes, croissants, quiches, pastries, artisanal sandwiches and soups.

East Jordan Business District Open House

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Aubrey Nacole Cooper, 3

(AUGUST 23, 2012 - APRIL 9, 2016)



Aubrey N. Cooper of Central Lake died Saturday, April 9, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Aubrey was born August 23, 2012 in Grand Rapids to Joshua and Nacole (Boike) Cooper.

Aubrey had a passion to make people smile and a strong will to keep going despite her condition. She had a love for sock monkeys.

Surviving are her parents; her twin sister Taylor Cooper; brothers Joseph Sulak and Zachary Sulak; maternal grandparents Edward and Glenda Boike of East Jordan; maternal great-grandparents Clayton and Beverly Boike of Taylor and Melvin and Rose Young of Oxnard, Calif; paternal grandparents Joe and Debbie Cooper of Charlevoix; paternal great-grandfathers Richard Wells of Ellsworth, Frank Ballentine of East Jordan, and Don Cooper of Indian River; aunts and uncles and cousins.

A memorial gathering will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at

Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Carrie E. Graham, 87

(FEBRUARY 9, 1929 - APRIL 7, 2016)



Carrie E. Graham of Bellaire died Thursday, April 7, 2016 in Kalkaska.

She was born February 9, 1929 in Central Lake to Donald and Ethelyn (Parsons) Buhland.

On July 30, 1949 she married Cameron Graham in Central Lake. They lived in East Jordan.

Carrie completed her B.A. degree at Central Michigan University. She taught elementary school for twenty years in East Jordan. She also taught in Boyne City, Alba and Bellaire. She enjoyed reading, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her children Marilyn (Woody) Horst of Barnesville, GA, Linda Graham of Kalamazoo, and Bryan (Pat) Graham of Bellaire; grandchildren Chrystal (Eric) Hurst and children Abigail and Alexander; Jennifer (Kirt) Kost and son Cole; Jolain (Scott)

Lawhorne and children Logan and Lyndsey; Nathan (Laura) Graham and son Jackson; and Nicole (Jeremy Essad) Graham; sisters Dorothy Cummings of Jenison and Donna Maylowski of Levering. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Cameron Graham and her brother Joseph Buhland.

Friends may call at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth on Friday, April 8, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service was Saturday, April 9, at the Bellaire Wesleyan Church with Pastor Joseph Wright officiating. Burial in Dunsmore Cemetery.

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

Lindsay Regan, 59

(JAN. 12, 1957 - APRIL 6, 2016)



Lindsay Regan of Boyne City passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on January 12, 1957, in Rochester, New York, the daughter of William and Lorraine Kwiecinski Morris. She was a 1975 graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School of Rochester, NY. She graduated St. Bonaventure University, New York in 1979 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She married her husband of 34 years, John Regan, on July 23, 1981.

Lindsay loved horses and spent most of her life with her horses, including as a long-time 4-H leader in Genesee County. Lindsay enjoyed spending time with her friends in Northern Michigan and Florida. She was active in various fundraising activities in the communities she lived. Prior to living in Boyne City, Lindsay resided 23 years in Fenton, Michigan.

Lindsay is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Raina of Indianapolis and Shannon (Matthew Keller) of New York City; brother, Jeff Morris; sisters-in-law, Kathy Regan, Peggy

(Michael) Shay, Reyn Richards; nieces and nephews, Jeff, Regan, and Cara Morris, and Michael Shay. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Steve Morris.

A celebration of Lindsay's life will be held on April 30, 2016 from 12-2 p.m. at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St, Boyne City, MI 49712.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Cancer Center or Michigan State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development.

Vivian Sue Blasdel, 88

(MARCH 22, 1928 - APRIL 7, 2016)



Vivian S. Blasdel died peacefully on April 7, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Born March 22, 1928 in Seattle, WA to Roy and Lois Holm. She graduated from Williamston High School, MI. She met the love of her life in Denver, CO in 1948, she then married Russell B. Blasdel on March 19th 1949. They were happily married for 61 years.

Her focus was on her husband and children. She helped her husband with the training of horses and taking care of the farm. They spent time training in Montana, Salt Lake City, UT, and Las Vegas, NV, they then moved to Bellaire, MI in 1964, and continued to train and board horses.

She enjoyed many hobbies including oil painting; she was an avid reader and traveler.

She was preceded in death by her husband Russell Blasdel, her sister Ruth Abbott, and her good friend Helen Derenzy.

She will be greatly missed by her 4 children, Diana Blasdel of Bellaire, Byron (Pat) Blasdel of Charlevoix, Sharon Blasdel of Charleston, SC and Ann (Scott) Miller of Boyne City, 6 grandchildren Jared Blasdel of Sandyston, NJ, Jacob Blasdel of Las Vegas, NV, Sharayah Dow of Charleston, SC, Zellie "Anthony" Dow Jr. of St. Louis,

MO, Kathleen and Zack Miller of Boyne City and 3 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Bellaire Public Library. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Jasmine Elizabeth Priest, 12

(JAN. 18, 2004 - APRIL 8, 2016)



Jasmine Elizabeth Priest passed peacefully in the presence of her family on Friday, April 8, 2016, at her home in East Jordan.

Jasmie was born January 18, 2004, in North Carolina and joined her forever family by adoption in November 2006.

Although challenged by physical and medical issues, Jasmine was to us, perfect. She was only given 12 years, but accomplished more in that time than some do in a lifetime. She definitely taught us so much about love and determination.

Jasmine loved sunshine and shadows. She loved to swing and ride in the golf cart. She was an enthusiastic singer if she thought no one was listening. She never met a Barbie doll she didn't love to chew.

Jasmine attended the Supported Independence program at East Jordan Elementary School. She liked to ride the bus to school and enjoyed socializing.

Jasmine is survived by her parents, David & Phyllis Priest as well as siblings Donald of Southgate, Eleanor (Tony) Doemer of Rochester Hills, Aaron (Kristi Hill) of Traverse City, Caleb (Ashley Gallop) of East Jordan and her siblings at home in East Jordan, Joseph, Haley, Hannah, Sam, Steve, Madison, Tori, Tyler, Eli, Betrys, Kacey, Kaden and Lillian. In addition, she is survived by maternal grandparents, Ed and Joyce Petter of Ellsworth and Paternal grandmother, Nancy Priest of Lake Leelanau as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and well-loved school staff, especially Patty Hellebuyck.

She was preceded in death by siblings, William John (BJ) and Andrew and paternal grandfather, Donald Priest, Sr.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan officiated. Interment at Atwood Cemetery, Atwood, Michigan.

Memorials may be given to Challenge Mountain, P.O. Box 764, Boyne City, MI 49712. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Kerri Lynn Samuelson, 48

(NOV. 16, 1967 - APRIL 9, 2016)



Kerri Lynn Samuelson of Charlevoix passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016, after a valiant five year fight with cancer.

Kerri was born November 16, 1967, in Muskegon to Fred Samuelson and Merrilee (Pirtle) Samuelson. She grew up in Muskegon and Owosso, and graduated from Owosso High School. She has lived the last twenty-seven years in Charlevoix.

Kerri worked at the Charlevoix Burger King, the Bergmann Center, and also as a housekeeper.

Kerri always smiled, and she would light up any room with her ear-to-ear smile.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Merrilee and Kenneth Bailey; father, Fred Samuelson of Monague; brother, Frederick Christopher Samuelson of Charlevoix; step-sister, Kelli Bailey of Georgia; step-brother, Kenneth Lee (Julie) Bailey of Kalkaska; and her boyfriend, Edward Rey of Charlevoix.

Visitation for Kerri will be 7-9 pm, Wednesday, April 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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To Friends and Supporters of The Front Porch Ministries:

We would like to thank you for your past support and dining at The Front Porch. As you know, this is a ministry to our community/region and all people that come in contact with us here.

The reason for this letter is to update you on the status of funds of the The Front Porch. We have blessed with a grant for Capital Expenditures and have made and are making the following commitments: Purchased new booths; Purchased and had in-

stalled new front and side windows;

Purchased ceiling tiles which will be installed the last week of April and first part of May;

Purchased flooring for the basement and restaurant areas which will be installed the last week of April and the first part of May;

A contractor will paint the interior of the restaurant as well as new doors, etc.;

Instead of paying for persons to do the work, time was donated for the cleaning of kitchen ceiling tiles;

Purchase of a new operational system;

New higher toilets;

The cleaning of the kitchen and the equipment; The time was donated for the curtains that were made; and

Purchase of a new air conditioner.

We have been blessed with donation of monies for the operational funds, however, we still have daily needs: The increase of need for the people we serve, the lack of consistent financial donations and an operational grant we had that has been discontinued, we have found ourselves in a position of needing to reach out to the people who have supported our mission in the past.

People were unaware that when you dine at The Front Porch and pay the suggested price, which you are covering for the meal, you had. However, when you pay extra you are helping to pay for the people who needed a meal, but didn't have the ability to pay. We have been educating people

by communication with letters, in person, Facebook, etc., and have had a good response. We are so thankful for the many you are able to help. Without your continued help, we will cease to exist and the help for those who are in need will end as well.

If you would like to help, pay more than your "suggested donation" or fill out the enclosed donation card and drop it in the donation or mailbox. Thank you for your support and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

We will be closed for the repairs listed above April 24th thru May 4th, 2016. If you would like to donate your time and help us with these repairs and updates, please contact Jan at 231-588-2000 at the Front Porch Café.

News

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra recital this Sunday



Sunday Series musicians (left to right) are Pat Jarve, Vern Campbell, Grace Olson, Bev Isenbarger, Ed Bahr, Jayne Winchester, John McCutcheon. Not pictured are Carl Hawkins and Bob Bellairs. COURTESY PHOTO

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is hosting, and extends an invitation for all to attend, a free-will offering recital at 4pm on Sunday, April 17 at The First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

The Chamber Orchestra's Brass and Percussion Ensemble consists of Vern Campbell and Pat Jarve on trumpet, Beverly Isenbarger on horn, Edward Bahr

on trombone, Carl Hawkins on tuba and Robert Bellairs on percussion. Their concert program consists of five selections including compositions by Samuel Scheidt, Dan Van Vactor, Paul Hindemith, Wilke Renwick and Louis Moreau Gottschalk.

They will be followed by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet, comprised of Grace Olson on flute,

John McCutcheon on oboe, Jayne Winchester on clarinet, Bev Isenbarger on horn and Thom Zanthow on bassoon. They will perform selections by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Darius Milhaud and Terrance Greaves.

For more information, go to www.glcorchestra.org or contact Anne McDevitt at 231.487-0010.

Fun Walk for Autism acceptance to be held April 30

North Country Community Mental Health is sponsoring its 5th Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance on Saturday, April 30 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. On-site registration begins at 9am and the "Fun Walk" begins at 10am (approximately a half mile in length). Registration fee is \$10. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of many great prizes including gift cards and special give-a-ways. Must be present to win.

One of the event organizers, Heather Smith, MA, LPC, noted the walk has grown over the years.

"We had about 70 people our first year and around 130-150 each following year. We are continually awed and inspired each year by the amount of people that come to the walk and show their support. The walk allows for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, their family members and friends to come together, network, and support something that we all care about," said Smith.

For further information or to



North Country Community Mental Health is sponsoring its 5th Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance on Saturday, April 30 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO

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- 126 Main Street (next to Sunny Side Up Tanning, pick up packet @ Sunny Side up Tanning) - Debbie Chappuis 231-536-4826
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also a beautiful facility, he added, however noting it was the fourth business to close at that site in the past eight years.

A reason why the Boyne Pub also closed along with Northern Table is yet unclear.

But while those two businesses turned over a closed sign, a new business—a bakery—opened just a block up the street.

Don and Nancy Hunter recently rolled out the welcome mat at The Boyne City Bakery at 110 South Lake Street in the newly-remodeled building that for years was home to Johan's baked goods resale shop. The building is owned by Becky Harris and Tom Greetis.

Opened just a few weeks ago, the Boyne City Bakery features all kinds of baked goods, from breads, turnovers and croissants to scones and a variety of gluten-free items, most all under the direction of 45-year-old French baker Gildas Berrou.

Born and having lived much of his life in Brittany, France, Berrou moved permanently to northern Michigan after meeting and later marrying his now wife of 18 years, wife, Tara Ostrum-

Berrou, who is originally from Indian River, Michigan. The couple now lives in Charlevoix with their two children, Kilian, age 10, and five-year-old Solenn.

Some years ago, the couple became involved as vendors selling baked goods and other items in farmer's markets in Boyne City and Charlevoix and Gildas soon garnered a loyal following for his authentic Breton crepes.

While working the farmer's market circuit, the Berrouses soon met fellow vendors Don and Nancy Hunter, and it wasn't long before the two couples collaborated to bring their culinary talents and passions together and open a year-round bakery.

Berrou said they decided the location at 110 Lake Street in downtown Boyne City would be a perfect place to feature the "American meets French" fusion style of baked goods they planned to offer. Not only had the site functioned successfully for years as a resale shop for the local Johan's bakery, but it is situated in the heart of Boyne City's up and coming, busy downtown district, Berrou noted.



Northern Table restaurant at 220 South Lake Street and the Boyne Pub located just upstairs at the same location in downtown Boyne City stand dark and vacant after they recently and abruptly closed, both having been open for only about a year.

"There are lots of people here and it gets to be a very busy place, especially in summer," he said.

Visiting the newly-opened bakery on a recent snowy, spring Sunday just a few weeks after it opened, customers were greeted by the heavenly scent of a wide variety of breads and other goodies, all baked on site.

Berrou explained that didn't happen with the prior tenant but promised every item at the Boyne City Bakery is baked fresh or made to order and never left on the shelf for more than a day. If there are ever any leftover "day old" goods—which so far there haven't been many—they will be discounted before sold and clearly

labeled that they weren't baked that day, he said.

The bakery also serves specialty sandwiches for breakfast and lunch as well as soups and quiches—all made in-house. Coffee and a variety of Michigan bottled sodas along with Lorina sparkling imported French lemonade are also offered.

While Berrou has already become well-known among many in the area for his bon cuisine crepes, he said he wants to make sure the Boyne City Bakery doesn't become known just for those.

"We don't want to become known a crepe shop. The crepes are special and we want them to stay special," he said, noting that's why his Breton crepes will only be available at the bakery on Sundays and special occasions.

Berrou said it's hard to say which of his crepes is most popular, however, as the menu of both sweet and savory types he has offered has consistently seemed to please even the most discerning customer.

A favorite is a sweet crepe filled with fresh strawberries and Nutella spread.

The apple crepes drizzled with caramel made from scratch at the bakery are a personal favorite of Berrou's sister-in-law, Siiri Ostrum-Pfalzer, who recently moved to Charlevoix from Chicago so she could also help out

at the bakery.

"It's phenomenal—just out of this world," she said of the hand-crafted caramel.

While his crepes have clearly garnered rave reviews from his past customers in other local venues, Berrou said he won't be making them at the Boyne City Bakery probably until sometime in May, at least until the weather warms and more people are around to savor the bakery's special French treat.

In the meantime, area residents are clearly getting wind of the delightful smells of fresh-baked breads and sweets emanating from the bakery's storefront on Lake Street.

"We've only been open three weeks or so, and already we've had a really, really good response from the town," Berrou said, "It's going to be a great summer."

The Boyne City Bakery is currently open Monday through Friday 7am until 3pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8am until 3pm. Summer hours will be expanded and hoped to include open time until 9pm on Fridays during Boyne City's summer "Stroll the Streets" series.

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Energize, Engage and Enhance



Motivational speaker, Cheri J. Najor, will offer a presentation designed to "Energize, Engage and Enhance" at the East Jordan High School's Community Auditorium at 6:30pm on April 20. COURTESY PHOTO

On April 20, motivational speaker, Cheri J. Najor, the owner of The Center for Peak Performance, will offer a presentation at the East Jordan High School's Community Auditorium. The topic will be "Energize, Engage and Enhance," to "make a positive, permanent change in the way we think, communicate and relate to one another and our community."

Mary H Faculak, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce President, states, "Cheri is from the St. Joseph area and has been owner of The Center for Peak Performance for 25 years. It is a training and consulting business specializing helping people thrive during challenging and changing times."

The presentation, which begins at 6:30pm, is part of a free

community event next Wednesday that will also include a Family Community Picnic that will be held in the High School cafeteria from 5:30 to 6:30pm and a Clubs, Organizations and Events Expo.

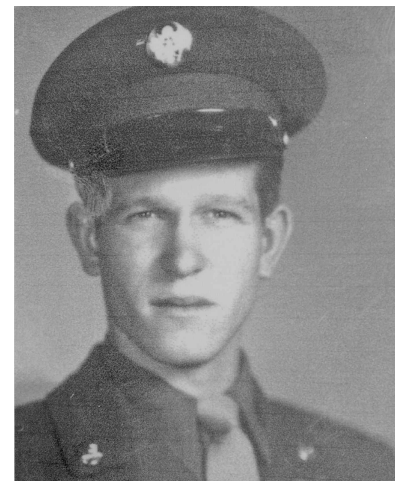
The Clubs, Organizations and Events Expo will take place the community auditorium foyer following Cheri Najor's presentation at approximately 7:15 pm. It will feature a variety clubs, organizations and events in the East Jordan area and attendees can learn about those and get involved if they would like.

Faculak notes, "This is open to all members of the community and is an opportunity to learn

more about groups and events in our community. It is designed to get that positive energy going and inspire people to get involve. We are very excited about this event and thank the many sponsors who have made it possible."

This chance to "Energize, Engage and Enhance" is spearheaded by the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) committee, which also organized Green Light East Jordan this past year.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The "Veteran of the Month" for April 2016 is **John Edward Vallance**. Born on March 12th, 1929 in East Jordan, Michigan, Vallance graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1947. He sailed the Great Lakes aboard the lake freighter SS A. F. Harvey that summer and then worked for Hodgekiss and Duma as an Asphalt Packer Road Roller Operator and a Construction Blaster. On January 5th, 1949 Vallance enlisted in the Army entering into active service in Traverse City, Michigan and was assigned to Company C, 54th Engineer Battalion completing basic training and advanced training and was promoted to Private First Class on July 21st, 1949. On April 24th, 1949 Vallance departed the USA and was then reassigned to Company A, 1279th Engineer Combat Battalion, Stuttgart, Germany. He attended an Engineer School, from June 8th, 1951 to July 20th, 1951, in Murnau, Germany, satisfactorily completing training in a Demolition Mines and Booby Traps Course and was promoted on December 10th, 1951 to Technical Sergeant. On February 25th, 1952 Vallance attended a Special Demolitions School, at Murnau, Germany, completing the course on March 7th, 1952. Returning to the USA, and stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan, Vallance received an Honorable Discharge on October 30th, 1952 and was awarded the following Decorations and Citations: The Occupation Medal (Germany) with Clasp and The Good Conduct Medal. Returning home Vallance entered into a Patter-maker Apprenticeship program in the spring of 1953 in the Muskegon, Mich. area working in several shops becoming a machinist pattern maker by trade. On October 17th, 1953 Vallance married Ruth Ann Nemecek and later they returned to East Jordan

and he started a well drilling business that he operated for several years. They returned to Muskegon, and his pattern making job, and in 1991 he retired, after 38 years as a pattern maker, to enjoy traveling, woodworking, hunting, fishing and wine making, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #446 in Muskegon, Michigan, The American Legion Post #227 and The Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #7580 both in East Jordan. On July 12th, 2015 John Edward Vallance answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Ruth Ann, children Vallerie Ann, Monica Rose, Roxanne Marie, (deceased sons and daughter Rex Alan, Thomas Edward, Candice Mary) and their families.

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

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busy downtown summer events, specifically the Fourth of July and downtown's "Stroll the Streets" music series, which occurs weekly during the summer season.

Grunch furthermore stated that he had "personally targeted" local families to question whether they would favor outdoor alcohol service at downtown restaurants during those times and found they, too, were not in favor. "I just can't see it happening on Stroll the Streets nights," Grunch told the commission.

Boyer City Main Street Manager Lori Meeder, however, said she also had feedback from young families which indicated they would not object to sidewalk alcohol service. "I don't think they see it as an issue," Meeder said.

Commissioner Hugh Conklin said that while he understands Grunch's concerns, he believes they can be mitigated.

Conklin noted that the local police have said they have no objections to the sidewalk alcohol service.

He furthermore pointed out how much of the steady growth Boyne City has experienced can be attributed to restaurants that have located there and how those



Cafe Sante (pictured here) and other restaurants in Boyne City may soon be allowed to serve alcohol to patrons at tables they have set up on sidewalks.

restaurants, like Red Mesa Grill and Cafe Sante, among others, have proven themselves solid, reputable businesses who bring people to the community and deserve the opportunity to expand their offerings.

Conklin added that local restaurant owners have said that being allowed to serve alcoholic beverages at sidewalk tables not only would not only strengthen their revenue stream but would also allow them to hire more employees. "They're coming forward and saying this will benefit their businesses," he said.

In light of the steady growth and development that Boyne City has experienced the past few years, Conklin said it's critical to craft ordinances that won't overly restrict businesses from evolving.

With downtown Boyne City growing more popular every year with its steady addition of restaurants, shops and unique, family-friendly events like "Stroll the Streets", Conklin said creating a new provision for businesses to offer its customers this summer would be a win-win for everyone. "There's going to be a vibe," Conklin said of what looks to be a promising summer in downtown Boyne City, "So I think it's really important we give this (ordinance amendment) a try."

The next regular Boyne City Commission meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the temporary city hall location at 364 North Lake Street, in the Honeywell building.

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BOYNE CITY
MICHIGAN ROAD TRIP PROGRAM
 April 14, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. Join Ron Rademacher as he takes you on a virtual road trip to some of Michigan's coolest destinations. The 60-minute presentation will describe road trips to unique destinations including historic sites, natural wonders and unusual festivals. Ron is the author of five books about travel on the back roads of Michigan. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyne District Library, in celebration of National Library Week; April 10-17. This program is free, and open to the public. For more information please visit the library's website www.boynelibrary.org or call the library at 231-582-7861.

BAY HARBOR
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DEVELOPMENT EVENT
 April 14, 5:30-6:30pm, Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village Drive. Free educational event geared to help personal and professional development. "Getting the Mustard Right" and is presented by Susie Johnson, a former Young American and a Television Production Coordinator who worked for Paramount Pictures Television Production for 30 years. Her credits include TV shows such as Cheers, Bob Newhart Shows and Girlfriends. Johnson will provide insight and tips on how to keep it classy in the work force, keep your ego intact, and how to always get the mustard right in business and in life. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of BOYNE, there is no cost to attend. Advance registration is required, please call 347-4150. Networking starts at 5pm.

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. Food, networking, drawings. EJ Chamber members - free, not-yet members - \$10.

ELLSWORTH
KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP AND REGISTRATION
 April 14, 3-7pm, Ellsworth Elementary School. We would like to invite parents of all upcoming Kindergarten students for the 2016/17 school year to stop by and see what makes Ellsworth Elementary such a special place to be.

ELLSWORTH
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EAST JORDAN
BLOOD DRIVE
 April 15, 8:30am-1:15pm, East Jordan High School, 101 Maple Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

BOYNE CITY
KIDS' NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK OPEN HOUSE
 April 16, 3-5pm, Boyne District Library. Drop in for games, face painting, magic tricks, and a coloring craft. The winners of the Boyne District Library's National Library Week Bookmark Contest will be recognized during this event. All ages welcome; no registration necessary. Questions? Contact Helene Ivie (231) 582-7861 or ivieh@boynelibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX
OLD FASHIONED SQUARE DANCE
 April 16, 4-8pm, Barnard Grange Hall, corner of Barnard and Klooster Road. Please bring a dish to pass. For more information, call 231.675.0004 or 231.547.9153.

EAST JORDAN
BUSINESS DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE
 April 16, 1-3pm, Downtown East Jordan. The East Jordan

Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 4th Annual Business District Open House in the downtown area. Owners of the buildings or realtors will be on site to give tours and answer questions. Stop by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up a list of the featured places on the day of the event or after hours in the lobby of the Main Street Center. For more information, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351 or <mailto:info@ejchamber.org>

BOYNE CITY
THE GLCO BRASS AND WOODWIND ENSEMBLES
 April 17, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 401 South Park Street. Bring your friends and family to enjoy unforgettable sounds from GLCO's April Sunday Series ensemble that will brighten your day! Performance includes sounds from Mozart, Milhaud, Joplin, Scheidt/Jones, Van Vactor, Hindemith, Renwick and Gottschalk. A free will donation will be taken at the door. This program is made possible due to generous support provided by Carolyn Klender. For more information, please contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

EAST JORDAN
ROCKS AND FOSSILS
 April 17, 2pm, Jordan River Watershed Center, 101 Union Street. See rocks that are billions of years old, stromatolites and banded iron and 50 million year old fossils. David Peterson has collected rock from the Upper Peninsula, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Wyoming, Arizona and California. See this collection up close and have an opportunity

to touch and handle these rocks and fossils. Sign up by emailing foj@friendsofthejordan.com or RSVP on Facebook.

EAST JORDAN
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
 April 19, 4:30-6pm, East Jordan Elementary School. Come visit and explore three great options for your preschooler.

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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'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
ENERGIZE, ENGAGE AND ENHANCE
 April 20, 5:30-8:30pm, Free

Community Picnic at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at 6:30, with Cheri Najor - Motivational speaker. She will present "Let's make positive, permanent changes in the way we think, communicate and relate to one another and our community" Community Auditorium, 7:15 - Clubs, Organizations and Events Expo Auditorium Foyer.

CHARLEVOIX
DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
 April 21, 7-9pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Rooms A and B. The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold a non-partisan Community Conversation. A "Community Conversation" is a small, informal town hall meeting to gain input from Michigan's residents. The moderator of the Community Conversation will be Ken Winter. The topic of discussion will be restoring public trust in Michigan's state government. Attendees will be asked their biggest barriers to trusting state government, as well as their ideas for what it would take to improve trust. Topics will include state government services, management of the public purse, and oversight of Michigan's political system. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by April 19 to assist in planning for seating and refreshments. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411.

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ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
 April 21, 6-7pm, St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge Street. St. Mary is a Pre-K through 7th Grade school that offers: Enthusiastic Certified Teachers, Hands-On Learning and Discovery, Safe and Trusting Learning Environments, Small Class Sizes, Family Atmosphere and Faith Based Education. For more information, call 231.547.9441 stmmaryschoolcharlevoix.com

EAST JORDAN
EJ ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP MEETING
 April 21, 5:30pm, District Board Room at Elementary School. Kindergarten round-up parent meeting. We welcome all children who will be age 5 on or before December 1, 2016. Meet staff members, Receive materials to make your child's kindergarten year successful, Learn about school policy and procedures. Childcare will be provided. Call (231) 536-7564 to make appointment for your child and for more information.

CHARLEVOIX
LOST IN STORYLAND WITH VILLAGE PUPPETEERS
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 April 22, 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. This moon cycle is frequently known as the Egg Moon. The Full Egg Moon falls on Friday, April 22. 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
50'S PARTY
 April 23, 6pm-12am, Eagles Hall. Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders Rock Around the Clock. Twist Contest, Celebrity Performers, Prizes, Cash Bar, Silent and Ticket Auction, Food available. Music by TNT & Tim's DJ Service. Come dressed as a 50's/60's personality for a chance to win a prize. \$6 donation. For more info call Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.



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Area Happenings

4/14, 21, 28, Thursdays, 6:30pm - 8pm
Special "Journey Through Grief" Program

Program held at the First Baptist Church, Community Room, in Charlevoix. Please call to register or for more information at 231-547-7659.

4/16, Saturday, 6pm
Annual Titanic Dinner @ Stafford's Perry Hotel

Relive the mystery and intrigue of this ill-fated ship. Dinner and historical presentations make up the evening. Models, original newspapers and artifacts will be on display as well as

table settings representing the first, second and third class. Tickets are \$65 per guest which includes butlered Hors d' Oeuvres and a five course dinner. Semi-formal attire or period costumes requested. Reservations are re-quired. Please call 231-347-4000. www.petoskeyarea.com

4/16, Saturday, 6pm - 12am
6th Annual "Paint the Town Red"

A night of a silent auction, appetizer stations and cash bar. Music from Northern Michigan's hottest new Motown / dance group "The Cookies". Event will be held at the Boyne Mountain Resort Civic Center. www.boynechamber.com

4/28, Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:00
April Swirl @ Crooked Tree Arts Center

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

4/30, Saturday, 12pm - 10pm
Fiddlers Jamboree

Jamboree (12pm - 5pm) and Dance (7pm - 10pm) will be held at the East Jordan Civic Center. Many of the best fiddlers and musicians from around the state will be present. No admission fee, donation box at the door.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 13 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice 11am-2pm CVX Vet Affairs John Hess Various Card Games	Thursday, April 14 10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, April 15 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 11am O.J. Atkins Raffle Rummikub	Monday, April 18 10:30am Line Dancing Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, April 19 Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, April 20 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 13 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, April 14 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahjong	Friday, April 15 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, April 18 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, April 19 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class Wii Bowling in Petoskey	Wednesday, April 20 11:30am Music by Deepest Height 12:45pm Bingo
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 13 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards	Thursday, April 14 Foot Clinic 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 10:30am Chair Exercise 11am KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class	Friday, April 15 11am Dollar in the Jukebox BAKE RAFFLE 50/50— everyone bring something! Bingo	Monday, April 18 Foot Clinic Exercise Room 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Chair Exercise	Tuesday, April 19 10am E.J. Story Time 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize	Wednesday, April 20 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs 1pm Cards
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, April 13 PORCUPINE MEATBALLS	Thursday, April 14 TUNA CASSEROLE	Friday, April 15 BONE-IN CHICKEN	Monday, April 18 LEMON PEPPER COD	Tuesday, April 19 SALISBURY STEAK	Wednesday, April 20 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
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Friends of the Jordan River Watershed welcomes new leadership



Friends of the Jordan River Watershed recently hired Ashley Cousens to be the group's new Program Director. COURTESY PHOTO

David Peterson was elected recently as President of the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed. On March 1st, the group hired Ashley Cousens to be the group's new Program Director, the first hired position in several years.

The new leadership team has big plans for the summer, which will include many events, workshops, and programs, the first of which is a hands-on workshop. Rocks and Fossils will take place on Sunday, April 17th at 2pm at the Jordan River Watershed Center, 101 Union Street in East Jordan. It will be taught by Peterson himself, from his own personal collection of billion-year-old artifacts.

Cousens moved to Bellaire in February with her partner, Matthew, who recently began a new position with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Originally from southern New Hampshire, Cousens graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with her Bachelor's degree and has spent the last decade in Plattsburgh, New York, close to the Canadian border and the Adirondack Mountains, working in community and workforce development. She specializes in working col-

laboratively with community partners and developing unique programs to enrich the quality of life for community residents.

Cousens has worked for and with nonprofit organizations, even helping to create a 501(c)(3) group in Plattsburgh while simultaneously conducting a four year long campaign fundraising and building community support to construct a universally accessible treehouse in the community. The Max Moore Memorial Treehouse was completed in October 2015 and now invites people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the simple joy of being up in a tree.

"I am excited to join the FOJ team," said Cousens, "and I hope to put my project coordination skills and passion for nature and the environment to good use here!"

Board President David Peterson, a resident of Alden and Helena Township Clerk the past six years, is elated to have Cousens on board.

"Friends of the Jordan is very happy to have Ashley's energy and enthusiasm to help bring forward the mission and initiatives of the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed," said Peterson.



David Peterson has been elected as President of the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed. COURTESY PHOTO

Peterson spent many summers on Torch Lake as a young boy, so retiring to the area was inevitable for him after working 30 years in research and development as a senior research engineer/project manager in the Gypsum industry. He also serves as treasurer for the Torch Conservation Center, a new nonprofit for the protection of the Torch Lake Watershed and land conservation.

An advocate for wetlands and clean sustainable groundwater, Peterson recognizes the need for a water budget for Michigan.

His vision for the Jordan River includes the protection of its headwaters, the elimination of the threats to the water quality of the Jordan River, and the protection of its watershed.

The FOJ board is excited to have these new members join the team.

For more information about the FOJ mission, goals, and for information on upcoming events, please visit www.friendsofthejordan.org or visit the group's Facebook page.

The Pied Piper Skatery at Walloon Lake

By Michelle Medjesky

The rustic log building near the junction of M-75 North and U.S. 131 in the Village of Walloon Lake has for generations been a place where countless knew they could always come to kick up their heels and have a great time with family and friends. No matter if their heels had wheels or were high ones to dance with, the iconic, shiny wooden floor inside the building has weathered ballroom dancers and roller skaters alike since it was first built and sounds of the Big Band Era filled the air some 80 years ago. And the wheels are still rolling and fun times still being had inside its doors today.

Back in 1935 local residents Ray and Addie March decided the area could use a place to dance, so they built the rustic log structure along M-75 and named it The March Inn Dance Pavillion. Logs used to construct the dance hall were harvested from forests in the Walloon Lake area and the 50 foot-long, clear span logs used for roof trusses were cut from virgin pine forest in Indian River and hauled through Petoskey to the site in Walloon Lake Village. Once installed, the expansive, shiny wood dance floor was lauded as "the finest floor in the largest rustic building in northern Michigan."

Like most other ballrooms of its kind during the Big Band Era, The March Inn Dance Pavillion doubled as a skating rink when the music wasn't playing. But when interest in the swing era style of



(Left to right) Jordan Hull of Walloon Lake and Jessica Dykstra of Petoskey are all smiles because they really do like their jobs at the Pied Piper Skatery. Hull has worked there for several months mostly as a DJ but also sometimes behind the skate counter. Dykstra has been manager of the skatery since it opened in August, 2014. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

music and dancing faded some years later, the dance hall and its gleaming wood floor was left to the

roller skaters alone.

In 1956, the March's transferred ownership of their March Inn Dance Pavilion to their daughter and son-in-law, Marcelin and Harold Hamlin. The couple renamed the former dance hall "The Pied Piper of Hamlin" and operated it as a skating rink until 1991, occasionally hosting a disco dance there in the 1980s, according to the Pied Piper Skatery website.

After closing in 1991, the building was dormant until it re-opened in 2007 as the Rustic Ballroom and became home to The Up North Big Band and Saturday Nite Dance Series until 2010, according to the Pied Piper Skatery website.

In 2011, Angie and Jeff Marshall bought the rustic log building and it once again opened as a skating rink, this time resurrected as what's today the Pied Piper Skatery. Since it opened in August,

2014, Pied Piper Skatery is continuing to grow in popularity as more people hear about what a great place it is to bring the family and have a fun but not spend a ton of money, said Jessica Dykstra, skatery manager.

Like countless other area residents, Dykstra said skatery owner Angie Marshall had many fond childhood memories of spending time with friends skating at the original Pied Piper of Hamlin skating rink. Dykstra said Marshall, who is originally from Boyne City but works in Ann Arbor, eventually got tired of driving past the old skating rink and seeing it vacant so she de-

ecided to buy the building and get it rolling once again.

"She wanted to bring it back to life but keep it true to its roots," Dykstra said. And that she did.

The Pied Piper's interior is cheerfully painted and welcoming; the well-worn patina of the wooden floor rink as warm and inviting as always, framed by tiny blue lights strung high above from the ceiling's heavy wood beam rafters. A disco ball hangs ready to break into action at the nod of a DJ, playing music to skate by on a state-of-the-art sound system.

Skates-the "old school" four-wheeled kind-are available to rent and included in the ticket price. The skatery is also becoming a popular place for birthday parties and other special events.

Dykstra said business has been booming in recent weeks.

"We've had a very good spring," she said.

For hours, ticket prices or more information about the Pied Piper Skatery at Walloon Lake, visit their website at:

<http://www.piedpiperskatery.com/home.html>

Skating away their last day of spring break before heading back to school on April 11 are BFFs (left to right) Chloe Fettig age 7, Ella Croft, 8 and Sophia Johnecheck, 7. The three girls are second graders at Lincoln Elementary School in Petoskey. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



OPEN HOUSE

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- 306 Main Street (N MI Oral & Maxilofacial Surgery)
 - Vacant Lot next to 306 Main Street
 - 209 Main Street, Busy Bridge Gifts & Antiques
 - 913 Water Street (former Alden Lumber)
 - 401 Water Street (former Jordan Valley Floral)
 - 214 Main Street (The Zone)
- For more information, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351.



On April 16th the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 4th Annual Business District Open House in the downtown area. COURTESY PHOTO

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

0800 Report of a missing a fishing vest over the weekend

0800 Report of possible phone scam from the 800 block of S Park St
 1154 Report of MDOP in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1200 Report of attempted scam phot.
 1753 Gasoline drive off from

the 200 block of S Lake St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

0035 Report of MDOP in the 1200 block of Boyne Av. Unfounded.
 0833 Assist EMS on Pleasant Av.

0900 Report of lost cell phone at Avalanche

1034 Report of lost key
 1748 Report of possible Internet and cable hacking in the 500 block of E Main St.
 1844 Assist citizen in the 400 block of State St

2021 Disturbance reported in the 100 block of E Water St

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

0636 Report of a tree blocking Pleasant near Ann.
 0945 Assist subject in the

100 block of River St
 1130 Retail fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1450 Threats complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1449 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St.
 1549 Larceny complaint on W Main St
 1710 Assist with eviction in the 300 block of E Division St.
 2136 Driving complaint on N East St.
 2256 Alarm in the Industrial Park.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

0041 Report of a suspicious vehicle on Division St.
 0905 Report of property left on porch on Jefferson St overnight
 1010 Report of additional MDOP to gazebo
 1140 Arrested subject on FOC warrant in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1153 Arrested subject for domestic assault in the 800 block of Boyne Av
 1316 Report of lines down on Vogel St. Cable line has been cut and moved out of the road.
 1317 Report of damage done to vehicle in the Industrial Park.
 1531 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

0629 Suspicious situation in the 1200 block of Marshall Rd.
 0815 Natural death in the 100 block of S Park St
 1212 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St
 1432 Assist EMS in the 900 block of Brockway
 1553 MDOP to vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1635 Request for welfare check in the 200 block of State St
 1843 Driving complaint in the 200 block of State St.
 2318 Report of disturbance in the 200 block of State St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

0049 Disturbance on W Main St.
 0307 Arrested subject for OWI in the 200 block of State St.
 0745 Parking complaint reported in the 400 block of Groveland.
 1135 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N East St
 1203 Citation issued for Speed at Front and Pleasant
 1224 Citation issued for Speed at N. Lake and Groveland.
 1232 False alarm in the 400 block of N Lake St.
 1940 Property damage accident at Park and Collings.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

0255 Assisted Sheriff Dept on 131.
 1029 Assist FD with fire alarm in the 800 block of S Park St
 1420 B&E in the 100 block of W Michigan. Someone kicked in the back door and ransacked the place.
 1552 Report of lost keys at lake and Vogel. Were later located.
 1718 Assisted EMS with a fall victim in the 500 block of N Lake St.

CEMENT TRUCK ROLLS ON ITS SIDE ON BELLS BAY RD.

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at approximately 7:15 a.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a cement truck on its side on Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix Township. The driver, Steven Gwizdala age 56 from Petoskey, lost control on icy roads and rolled the cement truck. Steven was transported to the Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital for minor injuries by a co-worker. The cement truck, a 2000 Advance Mixer, was empty at the time of the accident. This incident is still under investigation.

VEHICLE LEAVES ROAD, STRIKES TREE

On April 10, 2016 at approximately 3:47 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office along with Charlevoix EMS and Charlevoix Fire Department responded to a single car accident on M-66 near Washington Street in Eveline Township. The driver, 58 year old Dennis Anderson from East Jordan, was heading South on M-66 when he ran off the road and struck a tree. Anderson was assisted from his vehicle by EMS Personnel and then transported to Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital for evaluation. The accident remains under investigation.

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- Curriculum and technology geared toward achieving student success

<p>Alanson April 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 548.2261 ext. 1 for information alansonvikings.net</p>	<p>Boyne City April 27, 9-11a.m. and 1-3 p.m. April 28, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. April 29, 9-11 a.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 439.8300 to schedule an appointment boyne.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Boyne Falls April 20, 6-7 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 549.2211 ext. 200 for more information boynefalls.org</p>	
<p>Central Lake April 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent meeting/open house Registration April 27 12:30-7:30 p.m. 544.5221 ext. 300 to schedule an appointment clps.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Charlevoix April 15 and 22, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 12:45-1:45 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 547.3215 to schedule an appointment rayder.net</p>	<p>East Jordan Parent meeting/open house April 21, 6 - 6:45 p.m. Registration by appointment April 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and April 28, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. 536.7564 to schedule an appointment ejps.org</p>	
<p>Ellsworth April 14, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 588.2544 for information; no appointment necessary ellsworth.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Harbor Springs Blackbird Enrollment packets can be picked up at the office anytime after April 12. Home visits and Gear Up Day scheduled at later date. Call 526-4600 for information harborps.org</p>	<p>Pellston April 26, 12-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m., 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Parent meeting and student orientation 539.8421 ext. 220 to schedule an appointment pellstonschools.org</p>	
<p>Petoskey Central April 26, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2110. Assigned times will be mailed 3/31/16. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Lincoln April 21, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2120. Assigned times will be mailed 3/31/16. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Ottawa April 21, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2130. Assigned times will be mailed 3/31/16. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Sheridan April 26, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2140. Assigned times will be mailed 3/31/16. petoskeyschools.org</p>

Please bring proof of residency and your child's birth certificate, immunization record and custody documentation, if applicable.

Parents should also be aware that for the 2016-2017 school year, a child who resides in a public district providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on September 1, 2016. For children who will be 5 by December 1, 2016, parents may enroll their child through written notification by contacting the school district by June 1.

Questions? Please contact your local school district. We look forward to seeing you at registration!



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Diabetes self-management workshops

There will be a free diabetes PATH Workshop held at the East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street, on Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30pm from May 18 through June 22.

PATH is an evidence-based program created by Stanford University. The informative and interactive workshops are held in six weekly two-hour sessions, and designed to help adults with Type 2 Diabetes develop healthy lifestyle skills. Family members and caregivers of someone living with Diabetes are also invited to attend.

Diabetes PATH offers self-man-

agement tools to:

- Manage symptoms like pain, frustration and fatigue
- Exercise safely, at a pace that's right for YOU
- Develop healthy eating habits
- Make action plans based on YOUR goals
- Help prevent or delay complications

National statistics from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and the ADA (American Diabetes Association) indicate that 25% of adults aged 65 and older have diabetes. And, due to the aging population, the number of seniors living with diabetes is projected to

double, or more, in the next 20 years, even if the incidence rates level off. Additionally, seniors living with diabetes have greater risks than the younger-aged diabetes population: more acute and chronic circulation complications, including cardiovascular problems, reduction in functional status, and increased risk of institutionalization and higher mortality rates.

In Michigan, and more specifically, northwest Michigan, current statistics suggest that 19,000 of our 76,000 seniors, are living with the devastating effects of diabetes. But there is some good news. Ac-

ording to the CDC, lifestyle interventions, such as healthy eating, weight control and increased activity levels, are significantly (22%) more effective for older adults.

In order to address this northern Michigan growing epidemic, the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan is offering more than a dozen six-week Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshops throughout northwest Michigan, beginning in May:

People who attend PATH improve their quality of life by being better able to face the daily challenges of living with diabetes.

Through weekly goal-setting activities participants become more active, eat better, and are more confident that they can manage their health. PATH is taught by trained and certified leaders who understand chronic illness and have a personal connection to Diabetes.

To achieve the full benefit of Diabetes PATH, please plan to attend all six workshops. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-442-1713 for more information or to register, or register online at www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration

Ironton Ferry rates reduced for 2016

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - It most certainly won't be her maiden voyage across the Narrows along the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix-not by a long shot. In fact, when the Ironton Ferry launches on April 15 for its first trip this year, it will also be embarking upon its 90th season helping travelers navigate the shortest route between Charlevoix and Boyne City.

And since officials in Charlevoix County don't want to let the ferry's 90th anniversary go unnoticed, they have made plans to honor its service and historical significance by lowering ferry fares, offering a special "community appreciation" rate through April, setting up new signage and hosting a community celebration to showcase the ship.

The Ironton Ferry Board met early this week and approved a measure to lower seasonal and daily ferry rates this year. The ferry runs daily from mid-April until the day before Thanksgiving. The regular fare has been reduced from \$3.25 to \$3.00 per vehicle, to \$1.00 for bike riders and 50 cents for walkers. A 20 ride book will cost \$40. Tickets can be purchased at the ferry dock, which is located just off M-66

about six miles south of Charlevoix.

A monthly pass will also be available for \$75 as a decal specific to the vehicle on which it is fixed and a full season pass is being offered for \$500. Both the monthly pass and seasonal pass can be purchased at the Charlevoix County Treasurer's Office. However, those who wish to buy a seasonal pass must first call (231) 237-0156 to schedule an appointment with County Administrator Kevin Shepard, as a photo ID must be made for the pass.

The ferry board also approved lowering the ferry fare to \$1 per vehicle throughout the month of April. Board member and Charlevoix County commissioner Nancy Ferguson said the special April fare is a token of appreciation for the support the community has shown for the ferry since it was damaged by fire last October. "This is our thanks for your patience as we waited for the Vessel Charlevoix, aka the Ironton Ferry, to be repaired so it's ready for this season," Ferguson said, noting the fire resulted in the ferry service being suspended some weeks earlier than scheduled last year.

County officials will host a community celebration at the ferry

dock at 10:30am Monday, May 16 to toast the ferry's recent repairs and its 90th anniversary this year.

Also to be honored during the event will be long-time Ironton resident Captain Helen Dillon, who has captained the Ironton Ferry for the past 26 years and was at its helm when the fire broke out last fall.

Ironton Ferry Captain Rob Goodenough said Dillon, who has worked as one of the ferry's captains for the past 26 years, will be praised for her bravery and quick-thinking in getting the ferry back to dock and all its vehicles and passengers off to safety once the fire broke out.

Goodenough noted the situation had been doubly dire since the ferry had taken on about 500 gallons of marine diesel fuel the day before and it was stored directly beneath the vehicle that caught fire.

"It was good we had someone as experienced as her (Dillon) on board. She followed all the procedures and got all the people and everything away from the fire. She did everything properly," Goodenough said.

Also invited to the celebration are descendants of one of the original Ironton Ferry captains, Sam Alexander, who started off as

captain the wood ferry back in 1899 and became the very first one to captain the steel "Vessel Charlevoix". While ferry service had been offered across the narrows since the 1870s, the current steel vessel wasn't built and towed to Ironton until 1926. Alexander continued as captain until he retired in 1942.

In the 90 years since it has been in service at Ironton, the 50 foot-long, 30-foot-wide, four-car ferry has taken countless passengers and their vehicles across the narrows. While it takes only about five minutes to motor the 610 foot-long distance across the water, the ferry ride shortens the trip by road around Lake Charlevoix from Ironton to Boyne City by about 20 miles.

Captain Goodenough said he's hoping the upcoming celebration that's planned to honor the Ironton Ferry will not only give people a chance to salute the service it has so long provided, but also help them understand and appreciate its historical significance. "It's more than just a boat that takes people and their cars back and forth across the water," said Goodenough, "It's a floating museum piece and should be respected as such."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Since 2001, April has been recognized as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month to focus attention on this pervasive crime, educate communities and raise public awareness about sexual assault and how to prevent it. The cities of Charlevoix, Gaylord and the Village of Bellaire have proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. These communities join others throughout the nation making similar proclamations.

The 2016 Presidential Proclamation indicates we all have a role to play in preventing sexual assault: "It's on parents and caregivers to teach their children to respect and value others. It's on teammates, classmates, and colleagues to recognize sexual misconduct and intervene to stop it. It's on all of us to work for the change we need to shift the attitudes and behaviors that allow sexual assault to go unnoticed, unreported, and unpunished. During National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, let us commit to being part of the solution and rededicate ourselves to creating a society where violence is not tolerated, survivors are supported, and all people are able to pursue their fullest measure of happiness without fear of abuse or assault."

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides support, advocacy and counseling services at no cost to survivors of sexual assault in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Last year the nonprofit organization provided direct services to 211 individuals affected by sexual assault, 52 of whom were age 17 or younger. "Many thanks to the cities of Charlevoix, Gaylord and the Village of Bellaire for proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month," said Chris Krajewski, WRCNM Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director. "Their actions help raise awareness of this issue which will ultimately lead to creating safer communities."

For more information or support, call the WRCNM's 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082, (800) 275-1995 or visit wrcnm.org.

Call to artists for SOBO Arts Festival competitions

The Arts will be celebrated in Boyne City, Michigan at the 7th annual Boyne City SOBO Arts Festival, June 24 and 25 in Sunset Park on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

"In the spirit of its original mission of encompassing all arts, this family friendly interactive art festival is about creating an experience through art. Stations will invite guests to interact in a variety of art forms in an engaging, entertaining and collaborative environment," stated Becky Harris, co-chair of the committee.

We invite artists of all skill and experience levels to become involved through participation in two different competitions. The Plein Air Paint-Out Competition will take place June 25, 2016 from

8 am to 3 pm. The artists will be inspired by the beauty of historic Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix. All work must be completed 100% 'en plein air' - outdoors and during the competition hours.

Artists will arrive with their own blank canvas to be stamped prior to beginning the competition.

The event will bring in art lovers and collectors, as well as those who want to participate in the community-centered event planned for downtown Boyne City. Judging will take place at 4:30 with a reception and exhibition planned for 5pm to celebrate the artists, announce the winners and award prizes. The public is invited to enjoy the paintings, all of which will be available for sale. First, second and third place cash

prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded in the open class and a first place prize of \$50 will be awarded in the student class.

New at this year's Festival is the Sidewalk Chalk-Out Competition. The artist palate will be the sidewalk surrounding Sunset Park downtown Boyne City along the shores of the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix. Artist of all ages and abilities - from the beginner to experienced chalk artist - are welcome. There will be an adult (16 years and older) and a junior division with an open theme. The contest will run from noon to 4 pm with winner announced at 4:30 with a reception and exhibition planned for 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the artists, announce the winners and award

prizes. Fee to participate is \$10 per square.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first second and third places for the adult division of \$200, \$100 and \$50, respectively, and first place cash prize of \$50 for the junior division. All awards are by Peoples' Choice. There is a free family doodle area, for those who wish to just come and play!

Cost to enter either competition is \$10. To pre-register (required) and get complete set of rules, go to www.soboartsfestival.com, call Becky Harris at 231-330-2704 or email mainstreet@boyncity.com. Please send the \$10 fee to SOBO Arts Festival, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or pay when you have your canvas stamped.

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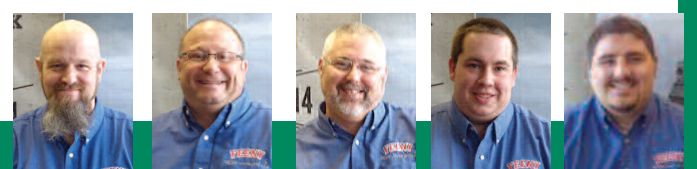


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