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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 19, 2016

## Crossroads resale shop to expand in East Jordan

By Krystal Johnson

**EAST JORDAN** - Tracey Johnson was sworn into the East Jordan City Commission at Tuesday's meeting, filling the recently vacated seat by Bob Kenney. The city also introduced the proposed 2016/17 fiscal year budget, passed a resolution of compensation for the city's EMS authority board representative, and heard from the audience regarding

the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop expansion.

When the Jordan Valley EMS Authority was formed, a board with equal representation of all townships and the city was created. The city appointed Commissioner John Doebeel to serve on the board as city representative.

Taking into account the time spent at monthly meetings, preparation, and the responsibility to report back

to the city, commissioners felt it appropriate to compensate commissioner Doebeel.

A resolution was passed in a five to one vote to compensate the city representative for attending the monthly board meetings at the same rate at which the city commission is paid, starting July 1. The compensation will be equal to \$30 per meeting. Doebeel abstained from the vote, while

commissioner Breakey opposed the resolution, and Commissioners Johnson, Penzien, Boyer, Timmons and Mayor Peck all voted in favor.

Active community member and volunteer, Mike Burr addressed the commission at the end of Tuesday's meeting, looking to spread the word and find support for the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop expansion project.

An integral part of the community, Crossroads is a nonprofit organization that was established in 2005.

Crossroads board members describe the organization as one that is, "working to meet the needs of families in the East Jordan community by providing clothing and household items (with) the majority of profits given to the Ministerial Association to distribute to families for heat, electricity,

rent, and medical bills, and to Care and Share to purchase food for their pantry."

In just over a decade, Crossroads has given \$211,675 as monetary gifts to the Ministerial Association, Care & Share food pantry, Christmas Toy Program, Vacation Bible School, and a Coffee House. They have also given a value of store merchandise to people

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# Funding complete for River Sculpture

By Michelle Medjesky

**BOYNE CITY** - Overwhelming community support-and an extra nudge from a special guy in Colorado have resulted in more than enough money being raised to pay for a life-size, bronze sculpture of a logger that will soon be a fixture along the shoreline at the mouth of the Boyne River in the heart of Boyne City.

The sculpture, titled "The Last Draw", is not only intended to reflect the city's genesis through the lumbering industry, but will also become a permanent feature in the city's Walkabout Sculpture Tour, an increasingly popular attraction here.

A crowdfunding campaign for the sculpture project was launched some months ago in an effort to raise \$25,000 in matching grant funds for that same amount from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan State Housing Authority.

Boyne City's Main Street executive director Lori Meeder said more than 500 people donated to the online crowdfunding campaign.

Numerous events were hosted locally as well to raise money for the sculpture, including the "Boyne Bee" adult spelling contest at Friggy's SOBO Pub and fundraisers at Cafe Sante, BC Pizza/BC Lanes, Boyne River Inn, Northern Table, a Girl Scout Penny Drive and bottle drive at Family Fare.

Significant contributions also came



This artist's rendering of the life-size, bronze sculpture of a working logger shows what it will look like once it's crafted and placed near the mouth of the Boyne River. The sculpture is being paid for through matching grants from two state agencies and a recent crowdfunding campaign that exceeded all expectations.

from the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, FO Barden Lumber, the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Freshwater Art Gallery, Pat O'Brien and Associates, Boyne City Hardware, Wildwood Rush Zipline, Boyne City Gazette, The Wood Shop and Lakeside Properties.

Meeder said as the fundraising campaign rolled into its final days and some dollars were still needed to meet the \$25,000 goal. She was humbled at how many people called to inquire about its progress.

"I had multitude people call to ask where we were at and how much we still needed-ready to make up the difference, so that we didn't jeopardize

the matching grant," Meeder said.

But of all the queries she received during the homestretch of the fundraising campaign, perhaps the most profound call came from a man named Bob White, who Meeder contacted her from his home in Colorado.

White told Meeder he had been following the fundraising campaign from afar and inquired about the campaign's "Lumber Baron" sponsor level, which is a \$2,500 donation that entitled his name being included on a plaque at near the "Last Draw" sculpture.

White made his "Lumber Baron" donation, which ultimately pushed the campaign to \$4,000 over its intended goal.

This man from Colorado by the last name "White" didn't necessarily resonate right away with Meeder, however, until further discussion revealed he was indeed the great-nephew of William H. White, the actual lumber baron first credited with bringing Boyne City to fruition through the lumbering industry.

Together with matching grant funds, White's and the many other donations now bring the total amount available for the project to \$54,000, with the leftover money being earmarked for permit fees, possible leftover project costs and to promote the city's Walkabout Sculpture Tour.

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## East Jordan man charged with Sexual assault and torture

By Michelle Medjesky

**CHARLEVOIX** - An East Jordan man is currently being held in Charlevoix County Jail and awaiting trial after

being charged with allegedly breaking into a woman's home and physically and sexually assaulting and torturing her for nearly two hours earlier this year.

Judge James N. Erhart Jr. in Charlevoix 90th District Court last week found probable cause to believe that Albert James Grams Jr., 38, of East Jordan, committed six counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct as well as torture, first degree home invasion, assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and interfering with electronic communications causing injury.

Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney Allen Telgenhof said in a press release the victim testified that the incident occurred during the early morning hours on February 5, 2016 when Grams allegedly entered her home and assaulted her physically and sexually for nearly two hours. She further testified that Grams threatened and berated her in that time and threw away her cellphone so she was unable to call 911.

Telgenhof said a female witness also testified that the victim had not wanted Grams in her home.

Since Grams has been previously convicted of three or more felonies, including a serious felony, Telgenhof said he faces a habitual offender enhancement which carries with it a mandatory 25-year-minimum sentence if he is convicted

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Albert James Grams Jr

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## OBITUARIES

### George August Cauvin, 88

(SEPT. 3, 1927 - APRIL 16, 2016)  
George A. Cauvin of Boyne City passed away Saturday, April 16, 2016 at his home.

Born in Detroit, MI. September 3, 1927. Graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit the summer of 1945. Two years of college at Lawrence Tech. and Henry Comm. College. Enlisted in the Army on Nov. 4, 1946 and served in the GHQ Section in Tokyo, Japan until his discharge on March 18, 1948. Upon returning to Detroit, he enrolled in a two year course at Electronics Institute in Detroit. While there, he joined the Naval Reserve at Belle Isle in order to obtain hands-on experience with the state-of-the art electronic equipment at the facility. The Korean War broke out and George was called into the Navy and served two years in Korea aboard a destroyer until his discharge on Sept. 26, 1952.

He hired in at Chrysler Engineering Center in Highland Park in Dec. 1952 and worked there as a detailer and minor layout in automotive body design until May of 1955.

George was interested in music and started with piano lessons at the age of seven and played classical music at recitals at the Musical Conservator and Grinnels in Detroit. Always enjoyed hunting with his sons and took several trips to Wyoming to hunt mule deer and antelope.

He is survived by his children Lynn (Ed) Strach,

David (Julie) Cauvin, Laurie (Mike) Carey and James Cauvin; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

George is preceded in death by Margaret Cauvin. Visitation will be 5:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday, April 20th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. A graveside service will military honors will be held 11:00 AM Thursday at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefunerahomeinc.com](http://www.stonefunerahomeinc.com).

### Virginia F. Williams, 84

(APRIL 11, 1932 - APRIL 17, 2016)

Virginia F. Williams passed away Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Georgia House in Charlevoix. She was born April 11, 1932, to Edward and Margaret (Geldhof) D'Hondt.

On January 19, 1952, Virginia married Charles L. Williams in Mount Clemens, and he preceded her in death on March 6, 2001.

Virginia enjoyed knitting and sewing, which she donated many of the blankets, booties and caps she knitted to maternity wards along with cancer pads to local hospitals. She retired from Utica Community Schools food service.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Margaret A. (Gary S.) Ramsey of Charlevoix; son, Charles E. (Christine) Williams of Macomb; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Susan (Eric) Clark and daughter Reese; Jill (Adam) Kline and children,

Tristen, Lillian, and Reagan; Diane (Mike) Krebs and children, Tyler, Brayden, Austin, and Katelyn; Brad (Beth) Ramsey and children, Merissa, Helena, Corbin, and Amelia; Amanda (Ray) Backers and children, Blake and Emily; sister, Sally Dupell. Virginia was preceded in death by her brother, Al D'Hondt.

Services will announced at a later date.

Inurnment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Mount Clemens

Memorial contributions may be made to Georgia House in Charlevoix, 5191 North M-66, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or to: Sarah Care, 13425 19 Mile Rd #500, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

### Robert Matthew Banville ("Bondo Bob"), 74

(FEB. 23, 1942 - APRIL 15, 2016)

Robert Matthew Banville "Bondo Bob", beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away Friday



morning April 15, 2016 at his home on Beaver Island.

Born February 23, 1942 in Elyria Ohio, Bob was full of life with a larger than life personality. "Can't do" was not part of his vocabulary. He was always curious and eager to experience life. Bob completed the 1000 mile Iditarod, rode a camel in Saudi Arabia, drove race cars, and served in the US Army in Ethiopia where some of his favorite stories came from. He was passionate about his faith, his family, hunting on Garden Island, fishing, boating, flying, cooking and eating, and most of all storytelling or talking! Bob had a huge presence in so many lives. It is a void that could never be filled.

Bob started his career as a flight instructor, then a pilot for FedEx. He also was a Captain for Piedmont Airlines. Next, Bob opened RMB Automotive Body Shop. He retired in 1996 and moved to Beaver Island to fulfill his dream of building a log home and opening Shanoule B & B. In 2000 he married Joan LaFreniere and became a part of a family who loved him dearly. Bob was the president of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, a member and usher at Holy Cross Parish, and served 10 years on the Board of Directors at the Beaver Island Community Center where he was instrumental in the reconstruction of the original façade of the building.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Robert Matthew Banville, sister Barbara Banville Acosta, mother Mary Louise (Bolly) Banville, and his beloved dogs Barney and Russell. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Joan LaFreniere of 16 years, son Ian (Holly) Becker, daughter Rachel Becker, grand children Rhiannon Becker and Broghan Becker, honorary grandchildren Nora and Hazel, sister Pat (Banville) Dick, nieces and nephews who were very special to him, countless friends that he loved spending time with, and his beloved cat, Bobbalou.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 23, 2016 at Holy Cross Catholic Church on his beloved Beaver Island. A vigil will be held at Holy Cross on Friday April 22, from 6 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Forest View Retirement Community or the Beaver Island Community Center.

### Donnale M. Rathjens (Smith), 78

(JUNE 4, 1937 - APRIL 12, 2016)

Donnale M. Rathjens, 78, of Charlevoix, passed away at home Tuesday, April 12, 2016. She was born June 4, 1937, in Jackson to Franklyn Webster and Velma Ethel (Miller) Smith.



Donna was a lifetime resident of Charlevoix. She attended the Christ Episcopal Church and received her confirmation there. She was a big history buff and enjoyed genealogy. Donna was a very independent person, so much so that she actually built her own house. She retired from American Mold (DME) in 2001.

On August 10, 1968, Donna married Frank E. Rathjens in Charlevoix and he survives her. She is also survived by her children, Louann (Ricardo) Arriaga of Whitehouse, Oh., Ronda (Rob) Peck of Lincoln Park, Louis "Ed" (Margaret) Mason of Atlanta, Ga., John (Bobbie) Rathjens of Traverse City; fourteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; siblings, Gary Smith (Joann Burnett), Stanley (Asondra) Smith of Romulus, Susie (Bob) Wise, Steven "Sonic" (Diane) Smith all of Charlevoix.

The funeral was held Friday, April 15, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Reverend Peggy Natterman officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, PO Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326; or the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

### Kenneth Lyle Rische, 67

(MAY 12, 1948 - APRIL 16, 2016)

Kenneth Lyle Rische of Atwood formerly of McLaughlin, South Dakota, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2016, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born at home May 12, 1948, in Campbell County, S.D. to Oscar and Minnie (Miller) Rische and grew up on a farm in McLaughlin. Ken attended South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D., where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He eventually went to work for Ford Motor Company in the Detroit area, retiring in 2003 to northern Michigan.

Ken enjoyed making furniture in his wood shop, helping friends and neighbors with his various handyman skills, watching sunsets over Lake Michigan, and most of all playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters, Shannon Rische of Cadillac, Mich, Kelly Rische and her husband, David Ziegler of Wayzata, Minn; grandchildren, Colin, Sadie and Eden; brothers, Richard (Mary Ellen) Rische of Redfield, S.D., Clyde (Patricia) Rische

of Belle Fourche S.D.; sister, Linda Schulz of Ruma, Ill. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, and his infant brother, Dale.

A Memorial Mass will be 11AM, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew A. Wigton will officiate. Inurnment will be at the Antrim City Cemetery in Banks Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

A special thank you to the nurses and aides at the Charlevoix Infusion Center and to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for their loving care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church for the addition of a seating and reflection area around the statue of Mary, which was designed by Ken.

### Kirk Kresin Wilson, 60

(MAY 8, 1955 - APRIL 11, 2016)

Kirk Kresin Wilson of Norwood died unexpectedly Monday, April 11, 2016, in Charlevoix.



He was born May 8, 1955, in Minneapolis, Minn. To Kenneth and Alice (Kresin) Wilson. Kirk served in the US Coast Guard from 1973 to 1977, aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Sundew stationed in Charlevoix. He worked for Irish Boat Shop in Charlevoix for twenty-seven years as a Master Marine Technician, retiring on October 30, 2015.

Kirk enjoyed northern Michigan and enjoyed living in Norwood. He was active in the Norwood Historical Society, loved spending time at the lake with his wife and their two canines Taz and Bud, camping, kayaking, and riding his Harley.

On August 23, 2014, he married Michele L. (Bateson) Bratcher and she survives. Kirk is survived by his stepsons, Nicolas and Chris Bratcher; brother, Eric (Iliana) Wilson; sister, Kathy (Neil) Sell; and his father, Kenneth Wilson. Also surviving are his sisters-in-law, Sherri (Mac) Cahill, Betty (Andy) Fritz; brothers-in-law, Roger (Kelly) Bateson, Scott (Frankie) Bateson.

A gathering of Kirk's family and friends is planned for this summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to WCMU Public Radio, <http://wcmu.org/support>; or to the Norwood Historical Society, P.O. Box 595, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

### Margaret Peggy Midener, 90

(SEPT. 14, 1925 - APRIL 9, 2016)

Margaret "Peggy" Midener, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Charlevoix.



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

Peggy Midener, of East Jordan, Michigan, died unexpectedly of a stroke on Saturday the 9th of April. She was ninety (or ninety and a half as she proudly pointed out). Born in Detroit on September 14th, 1925, Peggy was one of five daughters of Walter I McKenzie and Constance Loveday McKenzie (of the well-known Loveday family of

East Jordan).

Peggy attended Liggett School in Detroit and later majored in Art at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, before enrolling as a student at The Art School of The Society of Arts and Crafts (now C.C.S. - Center for Creative Studies) in Detroit in 1946, where she studied painting. At Arts and Crafts, Peggy met, and later married the German-born sculpting instructor, Walter Midener, in 1947. They lived in Detroit but spent summers and leisure time in East Jordan, at the Loveday family home, "The Elms", where they both developed a great love for the Jordan River and the beautiful surrounding Jordan Valley.

Peggy and Walter were a major part of the Detroit Arts Community, as well as being Art educators (Walter eventually became president of C.C.S.) in the Detroit area before moving to East Jordan permanently in 1978.

Peggy and Walter became a respected and beloved part of the Northern Michigan Arts Community, and were active members of both the Crooked Tree Arts Council and the Jordan River Arts Council for many years.

As well as being an incredibly gifted artist, both as a painter and later as a 3-D collage artist, Peggy was also an active civil rights campaigner in Detroit. After moving Up North, she served for many years on the East Jordan Watershed Council (Friends of the Jordan), the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, Tip of the Mitt Watershed, the East Jordan Garden Club, and other organizations until finally retiring in her eighties.

Peggy had a fiercely intelligent, creative and questing mind, and was a seeker of truth in all forms until the day she died. She was unstintingly generous with her time and knowledge, inspiring so many people, not only to develop their own creative skills, but to discover deeper meaning in their lives as well.

Peggy leaves behind one daughter, Wendy Froud and son-in-law, Brian Froud, both internationally known artists; a grandson, Toby Froud, third-generation artist; Toby's wife, Sarah; and three-year-old great-grandson, Sebastian; two sisters, Dorothy Urban and Nancy Keller; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was especially close to niece and nephew-in-law Julie Urban and Roger Lilak of East Jordan and Petoskey. Peggy leaves behind many, many beloved friends in the Northern Michigan area and also in England where Wendy and Brian live.

It is an incredibly difficult task to write about a woman who lived such a full, creative and generous life. Peggy was, perhaps above all, a gracious woman. She will be greatly missed by all of us who were touched by her spirit, courage and generosity.

Following Peggy's wishes, there will be a memorial celebrating her life later this summer in East Jordan.

In Peggy's memory donations may be made to the Jordan River Arts Council Building Fund, PO Box 1178, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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## BC Blaze Robotics qualifies for World FRC Championship

Boyne City High School BC Blaze Robotics has found themselves being invited to attend the FRC World Championship for the first time. This five-year team has had its best Michigan season yet and has qualified to participate in the 2016 FRC World Championship in St. Louis, MO.

This year's season began with a District Championship at Standish-Sterling during week 1 of the FRC FIRST in Michigan District. BC Blaze, Team 4377, was also awarded the Entrepreneurship Award and the Safety Award at this same event. Next stop was the LSSU event during week 5. BC

Blaze was a strong competitor, invited to play with the Alliance 8 Team and was awarded the Entrepreneurship Award and the Safety Award at this second event. The team qualified for the State Championship in Grand Rapids with their successes at the District events and was ranked 26 out of 411 teams in the state. BC Blaze competed at the Michigan State FRC Championship on April 14-16 and finished 55th out of the 102 teams.

FIRST Robotics provides for a number of experiences for the students that participate. BC Blaze students work with volunteer

mentors to assist them in learning about and promoting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics). BC Blaze students also learn about the business aspects of a program – marketing, sponsorship, promotion, financing.

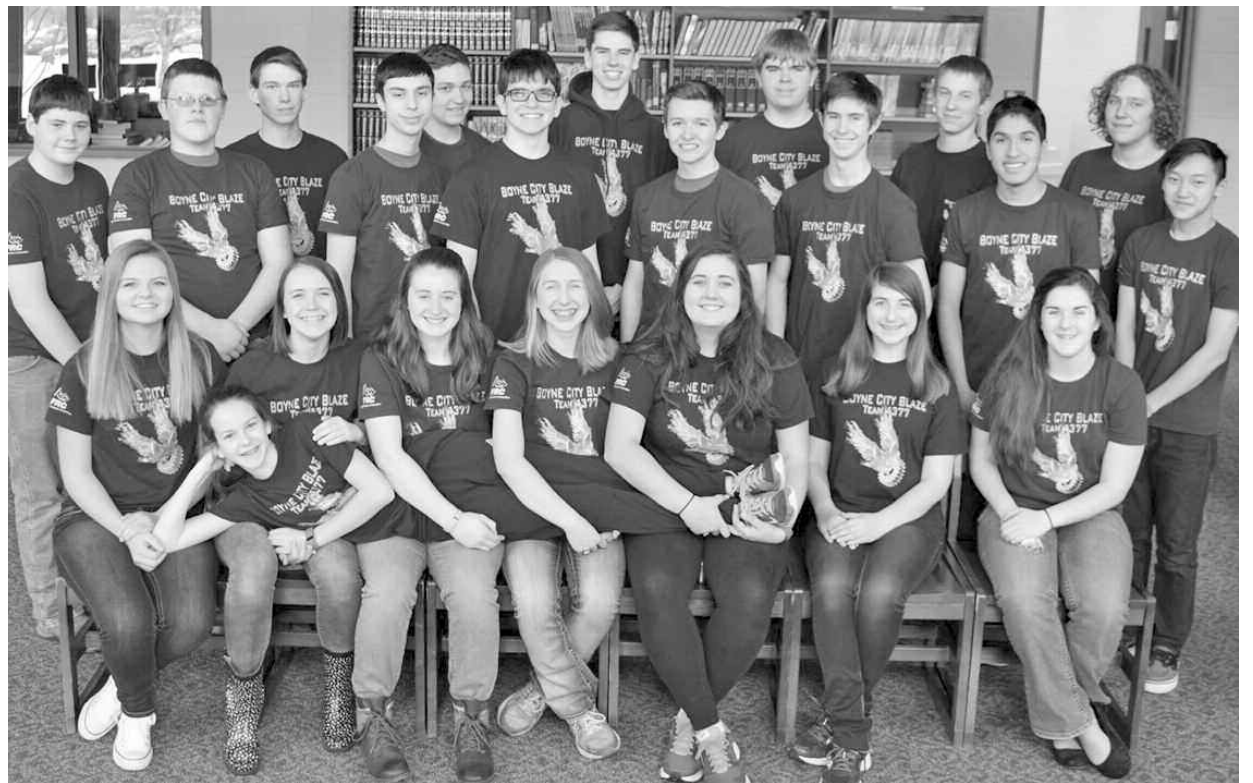
The success that BC Blaze has had in the Michigan District this season has now led to an invitation

to the 2016 FRC World Championship in St. Louis, MO. The World Championship is a four-day event hosting hundreds of teams from all across the United States and 27 other countries. The World Championship is an international event, and a terrific learning opportunity for the 22 student-member team.

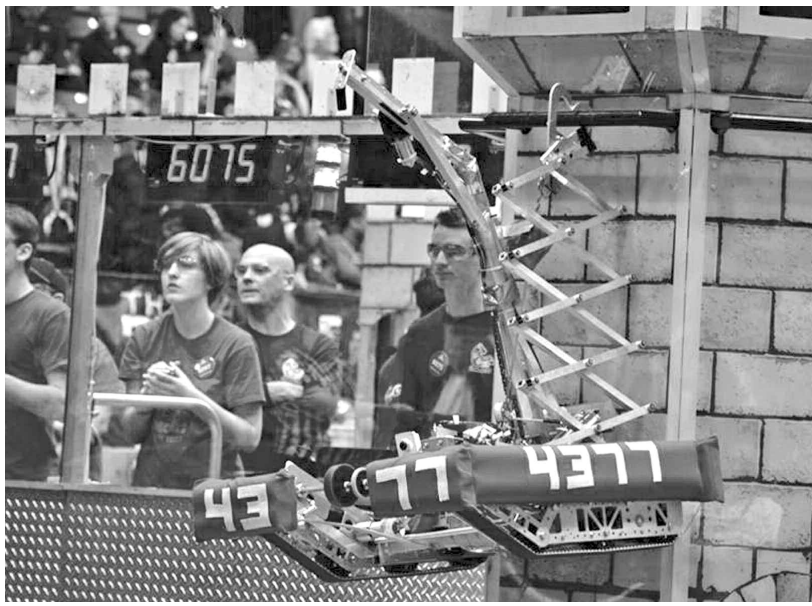
In order to attend, there are reg-

istration fees, travel and housing costs that the team is still in need of and fundraising efforts are underway. If you are interested in assisting the team in helping make this dream come true, you can contact Karen Jarema, BC Blaze Coach and HS Principal at 231.439.8100.

Boyne City High School BC Blaze Robotics has found themselves being invited to attend the FRC World Championship for the first time. COURTESY PHOTO



FRC Team 4377 Robot scales the tower. COURTESY PHOTO



### Scovie's Gourmet 2nd annual event exceeded expectations

It was a perfect evening to enjoy Dinner and a Movie and browse the Silent Auction items at the 2nd annual Scovie's Benefit held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Charlevoix. Vi Keller and the Scovie's staff raised over \$3,700 for Hospice of Northwest Michigan. This success could not have been done without the help, participation and donations of many in the community. The monies raised will be used to support patient care in our local communities.

The event started out early with the silent auction opening for bids at 9a the day of the event. Amy Wieland, Executive Director welcomed bidders and attendees before the three course gourmet meal and movie "Awakenings" started. Scovie's creative chefs once again found a way to incorporate the butterfly symbol, a symbol of transformation often used by Hospice organizations, in their dessert option. Guests and community were welcome to

continue the silent auction bidding process though out the evening's events.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan would like to thank all the individuals, local merchants and organization who made monetary donations, donations of time, and donations to the silent auction including those who came and participated in the fun. This annual event has grown since its inception last year and Scovie's has committed to another event the same time next year. "Events like this reinforce the concept that Hospice is about making life moments happen, it's about living each day fully and it's about the community taking care of each other" said Vi.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community based hospice, serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Call (800) 551-4140 toll-free for more information on hospice services, or to learn more about how you can help.

### Program offers parents assistance with "Journey through Special Education"

Parents of students with disabilities are invited to a special day of activities on Saturday, April 30, to help them "Find their Seat on the Journey through Special Education."

During the day, parents will participate in hands-on activities to help them build a support system, understand their role in engaging with their school and caregivers, and leave with tools to support the special education journey. The free event will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Library Conference Center on the North Central Michigan

College campus in Petoskey. Beverages, snacks and lunch is provided and parents are encouraged to reserve their seat by calling 231.582.8070 to register.

"Throughout the day, parents will learn how to unleash the potential they have to work with schools and obtain better outcomes for their student with a disability," said Diane Heinzelman, Director of Special Education with Char-Em ISD.

"Attendees will hear from other parents about the success they have had with getting the right people and resources in place to support

their child in school," she added.

One interactive session will allow parents to discover and explore nine big ideas for effective participation in the special education process. Parents will have the opportunity to contribute to the list based on their journey, and use the tools from this session in real life with their student.

Parents will also have a chance to talk to other parents of students with a disability, Heinzelman said.

For more information, contact Heinzelman at 231.547.9947 during regular business hours.

### SEX ASSAULT

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on each of the criminal sexual conduct charges and the torture and home invasion counts.

His prior convictions include domestic violence, second degree home invasion, disorderly person, attempted resisting and obstructing police and malicious destruction of property. He was discharged from parole in September, 2015.

The current charges against Grams furthermore carry discretionary consecutive sentences. If convicted on all eight charges, Telgenhof

said Grams could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

But as with all such criminal cases, Telgenhof is quick to note the caveat:

"The charges against Grams are mere allegations at this time and he is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial," Telgenhof stated.

Grams case will now move to the 33rd Circuit Court where a scheduling conference will be conducted at a date to be determined by Judge Roy C. Hayes III.

Grams is being held without bond and awaiting trial in Charlevoix County Jail.

### SCULPTURE

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Meeder said it was especially "fitting and special" for a descendent of Boyne City's lumbering forefather to be the one to put the fundraising campaign over the top when it came to placing a sculpture in tribute to the industry actu-

ally in the water.

Fundraising chair, Lindsay Regan, also played a pivotal and enthusiastic role in championing the sculpture's commission and funding, Meeder said, noting sadly that Regan passed away April 6 at age 59. But Regan knew they had reached their goal by then, Meeder said. "She was a champion for the project."

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## Buff Up Boyne is Saturday, May 7

After a long and cold winter it will soon be time to give Boyne City a shine! Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring clean-up, is Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual clean-up. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign-in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. All volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, shovels and



Volunteers are encouraged to join in the annual Buff Up Boyne community-wide spring clean-up event on Saturday, May 7. PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT MACKENZIE.

brooms.

Refreshments will be served in the morning and a barbecue lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009, or email [mainstreet@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).

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## National Infant Immunization Week

In the 1950's, nearly every child developed measles, and unfortunately, some even died from this serious disease. Yet many of today's practicing physicians have never seen a case of measles, due to the success of childhood vaccines. National Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. This year's campaign takes place April 16-23.

"Infants who don't receive recommended vaccines are vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases, which can be severe and life-threatening," said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Every dose of every vaccine is important to protect your child and others from infectious diseases."

Meyerson encourages parents and guardians to discuss their infant's vaccinations with their healthcare providers. It's also important for women who are pregnant to be up-to-date with their immunizations, in order to protect their infants and those around them.

Several important milestones already have been reached in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide. Vaccines have drasti-

cally reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the United States. Today's childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, pertussis (whooping cough), meningitis, and chickenpox. It's easy to think of these as ailments of the past, but they continue to be a threat today. Children in the U.S. can—and do—still contract some of these diseases.

One local example is the recent increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases. In 2014 and 2015, the Health Department saw a rise in pertussis cases within its jurisdiction: Antrim County had 8 reported cases, while Otsego had 6 and Charlevoix had 5 reports. Emmet County had 2 cases. Sixteen of these 21 cases were reported in children under the age of 15.

To learn more about immunizations or to schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121, or visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) for more information. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

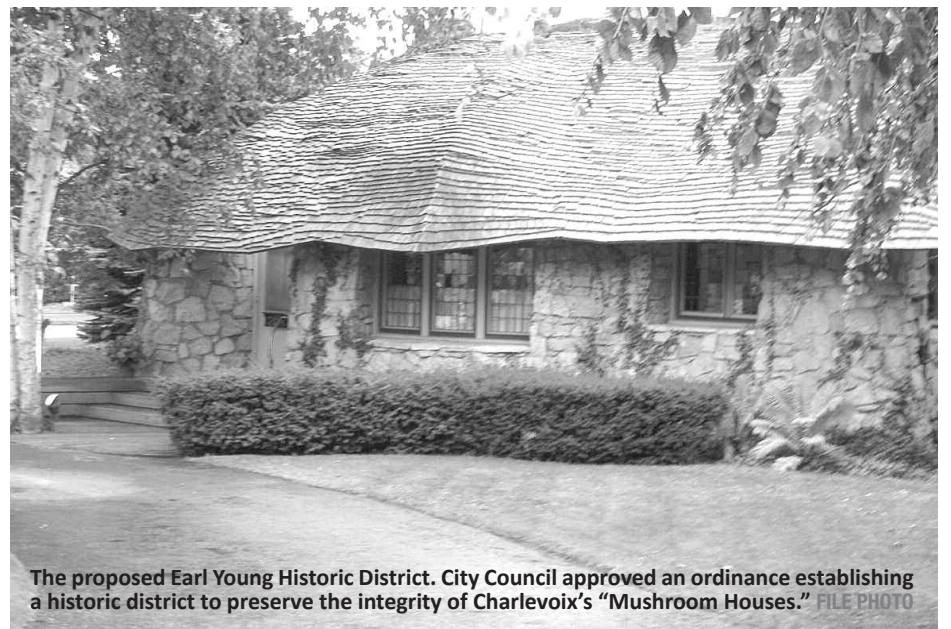
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 18, 2016

## Earl Young Historic district established in Charlevoix

Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - Discussion on how the City Council uses its time at meetings and a public hearing on the creation of a new historic district in the city were held at the April 18 Charlevoix City Council meeting.

At the April 4 meeting Council Member Luther Kurtz requested that discussion be held on the topic of how the agenda item Miscellaneous Business was intended to be used. He made the request after Council Member Bill Supernaw used the discussion timeslot to ask for a vote to stop the installation of a play set at Michigan Beach that has been in the planning stages for nearly a year and is very close to installation. Council Member Shirley Gibson opened discussion on the topic. "I think that agenda item has been abused by lots of councils," she said. She requested that the time be used to only make comments but that no major decisions take place. City Manager Mark Heydlauff gave the council a summary of how Traverse City, Boyne City, Petoskey and East Jordan use that portion of the meeting. "Generally it's used for recognizing employee achievements, asking questions of staff and asking for items to be included in future agendas but here it seems to take on a more wildcard status," he said. Gibson also questioned why the passing of resolutions and ordinances was placed further down on the agenda and not allowed right after discussion on is held. Heydlauff explained that he has not seen that anywhere else but the city policy dictated it. "Clearly changing some of the rules for efficiency is a good idea," commented Kurtz. The council asked the city manager and city attorney to draft something that follows the rules of procedures about amending the rules of procedures. A public hearing on whether to cre-



The proposed Earl Young Historic District. City Council approved an ordinance establishing a historic district to preserve the integrity of Charlevoix's "Mushroom Houses." FILE PHOTO

ate an ordinance that would establish 10 residential buildings as the Earl Young Historic District attracted 2 presenters. Interim City Planner Zach Panoff explained that all the homes listed in the district would become protected and must maintain the integrity of the Earl Young architectural style. "The district would govern the outside of the buildings. The homeowners would be free to redecorate the inside," he said. David Miles, the curator of the Harsha House Museum and a member of the Historic District Commission that has been meeting to establish the district since last October, stated that the houses have become imbedded in Charlevoix's identity. "Charlevoix has become known as the home of the mushroom houses," he said. The committee stated in their report to the commission that they believe the district will become another economic driver for the city. The district includes the block bounded by Park Avenue, Clinton Street and Grant Street as well as one lot across Clinton Street to the south.

Ordinance 778 amending the city code to include the houses as an historic district was approved.

Stand up paddleboard and kayak rentals were approved for Depot, Ferry and Michigan Beaches. Schulman Paddleworks will have rentals available near the white fence on the south end of Depot Beach. The rental stand will be open from 8a.m. to 5p.m. beginning June 1. Charlevoix Paddlesports, LLC will be setting up rental stands at Ferry and Michigan Beaches beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day until the last Saturday in September from 10a.m to 6p.m daily. Both two year contracts were approved.

Because of well pump issues that have been plaguing the Charlevoix Golf Club, a bid for \$26,000 was approved to complete upgrades. "Running the way we are is totally inefficient," said Thomas Heid, Director of Golf and Grounds.

The next city Council meeting is scheduled for May 2 at 7p.m.

## Trio arrested for stealing sugar maple trees from state land

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Three men have been arrested for their alleged involvement in cutting down valuable trees-some more than a century old- from state land and selling the timber for tens of thousands of dollars.

According to a press release from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, three men were arrested earlier this week on warrants issued by county prosecuting attorneys in Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties and accused of stealing large sugar maple trees from state forest land and selling the wood for

profit.

More than 100 sugar maple logs, measuring 10 to 12 feet long and having between 18 and 24 inch diameters, were found cut and stolen from public, state-managed lands in Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties, according to a press release from Lieutenant Jim Gorno, law enforcement supervisor at the DNR Operations Service Center in Gaylord.

Names of the three men accused in the timber theft had not been released before press time, pending their arraignment, however, they are reportedly in their mid-20s and each from either Charlevoix, Emmet or Cheboygan County.



FILE PHOTO

Gorno said while timber theft is not uncommon, the extent to which it was taken in this case is rare, espe-

cially since it appears the alleged thieves did not use big machinery to haul it out of the forest but instead used

chainsaws and manually rolled the logs onto trailers.

According to the press release, an investigation found the suspects sold the wood to different sawmills, with its value being placed at tens of thousands of dollars-and more sites where wood was stolen still being discovered.

This case is doubly disturbing, Gorno added, since many of the trees were giant maples that were easily 100 to 150 years-old.

Gorno said the DNR started investigating the large number of trees being cut down and removed from state forest land in November in response to citizen complaints and also observations by local DNR conservation officers.

He credited the public for paying attention to unusual occurrences they may see on state land and alerting officials.

"We couldn't do it without public involvement," he said.

"The suspects in this case will be facing either one year-misdemeanor or five-year-felony charges with more arrests also possible," Gorno said.

The DNR urges anyone with information about timber theft to call the Report All Poaching Hotline at: 1-800-292-7800 or contact Lt. Gorno at (989) 732-3541. Tipsters can remain anonymous and in some cases may be rewarded for information they provide.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### JERK OF ALL TRADES FURTHER ADVENTURES

To the Editor

JOAT RIDES AGAIN. This time we find him involved in electric repairs – sort of. It all seemed to revert back to an air conditioner in a window. Something didn't work and tenants couldn't tell me much. All electric had worked in that apartment prior to their moving in 3-3 1/2 years ago. My helper buddy Tim had stayed there for three months previous to that and all signs said Go. But either from that day or sometime later three receptacles and the overhead light with two 3-way switches didn't work. We had to replace a box with a 3-gang one previously, some drywall but that didn't fix the light or switches. I'd been in there a few times since to see if some simple replacement would suffice. No way, Jose, couldn't be simple. I'd tested a power reading from one 3-way switch previously but this time nothing from either switch or overhead lamp fixture, likewise three receptacles. Dead.

Okay, dead is dead regardless the reason why. Bad wire, mouse? Monkey business, iron works jiggling, who knows? The East Jordan Iron Works foundry two blocks away has been known to loosen wire and plumbing connections with its inexorable shaking and shimmying act in manufacturing cast iron parts, a little piece of 1883 style Industrial Revolution still right here on the lakeside. I had the idea to procure an extension cord with receptacle end cut off, wires bared, so we could plug it in nearby and wire nut it to what was previous the hot wire leading to three receptacles and two switches that governed an overhead light. Okay, that worked, power. POWER TO THE PEOPLE, BABY! Had to cut out a three by three foot section of wall on the outer hallway side to access all wiring but no problem there, drywall saw, hammer, broom, done deal. Okay, run a new piece of Romex from the nearby receptacle to the light switch box. We scrapped the double switch plan for a single pole to avoid the mysteries otherwise entailed with two switches. Ran a "jumper" black and white to the new switch, leaving the three receptacles live, that is not switched, installed the switch in the box, tested it dry run style and everything worked fine. Cut the

power again, hooked up the ground wire to the new switch, circuit breaker tripped OFF when switched back on. What the...?

So we disconnected the ground and stuffed it back in the box out of the way. A couple of attempts to turn the switch circuit back on succeeded and everything works. Something rotten in Denmark in those walls. But since tearing out multiple walls and ceiling wasn't in the program plan I figured I could live with that inconsistency. How and why the current got interfered with I'll probably never know. If it works, don't fix it. As to another little problem, that turned out to be a bad fixture socket, old appliance wore out. Okay. Now, if I had easy access to the apartment, which I don't normally, I'd check further into that ground wire mystery.

The rewiring of this old house (1890 or thereabouts) began in 1987 upon purchase, the original service being of the knob & tube type with a 60 amp current, typical in those early days. I replaced that old fuse box with a circuit breaker 100 amp service and since the house was still all lathe and plaster did much of the rewiring through the floor and ceiling route instead of in vertical walls. Most of that old mess is gone now but there was still some in that portion of wall. Unless you're doing a complete tear out renovation you have to Jerry-rig some things so you see why we left a few mysteries to the vagaries of time, as in IBGYBG – um, I'll Be Gone, You'll Be Gone. People are living there now and you can't tear up walls and ceilings unless prepared to make a mess, clean it up, giterdun. At my age and infirmity that's not much of an option anymore.

So the young couple with baby return for a brief while, first thing he asks is "Has someone been smoking in here?" No word of how the repair is going, no questions but smoke, which there was none from our presence. Okay, just a young jerk kid and I'm an old jerk, and they are kids, late twenties, kids having kids the way it's normally done. So I typed them a note with some coloring supplies for eventual kiddie use and left it for them, explaining what we couldn't quite explain but that it's working. Weird scene. O well, if it works don't fix it. What happened to some wire inside those walls, what that ground wire was all about, how this

all came about, air conditioner, what, I don't know. I had trouble with that overhead light long ago and traced it to a faulty receptacle in another room on the same breaker circuit but I can't see how that would affect the present outage. The congeries of wiring through these past 29 years defies logic so you have to go with intuition, well, like rigging a temporary extension tester like we did, tapping a nearby plug for power and so on. There have to remain mysteries here since this is an old haunted house with secrets galore. Must be a terrorist in those walls. Or a computer virus spammer scammer. There's somebody or something in that proverbial woodpile but I'm just letting he/she/it/them be for now. Take my advice, screw it down, don't screw it up. When you're working on old junk – and you yourself are starting to resemble old junk – you can't always fix everything but you can rig it to work. Sort of like me and all my doctors do. Old houses, old bodies, not much difference really. If they can patch me up I guess I can patch a wall and a light switch.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

### BRINGING BACK THE BLACK ROBED REGIMENT LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The book "Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment" (2013) examines the "patriot preachers" of the 18th Century who led their congregations to battle the abusive tyranny of the Redcoats, and on a Sunday in January of 1776, the Shenandoah Valley (Virginia) Pastor Peter Muhlenberg preached a sermon on Ecclesiastes 3 in which Solomon wrote that there is a time for peace and a time for war. Muhlenberg ended his sermon by saying that "now is a time for war."

Having said that, he cast his clerical gown aside revealing his Colonel's uniform of the Continental Army, strode down the aisle of the church, recruited the men of his congregation and with a Bible in one hand and a musket in the other, together, they went off to fight with Washington, right through to the final battle of Yorktown years later.

A large number of pastors went off to war with their men who would tell their pastor, we'll go if you lead us. The Founding Fathers explicitly believed that politics and religion had to be mixed. That "shot heard

round the world", that came from the pulpit, was fired in front of Jonas Clark's church on the Lexington green and during the battle, men went back and forth to the church to get ammo, because that's where their powder and ball were stored.

A 19th Century historian, James Adams, said "that freedom was not born a bastard. Freedom was birthed when the church and state were still married." To the extent that politics today are dirty, it's because Christians have too often removed themselves from participation and our preachers should teach about the biblical principles of liberty, government, and about all of life, so their congregants will have a template to use with politicians.

Failure to do so today has resulted in many Christians voting wrong. President James Garfield, who began his working life pastoring a church, and when the War Between the States started, he entered the ranks of the Northern Army as a General and stayed until the end. But serving in the military was not his final calling, as he served in Congress almost 20 years. As a Representative in 1877, Garfield wrote an article for the Atlantic Monthly where he emphasized the need for Christians to participate in politics: "Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption."

If the next centennial does not find us a great nation . . . it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces." A good warning from the Congressman who would become our 20th President – an encouragement to "Bring back the Black Robed Regiment!" Please make sure your pastor reads this letter about Preachers, Pulpits and Politics. Duty and Honor for God and Country.

Jerry Evans, Ellsworth

### PANAMA PAPERS

To the Editor,

WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW we now know for sure and even who but not all who participate. There are many names redacted and we'd like to know who and why. It's no surprise but it is an exposé of potential

far-reaching blowback. These financiers rely on secrecy to work their deals and being revealed casts a pall on their credibility. We'll probably see more than one suicide and a lot of early retirees.

Commentaries to this news story, while predictable, offer some insights, namely the cost to middle class America which has been the dupe of the money marketers for decades. So now we know that all that lost money made it to the America/Panama law firm named and the ever burgeoning bank accounts of the wealthy of our world. No surprise there, but now we know a lot more. They're not so clever. Anyone might've known that the internet divulges all secrets ultimately. It can't be stopped; it's just too tempting. Cross your heart and hope to lie.

New World Order, NAFTA, CAFTA, TPP et al, just scams to rob the middle to pay the rich. Most US Americans are apathetic to all this, learn to suck in their bellies and eat a little less, scrap that second home plan, fix the old car again, let the roof go another five years. But now that we know in newfound exposure, some details some might even get up a little umbrage through antagonists at who's been getting the money they lost. It appears to be true that Bernie Sanders has been addressing this issue for years whereas none other candidates have vocalized a huff or an intake of air at the principle of this worldwide scam. And again, the lack of US names tells more than it doesn't. Everyone anyone has suspected is on that list, we know it, they know it. See how they run. They're not that bright when one hacker can expose a world of corruption all laid out for anyone to read and transmit. So how come they pulled this wool over our eyes for so long?

It's the unraveling of secrets via internet in progress. Mankind has finally outsmarted itself and opened the channel to Big Brother in popular entertainment and business combined. As reports trickle in implications of more to come abound. Panamanian leaders affirm that they're looking into this (after 60-odd years) and will make banking more transparent. Some aver that the USA is just as big a shell game tax cheater as any offshore nation. In any case the cat's

out of the bag now after all these years of howling and scratching at the peripheries. It could lead to much more oversight – or much less. If that sounds oxymoronic, it's because of the discrepancy in how this is vetted – or not. Media seems not so inclined to line up for any particular investigative muckraking. Perhaps there's more there than meets the press agate print. With all the sensationalism generated there's precious little actual namedropping inherent thus far. It's safe to blame Putin and other dictators but media is caught in a dubious position if affiliations go beyond that. We must remember that the media gives us most of our information, not governments or banks, certainly not law firms, military or mercenary, so why are they back-peddling? If that's what they're doing.

The brouhaha might expose more devious dealings if the press feels inclined to pursue further and in fact allows itself to be scrutinized as well. Lack of full disclosure feels suspicious at this point. As always it's what is not included that roars loudest. Still, it could be the biggest and real first challenge to hidden banking in conscious memory. We all heard about this from Day One as kids bit nobody ever hinted at changing it. Not until now. With umpteen trillion dollars of hidden money at stake we're hinting at some real money. Realistically any amount above ten million for one person or one family group is quite enough to get by in this world without fidgeting over the bills. Nobody needs billions or even hundreds of millions. That's just paranoid greed. Well, if one is a dictator or business shyster it might behoove to pad your mattress to the max since you never know who or what's going to come gunning for you. There are limits nonetheless. As the old adage proves immemorably, you can't take it with you. The fallout, if reverberating, ought to prove fascinating. Forget economists' tomes and sound bites, this is nothing less than the economic state of the entire world under the microscope. Maybe. Public awareness has capabilities of enacting changes. They know this, which is why mergers of pharmaceuticals and others are on hold – for now. The plot sickens – uh, thickens.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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# News

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## Dead cat found spray painted and stabbed

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is asking the public for any information about a cat that was found apparently stabbed to death last week and covered in spray paint.

A press release from the sheriff's office stated deputies were dispatched to a vicinity of Jefferson Street at Wildwood Harbor Road in Evangeline Township at about 9 a.m. Friday, April 15.

Upon arrival, deputies found the deceased cat, covered in spray paint, and noted it had injuries con-

sistent with being injured by a sharp object.

The animal was taken to Lake Street Veterinary Clinic in Boyne City for examination where it was determined the tan and white cat was an adult male, approximately 2-3 years old. It was not wearing a collar and had no tags or microchip to identify its owner.

Sheriff Don Schneider is asking anyone with information about the incident to please contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at (231) 547-4461 or email at: schneiderd@charlevoix-county.org

## Cat Abuser trial is set



By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man has been scheduled to go to trial in June for allegedly abusing a cat and intimidating a witness in the incident last fall.

Charlevoix County deputies on October 23, 2015 arrested Paul Wicker, 40, of Boyne City, on a misdemeanor warrant for animal cruelty and a felony warrant for witness intimidation.

Wicker is now set to stand trial in June and is facing a maximum sentence of 93 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine for the animal cruelty charge and a maximum of 15 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine for witness intimidation.

The stray cat was found by passersby who initially thought the red color on its fur was due to blood from an injury.

An investigation later led Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney Allen Telgenhof to accuse Wicker of trapping the cat, spray-painting it bright red-orange and injuring its tail so badly it had to be amputated.

According to a press release issued last October by Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider, media coverage of the cat's abuse "generated a magnitude of citizens' response

The above photo was taken of the cat Paul Wicker of Boyne City is accused of spray painting and abusing so badly last fall that its tail had to be amputated. Wicker is set to stand trial for charges of animal cruelty and also for threatening a witness. The cat was taken to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society where he was named Murphy, given medical attention and groomed to remove the spray paint. Murphy was adopted into a loving, forever home once he recovered.



Paul Wicker, 40, of Boyne City, was arrested last October for abusing a cat and is looking at a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison for one of the charges leveled against him when he goes to trial in June.

to this heinous crime", which resulted in numerous tips that ultimately led to Wicker's arrest.

Wicker's intimidation charge stems from him being overheard threatening to kill a witness the day after she was interviewed by police about his involvement in the cat's abuse.

needs more financial backing, is \$500,000 and is hoped to be completed by April 2017.

Mayor Peck expressed appreciation for the project, as Crossroads helps to serve the 10.6% of East Jordan's population that lives below the Michigan poverty line, and the new building will help to beautify the city.

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop is located at 205 Water Street. Mail can be received at P.O. Box 937, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

## CROSSROADS EXPANSION

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within the community of over \$164K.

Crossroads is now looking to add more space to create a one-stop facility that also houses the offices of the East Jordan Ministerial Association and the Salvation Army Petoskey Corps. The new building would have enough room for large household products and furniture to be sold; these items are currently held at an off-site location. Property has already been purchased and cleared. The total estimate of the project, which

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Boyne City man sentenced for heroin possession

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A team of area drug enforcement agents used a GPS tracking device to keep a Boyne City man from continuing to bring heroin from downstate to Charlevoix County.

Stephan Drew Cahoon, 28, of Boyne City was recently sentenced in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court to serve 12 months in jail for posses-

sion of heroin, subject to enhancement as a subsequent drug conviction.

Cahoon pleaded guilty earlier as part of a plea agreement in exchange for dismissal of a charge of intent to deliver, said Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney Allen Telgenhof.

Telgenhof said a tip called into the Joint Operational Law Enforcement Team (JOLT) indicated Cahoon had been making trips

to Detroit to find and bring drugs back to Charlevoix County.

Acting on that information, Telgenhof said officers were able to obtain court permission to place a GPS tracking device on Cahoon's vehicle.

Using that device, they soon found evidence of him traveling to and from Detroit on two occasions.

According to court documents, on December, 7, 2015, JOLT officers stopped Ca-

hoo's vehicle and after searching it they found 6.5 grams of heroin hidden in the vehicle's windshield wiper solvent container.

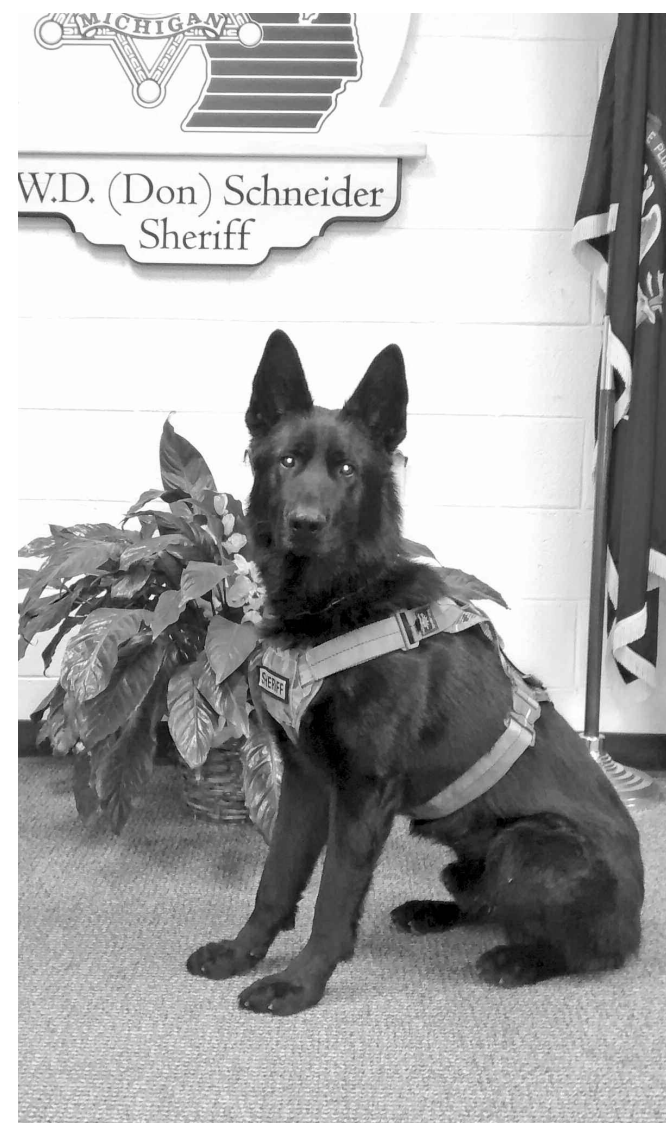
With sentencing guidelines recommending a minimum range of 2 to 17 months, Telgenhof said if Cahoon had been sentenced to prison, a term of 17 to 96 months would have also been within guideline range.

## Charlevoix County Sheriff K-9 Dog receives Body Armor

Sheriff Don Schneider of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that K9 Ezo will be receiving body armor from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and Armor Express.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office K9 Ezo will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and manufacturer Armor Express, as part of the incentive program for which one free vest is awarded for every 15 vests purchased by the charity. Vests were donated to K9s in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,800 protective vests, in 49 states including Alaska and Hawaii, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 1.6



million dollars. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in

the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligi-

ble to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050. Each vest has a value between \$1,795 - \$2,234, a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at

www.vik9s.org<http://www.vik9s.org/> or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

K9 Ezo is a 20 month old German shepherd from Slovakia. He was certified at Northern Michigan K9 in Clare, Michigan in October 2015 with his handler, Deputy/Detective Benjamin Speigl. Ezo is certified in article searches, attack, narcotics, and tracking.

Sheriff Schneider reports, "Ezo is doing a great job detecting illegal drugs. He is a tremendous asset for our Office in helping to further assist us in protecting the citizens of Charlevoix County. We thank Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and Armor Express for this generous donation and for helping to keep our K9 safe."

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

0719 Vehicle in the ditch on Fall Park Rd near Boyne Ave  
01425 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
1455 Attempted phone scam reported from E Michigan Av  
1525 Found wallet dropped off at PD  
1837 Found check turned in at the PD  
2310 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

0806 Abandoned vehicle reported in the cemetery  
1426 Vehicle unlock on W Main St. Child locked in car  
1740 Juvenile complaint in the 100 block of E Water St.  
1749 Disturbance in the 300 block of E Division St  
1814 Subject arrested in the 300 block of E division St.  
2241 Report of cat bite at the ER. Occurred in the 600 block of E Main St.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016

0310 Attempt Suicide in the 500 block of Boyne Ave  
1006 Assist EMS in the 300 block of S Lake St  
1056 Parking complaint on Groveland.  
1118 Assist Sheriff Dept with 911 check on M-75N. Civil issue.  
1335 Larceny of self-serve gasoline from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.  
1836 Assisted Sheriff Dept with DV in progress on M-75 N.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

0300 Assist Sheriff Dept at Boyne Mountain  
2156 Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

0025 Report of a suspicious vehicle driving back and forth on Wenonah St.  
0323 Report of an abandoned vehicle at Division and Front.  
0402 Lines down, arcing and sparking on Marshall Rd. just past Anderson Rd. Tree down blocking the entire road.

1042 Suspicious situation reported on Second St.  
1114 Assist citizen in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1212 Report of attempted IRS scam.  
1245 Landlord-tenant dispute on S Lake St  
1510 Civil stand by in the 600 block of N East.  
1601 Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of Harris St.  
1633 Civil Stand by in the 600 block of N. East St.  
1939 Lodged a dog at the Shelter.  
2009 Assist to the Sheriff Dept with putting down a sick raccoon.  
2302 Car Deer accident on State St.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

1452 Assist EMS in the 900 block of Wilson St.  
1517 Report of debit cards stolen from the 1000 block of Boyne Av.  
1800 Disturbance in the 200 block of S Lake St  
1825 Assisted Sheriff Dept with hit and run suspect vehicle that was coming into town.  
2106 A wall at the Lake St Square collapsed through the fence and in to the Lake St.  
2242 Landlord-tenant dispute in the 1000 block of S. Lake.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

0125 911 hang up from the 300 block of E Court again. All was secure.  
0330 Assist Sheriff Dept with an alarm on M-75 S  
0722 Report of a White and Tan dog RAL on Park St.  
0825 Landlord-tenant dispute in the 1000 block of S. Lake.  
2049 Assist the Sheriff Dept on M 75 S.

### MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

0735 Assist Sheriff Dept with accident on Boyne City Rd  
1110 Property damage accident at Front and Maple.  
1400 Civil dispute in the 1000 block of S Lake.  
1746 Civil stand by in the 700 block of Wenonah St.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

0650 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St.  
1431 Report of a juvenile smoking on Wenonah St.  
1524 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of N lake St.

1526 Citation issued for speed  
1841 Assist Fire Dept with sparking wires on Marshall Rd.  
1814 Private property damage accident in the Industrial Park  
2352 Assist Sheriff Dept with a traffic stop at State and Jefferson.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

0713 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park  
1516 Report of truck left in middle of E Court St near Lynn. No one around it. Owner located.  
1555 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of E Water St  
2133 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St  
2153 Report of a large golden dog running around the trailer park.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

0115 Suspicious activity reported in the 400 block of N East St.  
1343 Arrested subject on warrant in the 100 block of N East St. Found out subject had also shoplifted some items.  
1550 Subject at PD to report juvenile complaint on Harris St  
1732 Assisted citizen in the 400 block of N Park.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

1824 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of N Lake St.  
2216 Assist EMS near the senior center.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

0358 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park.  
1713 Assisted EMS in the 400 block of N Lake St.  
1737 911 hang up in the 800 block of Thompson St. All fine, kids playing with phone.  
1758 Dog running at large on State and East.  
1927 Unlock in the 600 block of E Main St.  
2335 Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

0039 Requested to back up East Jordan officer with a complaint of a vehicle that had crashed in to a garage and an assault in progress in East Jordan.  
1422 Suspicious situation in the 500 block of E Division St.  
1459 Wallet was found at Boyne Marathon. Was returned

to owner.

1827 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St. Arrested subject for OWI.

2144 Disturbance in the 700 block of Wenonah St.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF INCIDENT REPORT

### DECEASED/SPRAY PAINTED CAT FOUND.

On April 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a complaint of a deceased and spray painted cat on Jefferson St. near Wildwood Harbor Rd. in Evangeline Township.

Upon arrival to the scene, Deputies confirmed the cat was deceased and appeared to have several wounds consistent with a sharp object. The cat was immediately taken to Lake St. Veterinary Clinic in Boyne City for examination.

The owner of the cat is unknown at this time due to no collar or tags on the animal. Per the Veterinarian, the cat is male and approximately 2-3 years old. The color of the cat is tan and white. Sheriff Don Schneider is requesting that anybody with information contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office immediately at 231-547-4461 or email Sheriff Schneider at schneiderd@charlevoixcounty.org.

### SEMI TRUCK - GO CART ACCIDENT.

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 4:15 in the afternoon Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies, the East Jordan Fire Department, and East Jordan EMS responded to a Go Cart verse semi-truck on Rogers Road in South Arm Township.

Autumn Healy, age 16 from Boyne City, was driving the 2000 169cc Go Cart, when she accidentally cut across traffic and crossed the path of the semi-truck. John Bennett, age 54 of Kalkaska, was westbound on Rogers Road and was able to stop the semi, minimizing collision. He was driving a 2013 Peterbilt Semi.

The passenger in the Go Cart, Steven Spence age 17 from East Jordan, was treated on scene from minor injuries.

This incident is still under investigation.

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## BOYNE CITY CITY HALL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

April 21, 3:30pm. To be held in front of the existing City Hall.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX 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

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## EAST JORDAN EJ 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

April 22, 3:45-5pm, Charlevoix Library Community Room. Those who think puppet sows are for babies had better guess again. In a raucous comic romp, internationally acclaimed puppeteers riff on classic fairy tale characters. This is a show perfect for school age children, with plenty of humor for adults. 3:45pm snack, 4pm show. Free event for all ages.

## EAST JORDAN FULL MOON FEAST

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.

## EAST JORDAN BUILD A BENCH

April 23, 10am-3pm, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Build your very own simple, durable and comfortable bench to relax on and enjoy all summer long and for years to come. No woodworking experience necessary. Come for the morning session (10AM to 12:30PM) if you are interested in portable sawmill demonstration/ operation. In the afternoon session (12:00 to 3PM), we will build the actual benches with the dimensional lumber from the morning. You may attend only in the afternoon or all day. \$25-\$50 (sliding scale). Pre-registration required, space is limited. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to register or for more information.

## EAST JORDAN FATHER & SON BANQUET

April 23, 6pm, East Jordan High School cafeteria. 96th Annual East Jordan Father & Son Banquet sponsored by the East Jordan Rotary Club, co-sponsored by East Jordan Family Fare. The 2016 Father of the Year will be announced, as well as a fabulous program featuring Glen McCune. Never fear...the always popular Kentucky Style Derby Races will

once again take place. Adults \$10, Students \$5, preschool Free. Tickets are available from East Jordan Rotary Members, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information contact Gary W. Roberts 231-675-7859

## BOYNE CITY DEMONS, EXORCISM AND SATAN EXPLORED AT LIFETREE'

April 24, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Is the Devil Real: An Exorcist Tells All," features interviews with people who claim to have had encounters with demons, including a clergyman who has conducted many exorcisms—the removal of demonic spirits. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

## EAST JORDAN AMERICAN GIRL LUAU & TEA

April 24, 2-3:30pm, East Jordan High School cafeteria. Give away of two American girl dolls, Grace & Lea. & lots of door prizes, (must be present to win). First hour crafts & snacks, bring your camera, no teacup needed, girls must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 for girls and \$2 for adults. Any questions call or text Connie roberts 231-675-4332

## BOYNE CITY FRIENDS OF AVALANCHE MEETING

April 25, 6pm, Boyne District Library. Informal meeting about "Friends of Avalanche" group that is forming for the 300-acre Avalanche Park. For more information about the meeting, contact Susan Conklin at 231.675.0742 or email friendsofavalanche@gmail.com.

## BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

April 25, Noon-5:45pm. St. Matthew Catholic Church,

1303 Boyne Avenue. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

## BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 28, 5:30-7pm. Boyne City Municipal Airport. Networking event. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres.

## EAST JORDAN OFF THE CUFF

April 28, 4-5:30pm, The Zone. Join East Jordan's City, Chamber and School Leaders for an informal gathering to ask your questions and hear about current projects and events.

## CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

April 29, 8:30am-2:15pm. Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Rd.. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

## BOYNE CITY THE ACCIDENTALS IN CONCERT

April 29, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Call to reserve (231) 582-2588.

## BOYNE CITY ANNUAL FUN WALK FOR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE

April 30, Veteran's Memorial Park. North Country Community Mental Health is sponsoring its 5th Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance. 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. For further information or to register contact: Heather Smith at 231-347-9605 x3607 or hsmith@norcochm.org.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

May 12, Noon-5:45pm. Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

## BOYNE FALLS NLEA SCHMOOZAPALOOZA

May 19, 2-4pm, Boyne Mountain. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance annual event. Kicks off with networking and dessert followed by awards and presentations. Join other business, community and government leaders involved in the economic vitality of our area. Don't miss the exciting guests, live entertainment, rip-roaring giveaways, special awards, tasty treats, and prestigious recognitions. \$20 per person. For tickets call NLEA at (231) 582-6482. northernlakes.net.

## EAST JORDAN MEET THE FARMERS, MEET THE FOOD

May 28, 4-7:30pm, Bluestem Farm, 4218 M-32 (at Adams Road, 7 miles east of East Jordan). Farm tours from 4 to 5:30pm, screening of In Defense of Food, discussion panel and refreshments from 5:30 to 7:30pm. In this educational farm tour, the farmers of Bluestem Farm will teach you how to be a farm naturalist. All ages are welcome. This event, like farming, happens rain or shine, but there's a big barn for cover if the weather's not good. Please dress for the forecast and wear comfortable shoes you won't mind getting dirty. Parking is across M32, on the dirt road side of Adams Road (near the blue storage units). Donations are gladly accepted on behalf of Blue Plate Project, our farm's food outreach program.

## EAST JORDAN CELEBRITY DINNER TICKETS ON SALE

Only 100 tickets are available. Two seating times available - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM or 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. \$20 Adults - \$10 Children. 50% of each dinner and dessert will benefit the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets available at the Chamber Office - 100 Main Street, East Jordan, (231) 536-7351. Event will take place on May 16 at the Landing Restaurant from 5:30-8:30pm.

## EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Different performers presented through December. Admission is free-will donations, refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

## 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 30.

## 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 COUNTY Commission on Aging

"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."

### Area Happenings

#### 4/21, 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. www.hospicenwm.org

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.

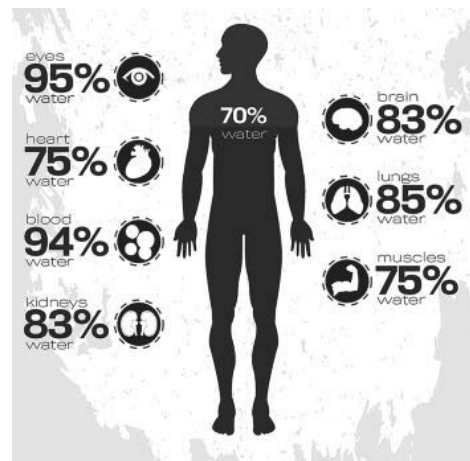
4/30, Saturday, 12pm - 10pm

#### 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.

## Did You Know...

- By the time you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated.
- "Adequate" water intake has a correlated reduction of a variety of diseases:
  - 45% reduction in colon cancer
  - 50% reduction in bladder cancer
  - 79% reduction in breast cancer
- Eight glasses is the minimum, and one half your body weight in ounces is a better guide for "adequate" hydration (for example, if you weigh 180 pounds, drink 90 ounces of water per day).
- Drinking cold water can speed up your metabolism and burn calories.
- Two glasses of water after you wake up helps activate your internal organs.
- Drinking water before breakfast, lunch and dinner will aid in digestion as well as weight loss.
- A glass of water before a bath/shower will help lower blood pressure.
- A glass of water before going to bed helps prevent strokes and heart attacks.
- A 5% drop in body fluids can cause a 30% reduction in energy. Rather than drink more water, many people turn to stimulants like caffeine and sugar to boost their energy, leading to a downward spiral. Caffeine and sugar are diuretics and cause your body to lose water, resulting in a further loss of energy and a dependency on artificial energy.



### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Wednesday, April 20</b> Foot Clinic (by Appt) 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	<b>Thursday, April 21</b> 10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Boyne Rehab Pres: "Active Aging" 11am Arthritis Exercise Pgm Wii Bowling	<b>Friday, April 22</b> BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Roger Hartson Raffle 12:30pm Ice Cream Social by The Brook Rummikub	<b>Monday, April 25</b> 10:30am Line Dancing Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	<b>Tuesday, April 26</b> 9-11am Veterans' Social Gathering & Lunch After 11am Jag-A-Longs Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	<b>Wednesday, April 27</b> 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Wednesday, April 20</b> 11:30am Music by Deepest Height 12:45pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, April 21</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am OJ Adkins Music 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahjong	<b>Friday, April 22</b> FOOT CLINIC 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Monday, April 25</b> 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, April 26</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class Turtle Creek Casino Trip	<b>Wednesday, April 27</b> 10am-1pm Veterans Services—John Hess 12:45pm Bingo
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Wednesday, April 20</b> GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs 1pm Cards	<b>Thursday, April 21</b> 10:30am Chair Exercise 11am KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class	<b>Friday, April 22</b> 11am Music Bingo/Raffle 50/50	<b>Monday, April 25</b> Exercise Room 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Chair Exercise	<b>Tuesday, April 26</b> 10am E.J. Story Time 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize	<b>Wednesday, April 27</b> GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

<b>Wednesday, April 20</b> CHICKEN CORDON BLEU	<b>Thursday, April 21</b> HAMBURGER w/BUN	<b>Friday, April 22</b> PORK CHOP	<b>Monday, April 25</b> BEEF PASTY	<b>Tuesday, April 26</b> GARLIC CHICKEN	<b>Wednesday, April 27</b> POLISH SAUSAGE
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# Earth Day is world's largest environmental event

On April 22, over one billion people in 192 countries will take action to protect our shared environment. All across the globe, in big cities to small villages and everything in-between, people are organizing, demanding climate action, cleaning up their local communities, meeting with their elected officials, planting trees, and teaching their children to protect our planet. The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement.

This year, in a rare and special event, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has invited every world leader to the United Nations to officially sign the Paris Climate Agreement reached this past December. It is no coincidence that the agreement is being opened for signatures on April 22nd, Earth Day.

"Earth Day is the largest, most recognizable face of the environmental movement," said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network. "Millions of people in dozens of different countries will become lifelong environmentalists this and every Earth Day. Hundreds of thousands will be children – our planet's fu-



The Earth as viewed from Apollo 17. The 45th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22nd. WIKIPEDIA PHOTO.

ture. They will join the more than 1 billion people who already use Earth Day to focus on the urgent need to stabilize and reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, fight climate change, act locally, become climate voters, and protect their children's futures." This year Earth Day Network is focusing on the urgent need to plant new trees and forests worldwide. Throughout the year, EDN sponsors and takes part in tree plantings across the US and worldwide. But this year we are raising the stakes. As we begin the

four-year count down to Earth Day's 50th anniversary in 2020, Earth Day Network is pledging to plant 7.8 billion trees worldwide – one for every person on Earth! That's incredibly ambitious, but we believe this down-payment must be made in order to combat climate change and keep our most vulnerable eco-systems from facing extinction.

"We have no higher priority this year than to make sure the United States, China, India, the EU, and all the largest CO2 emitters sign the Paris Agreement. EDN has launched a petition calling on world leaders – including President Obama – to show leadership. (You can sign the U.S. petition). We need to prove that what happened in Paris last December was not all talk. We need to take action. Signing the Paris Agreement this Earth Day at the United Nations is just the beginning," Rogers said. "That, coupled with our global activities, will make this the largest, most signifi-

cant Earth Day in years. And it's the perfect start in our countdown to Earth Day 2020, our 50th!"

Across the world, millions of schoolchildren and their teachers will take part in education, civic, and outdoor programs that will teach them about the importance of clean air and water, how to begin a lifelong practice of civic participation, and experience the wonders of nature. In almost every country on Earth, citizens will be making demands of their governments to take action to address the climate crises, starting with the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement on April 22nd, Earth Day.

This is Earth Day's legacy – the largest and most active citizen engagement campaign on Earth. To learn more about Earth Day 2016, Trees for the Earth, and how you can get involved, visit: <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/> To sign the petition go to <http://chn.ge/21bpCsi>

### YOU ARE INVITED:

To a Public Meeting hosted by Kirtland Community College  
Learn about training for future job opportunities with ARAUCO/North America, a new plant employing 250 people near Grayling.

Monday, April 25, 2016  
6:00 p.m., Otsego County Library

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