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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 27, 2016

County Commission distributes park funds to cities and townships

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX--Commissioners passed a resolution distributing the Parks Millage funds and held a lengthy discussion on a request made by Norwood Township for a loan at the April 27 County Commission meeting.

The newly instituted parks millage brought in \$297,000 its first year. Two-thirds of which (\$197,000) was distributed between the county parks. The way that the

remaining \$100,000 was to be distributed was approved at the meeting. The funds were set aside for the county's cities and townships to make application for to benefit their parks. A motion to approve the distribution of funds as recommended by the work committee who analyzed the requests weighted against a set of guidelines established for that purpose was approved. Peaine Township was granted \$10,000 to assist in the development of a water trail system around the entire island, the

Village of Boyne Falls was given \$10,000 to purchase new playground equipment for the village park, Boyne Valley Township was given \$10,000 to update their basketball court from the 1950's and reinstate skating rink capabilities, the City of Charlevoix was given \$10,000 for wayfinding signage that would be located at the primary beaches and recreational areas, as well as the Lake to Lake Trail, the City of East Jordan was given \$3,300 to purchase equipment necessary to create a Movies-in-the-

Park program and \$6,200 to pave around the concession stand y and restroom area at the Community Park making it more user and ADA friendly, Hayes Township was given \$3,488.46 to assist in purchasing 3 new handicap accessible picnic tables to be placed in the Hayes Township Park, formerly Camp Seagull, Bay Township was given \$10,000 towards the purchase of docks, Evangeline Township was granted \$10,000 to purchase a handicap accessible play set, Bay Township was granted \$2,886.00 to

extend their Lake St. road end dock another 20 feet, Wilson Township was granted \$10,000 to continue with the asphaltting of the Fall Park parking lot. The City of Boyne City requested \$25,000 to renovate and expand the Veterans Park Pavilion but only \$10,000 was approved by the commission as was recommended by the work group and the Parks Committee. There were 4 requests that didn't meet the parks fund criteria. The

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National Morel Mushroom Fest starts Wednesday in Boyne City

The 56th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival is set to kick off Wednesday May 11 with an open mic contest in Veteran's Park in downtown Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky

For many in northern Michigan, the "M" in "May" isn't just the first letter in the name of a month; it stands for the marvelous morel, as in mushroom. And if you're anywhere near Boyne City the first weekend after Mother's Day, you'll be able to find more than just morel mushrooms-you'll find an entire city hosting a five day-long festival to celebrate the elusive edible fungus.

The 56th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival is set to kick off Wednesday May 11 with an open mic contest in Veteran's Park in downtown Boyne City and will top off with an Outdoor Show on Sunday at nearby Sunset Park. In-between, there will be numerous family-friendly events, including carnival rides by Schmidt Amusements, a craft show, shopping contest and many chances to sample craft beers, wines and unique morel mushroom recipes created by chefs from area restaurants.

Local morel hunting expert Anthony Williams will be on hand at 4 p.m. Friday, May 13 to offer free tips on finding mushrooms in the woods and a guided tour are also scheduled for anyone who wants to hop on a bus and do just that.

The second annual Craft Block Party to be held downtown on Thursday evening is expected to prove even more popular at this year's festival, said Jim Baumann, executive director at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Baumann said there will be 22



At the National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City you'll be able to find more than just morel mushrooms-you'll find an entire city hosting a five day-long festival to celebrate the elusive edible fungus. COURTESY PHOTO

craft brew companies and two wineries at the block party, along with food trucks and samplings from local restaurants and live music by Detroit's Thornetta Davis Band. Cost to attend the block party is \$10 per person over 21 and includes two tastings and a Morel Block Party plastic beer mug. Admission is free for those under 21 who want to enjoy the music and foods offered.

What's believed to have started off nearly six decades ago with just some friends drinking at a local bar and bragging about who found the best morels has since morphed into an annual event that now brings thousands from across the country to Boyne City

each May to hunt for and salute the tasty fungal bumbershoots. Many also see the National Morel Festival as a harbinger of many other festivals that will be soon be ongoing throughout the summer in northern Michigan. Baumann said the festival's annual date in early May is perfectly timed for area businesses, especially after the long-and often slow-winter months.

"If we didn't have this festival, we'd be racking our brains, trying to come up with ways to bring people to town five or six weeks before summer starts," Baumann said, "All of our

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East Jordan City Commission meeting, May 3, 2016



A rendering of the new entryway sign to be placed on M-66 south of the East Jordan city limits. A second sign will be placed on M32. The signs were made possible through a grant from the Charlevoix county community foundation.

Welcome to East Jordan

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - City Administrator Tom Cannon announced the receipt of a \$23,500 grant for welcome signs, the city budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year was approved and discussion was held on the purchase of a street sweeper at the May 3 East Jordan City Commission meeting.

A matching grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for entryway/gateway signs into the city has been awarded. The 2 signs will be placed on M-32 across from the City Airport and at M-66 south of the City limits. "At this point, we are hoping for an installation by early June," said Cannon. "This will be a nice welcome mat for our community."

Before an ordinance was passed approving the next year's budget, Commissioner Paul Timmons expressed concern for line items that exceeded their balances. "We shouldn't have to budget that way," he said. "As much as I agree it would be nice if there were no line items that were over, at the end of the day we're ok," said Cannon. The budget was approved with Timmons voting against. A lengthy discussion

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record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAY 5	37°	66°	22° (1958)	86° (2000)
MAY 6	38°	66°	18° (1968)	86° (2000)
MAY 7	38°	66°	20° (1968)	87° (1986)
MAY 8	38°	67°	21° (1950)	84° (1965)
MAY 9	38°	67°	23° (1955)	90° (1993)
MAY 10	39°	68°	22° (1961)	90° (1993)
MAY 11	39°	68°	24° (2002)	85° (1992)
MAY 12	39°	68°	22° (1996)	87° (1992)

OBITUARIES

William "Bill" Robert Behling, 64

(MARCH 25, 1952 - APRIL 27, 2016)

On the early morning of April 27, William "Bill" Behling entered into the waiting arms of his Savior.

Bill was born March 25, 1952 in Petoskey, the son of Raymond and Eloise (Niver) Behling. He was a graduate of Boyne City High School in 1971. After graduation, Bill served in the United States Army from 1972-1977 then again from 1984-1988 and was honorably discharged. He was especially proud to serve his country. Bill worked at Lexamar in Boyne City, until a stroke forced his retirement and yet was the stage for which his character, attitude and determination to overcome was showcased as an example to all. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing and time with family and friends. He is best characterized by his loyal friendship and a spirit of service to friends, family and community. He was in-

council. He led the charge to have smelt on the menu.

Bill was most proud of his grandchildren and took great delight in following all of their activities whether it be hunting, fishing, or 4H.

Bill's family would like to thank all the staff of Grandvue for their faithful and excellent care of Bill. He held a special place in his heart for the night crew and rose early in the morning to greet and visit with them.

He is survived by his children, Raymond Joseph (Jasmine) Behling, Megan (Jeremy Hanna) Behling. Grandchildren, Kanden age 12, Gage age 9, Amira age 5 and Jodi age 2. Siblings; Reymond (Vickie) Behling, Carl (Karen) Howard, Rick (Diane) Behling, Rex (Maxine) Stark-Behling, Margaret Kenney, David (Dawn) Behling, Marianne (Bruce) Chellis, Laura (Jay) Peck, and sister cousin Gayle (Richard) Bouters.

He was preceded in death

Funeral service was held at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City on Saturday, April 30. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Charlevoix County 4H Council, 319 Lake St. Boyne City, MI 49712; and Grandvue Medical Care Facility 1728 S. Peninsula Rd, East Jordan, MI. 49727.

Online condolences may be shared at www.stonefuneralhome.com. Stackus Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kevin Allen Vallad, 52

(NOV. 27, 1963 - APRIL 29, 2016)



Kevin A. Vallad, father, brother, nephew, and friend, passed away on April 29, 2016, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on November 27, 1963, to Marion D. (Carmichael), of Boyne City, where he attended Boyne City Public Schools, graduating in 1983.

Kevin's greatest joy in life was being a father. On February 6, 2006, his youngest son Kory was born. Together, they formed a special relationship, as Kory was such an inspiration to his dad. He was Kevin's main focus in life. With his warm smile and such Godly wisdom for a young man of 10, Kory championed his dad in the fight of his cancer. Kevin also had two grown up sons, Kevin Jr., and his wife Angie, who made the long drive from Texas last year to spend time with him. He has a second son, Joshua, also from Texas.

Throughout this final journey, his brother Ron and sister Tammy spent many treasured moments with him; whether it was reminiscing about old times, or just being an encouragement. If there is one thing Kevin will always be remembered for, it's his enjoyment of fishing. He was a skilled fisherman that no one could match. His close friend Dennis Kenney was not only his fishing buddy, but a true friend. He and his wife Paula gave support to Kevin by providing meals or sometimes staying with him at night so he would not be alone. Kory's mother Carolyn and her husband Dale opened up their hearts and home to care for Kevin these last final days. They went beyond the definition of a Christian, being Christ like.

The gospel of John 14, Jesus tells his disciples just before his crucifixion, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe

also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." If Kevin could speak to you now, he would tell you to make your calling sure that is to make certain of your salvation. Why is that you may ask, because, there is no second chance after the grave.

Kevin is survived by his three sons, Kevin Jr., (Angie) of Texas, Joshua of Texas, and Kory of Boyne City, his brother Ron of Boyne City and sister Tammy Sowers of Lakes of the North; many aunts, uncles, and cousins and good friend Wilma Belleville and her family as well as his best friend Dennis and Paula Kenney and family. He was preceded in death by his mother Marion on January 5, 1999, his grandfather Ronald on March 7, 1990, grandmother June on May 15, 2007, and his Aunt Betty on March 7, 2001.

A memorial service will be held in the community room at Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park, 2:00 PM Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Mildred Fratrack (Ager), 98

(MARCH 31, 1918 - APRIL 29, 2016)



Mildred Fratrack of Charlevoix, Grandma Millie traveled up to the heavens to meet her Lord and Savior on Friday, April 29th.

Born Mildred Irene Ager, Easter Sunday, March 31, 1918, on Barnard Road in Charlevoix to William and Rose (Vosburg) Ager. She grew up and resided on Barnard most of her life, enjoying Sunday drives to see green pastures, deer, and appreciate the beauty of the Good Lord delights us with.

She married John J. Fratrack on April 30, 1938, and together they had four children. Mildred worked as a homemaker most of her life, cleaning cottages at The Chicago and Belvedere Clubs for many summers. She was a wonderful cook, making full course meals and spoiling her family with delicious cinnamon rolls and fried cakes (donuts). Summer gardens resulted in many hours of canning and freezing. God graced Millie with a green thumb, her African violets bloomed year round. She also grew beautiful flowers that often were displayed on the Re-

membrance Table in the church sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Mildred was a very special grandma and thankfully played a very instrumental role as caregiver in her granddaughter Rhonda's life. She spent many hours studying her bible with family and friends always in her prayers. She was a delightful letter writer and wrote and received many letters that she truly enjoyed over the years.

Mildred was proud of her relationship with Jesus Christ. She loved to praise the Lord in song, and strived to live her life as a Born Again Christian. She was a very generous person, willing to lend a helpful hand, always only a phone call away. She volunteered, baked and solicited pies for The Charlevoix Senior Center for many years. She also collected door to door for The American Cancer Society. She was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Women Group. Until last May, Mildred was at home, but after a fall resulting in a hip fracture and hospitalization, she resided at Grandvue in East Jordan.

Mildred is survived by her children, Ronald, Carol, and John Wayne (Nancy Ferguson) all of Charlevoix; her granddaughter, Rhonda (Glen Thorman) and great granddaughters, Mikayla, Marnie, and Maggie in East Jordan; granddaughter, Cathie Plummer and great-granddaughters, Savannah and Brooklyn of Goodrich, Mich.; her sister, Evelyn Burman of Illinois; sister-in-law, Pauline Fratrack of Albuquerque, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the wonderful caring nurses, CENA and support staff who helped in taking care of Millie over the last year. Your compassion and care was so greatly appreciated! May God Bless you all!

Funeral services will be held Wednesday May 4th at 11:00 am at The Barnard Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or to Barnard Methodist Church.

Kenneth Mark Featherly, 54

(FEB. 22, 1962 - APRIL 23, 2016)

Kenneth Mark Featherly of Charlevoix died April 23, 2016, at his home.

He was born February 22, 1962, in Petoskey to Gerald L. and Leona (Scott) Featherly, Jr. Ken graduated from Petoskey High School.

Ken became an auto mechanic and established Featherly's Auto and Truck Service and Repair in Bay Shore. He then moved his business to Charlevoix where he's managed it for 21 years.

Ken enjoyed boating, camping, and mud racing. He is survived by his daughters, Nicole (Kyle)

VanEvery of Petoskey, Sarah Featherly of Marquette, Becky Featherly of Boyne Falls, and Hannah Featherly of Wolverine; grandsons, Hunter, Camden, and Rylan; mother, Leona Featherly Affendikis of Petoskey; brother, Scott Featherly of Charlevoix; sister, Linda Featherly of Petoskey.

A private service is planned for Ken's family.

Charles "Chuck" Hawley, 67

(NOV. 20, 1948 - MAY 2, 2016)

Charles "Chuck" Hawley of East Jordan died on Monday, May 2, 2016, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on August 22, 1948, in Charlevoix, the son of Hugh and Marjorie May (Mayville) Hawley.

Chuck graduated from East Jordan High School in 1967. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

On June 30, 2012, he married Cathy Massingill Stark.

Chuck owned and operated Westside Automotive for many years.

He loved anything that goes fast. He enjoyed drag racing, tinkering and going fishing with Jacob.

Chuck was very proud to be a veteran and was very passionate for all aspects of the military. He was both a member of the Order of the Purple Heart and Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Stark of East Jordan; two sons, Brent (Kristi) Joseph Hawley of Flat Rock and Zach (Kori Danforth) Stark of East Jordan; one daughter, Jennifer (Joel) Oswald of Boyne City; four grandchildren, Jacob Coats, Kaitlyn Hawley, Khyler Stark and Kasen Stark; one sister, Lori (Dan) Antaya of East Jordan; two brothers, Dennis (Tina) Hawley of Midland and Darren Hawley of Lake Ann. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marjorie May Hawley on July 12, 2014, his father, Hugh Hawley on January 20, 2003 and two nephews, Dillon Christopher Antaya in 2016 and Luke Yonkee in January 2008.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. at the Light-house Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI. Sally Martin will officiate with a military service following.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the church. Memorials may be given to Cardiac Rehab Program at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix MI, 49720. Arrangements by the Penzies Funeral Homes, Inc., in East Jordan, MI 49727.

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MOREL FESTIVAL

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summer events and festivals are great, but people are naturally coming up north anyway in the summer. This gives us a nice jump start when we really need it."

To reserve a space for the guided mushroom hunt or more information about the National Morel Festival in Boyne City go to: bcmorelfestival.com

FOUR SIMPLE TIPS ON SAFELY FINDING MORELS

Finding morel mushrooms in northern Michigan can be tricky. Avid hunters tend to keep their "sweet spots" for abundant harvests a secret, one that's often passed down through generations. An inexperienced or just plain unlucky mushroom hunter, on the other hand, can wander the woods and fields for days without finding a single 'shroom. But once the elusive fungus is spotted, it's important to make sure it's a true morel mushroom and not a false morel, because mistaking mushrooms can make you sick, or worse.

Fortunately, it's fairly simple to determine if the morel you've found is morel is safe to eat by following just a few simple rules, these according to expert Michael Kuo on the mushroomhunter.com website (2001):

Rule Number One: When in doubt, throw it out!

If you are not 100 percent sure your mushroom is a morel, why would you even think about eating it?

Rule Number Two: If it ain't hollow, don't swallow! Morels are hollow. Slice open a black, yellow, or half-free morel and you will find only air (and bugs, if you haven't cleaned it), from top to bottom. Slice open a false morel, and you'll find mushroom flesh. Sometimes the flesh of a false morel is interspersed with air pockets, creating a "chambered effect," but there is flesh present. Consequently, false morels weigh more than morels. If you hear someone bragging about how much a morel weighed before he ate it, you are talking to an idiot.

Rule Number Three: If it's wavy, don't make it gravy! The caps of false morels are often wavy, rather than pitted. The pits on morels are not, on very close inspection, symmetrical, but they are very regular when compared to the lobed, wavy, brain-like structure of the false morel. Here, by the way, we encounter a problem with some of the common names for morels: "brain mushrooms" and "sponge mushrooms". Do not rely on what you picture from these common names! False morels are better described as "brain-like" than morels, and either kind of mushroom could conceivably be described as "sponge-like."

Rule Number Four: If it's reddish, you could be dead-ish! False morels frequently (though not always!) have reddish brown shades. I have seen yellow morels develop red stains, especially in age (the stain usually begins as a stripe on the stem and then grows), and when morels are growing under pine. So, this rule might eliminate some good-eating morels. But it is more likely to eliminate false morels. Don't rely on this rule (or any of the rules, for that matter) alone!

Charlevoix Circle of Arts Director honored

Ruth Willis, Charlevoix Circle of Arts Director of Performing Arts, is a lifetime summer resident of Charlevoix who has spent winter months in Pittsburgh. In 2006, the Pittsburgh City Council named December 10, "Ruth Willis Day" in recognition of her work in Theater Arts. Willis was the Founder and Artistic Director of Open Stage Theater in Pittsburgh, has won multiple awards for acting, directing and set design. Over the years, she has directed over 100 major productions in five metropolitan areas, including Houston, Phoenix, and Pittsburgh.

From an interview in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette in 2006, Ruth describes her journey, "must have begun in the womb," she says. Her memories don't go back quite that far, but they do go back to "my first casting director," her kindergarten teacher in Toledo, who chose her to play both the queen and the witch in a musical Snow White. She remembers how the dwarves chased her into the cloakroom "and I met my demise among the boots."

Ruth has been continuously active in all phases of theater since the age of 5.

She has served on four theater boards, as well as being honored with Pittsburgh's New Works Festival Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2013, Ruth introduced the Armchair Theatre Program to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, with programming that received rave reviews during their inaugural season including Edgar Lee Masters', Spoon River Anthology.

The first Armchair Theatre production cast stage and professional actor David Crawford in a performance of Poe's Last Night, held at Castle Farms. After that production, performances were moved to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street, where audiences enjoy play, prose and music under the direction of Ruth Willis from a cozy armchair, hence the name.

The goal of the Armchair Theatre is to increase your enjoyment and understanding of theatre arts. For those who delight in words written, spoken, acted and sung, the Armchair Theatre presents offerings to suite many moods. Selections are made to inspire thinking, feeling, laughing, seeing, hearing and speaking more intimately. The atmosphere is informal but presentations



"I love all aspects of theater -- it's my bliss," said Ruth Willis, Charlevoix Circle of Arts Director of Performing Arts, who was honored in 2006 by the Pittsburgh City Council who named December 10, "Ruth Willis Day" in recognition of her work in Theater Arts. COURTESY PHOTO

producer, teacher and mentor, as she develops Armchair Theatre. She brings us an opportunity that is usually only offered in urban areas."

The Armchair Theatre produces plays on Sundays throughout the year at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. On Friday May 13 from 4-7 pm and Sunday May 15 from 1-7 pm, open auditions for actors (age 13 and older) for the upcoming season will be held. All interested in acting, directing, performing as a musician, vocalist, dancer or helping with stage management, technical support, set-up, hospitality or promotion are encouraged to contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

On Sunday June 31st at 6 pm, the Armchair Theatre will present, "Under Milkwood" written by Dylan Thomas. Audiences will be transported by this melodious language of the people living in this small Welsh town, under the direction of Sandy Miles.

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street, one block off of Bridge Street, or call (231) 547-3554.

are often provocative and sophisticated.

Board member and active participant in the Armchair Theatre, Cindy Boss notes: "The Charlevoix Circle of Arts and our community can benefit from Ruth Willis' professional actor, director,

EJ Rotary announces 2016 Father of the Year

The East Jordan Rotary Club announces the 2016 Father of the Year, Chris Rogers. The award was presented by Rotary President Jack Poindexter at the 96th annual East Jordan Father-Son Banquet on Saturday April 23. The participants enjoyed a roast beef dinner with home made deserts and a birds of prey presentation by Glen McCune. The annual Rotary Derby horse races were enjoyed by all.

Chris is a veteran of the US

Air Force and is presently employed at EJ as a project engineer. He is very active in Scouting and is, or has been, a den leader for Bears and Webelos. In 2011 he became the committee chair for East Jordan Cub Scouts pack 17. He has been awarded the Councils Outstanding leadership award. He has completed a Bachelors Degree while working full time. East Jordan is proud to recognize Chris Rogers as 2016 Father of the Year!



Chris Rogers is the East Jordan Rotary Club 2016 Father of the Year, Chris Rogers. Shown here, left to right; Chris' mom: Bonnie Rodgers, Chris' son: Alex Kellogg, Chris Rodgers, Father of the Year, Chris' Dad: Leon Rodgers and Chris' wife: Heidi Rodgers. PHOTO BY TANNER MCCUNE

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Boyne City selected as Main Street Program demonstration site

The National Main Street Center, Inc., has announced that three Michigan towns will be participating as demonstration sites to implement its revamped approach to comprehensive community revitalization and preservation-based economic development: Boyne City, Grand Haven, and Saline. As a sponsoring partner, the Michigan Main Street program, will use the pilot to help integrate the new strategy-based approach into existing and future Main Street communities across the state.

Representatives from the Na-

tional Main Street Program will present their plans for the pilot program to the public on Wednesday, May 11 at 6pm at Boyne City Hall. Refreshments will be provided. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

"Michigan Main Street is a long-standing partner, and a model for successful community revitalization. As such, it will serve as an ideal place to test out our enhanced strategy and outcome-focused revitalization approach. Each of these towns has so much to offer, and we look forward to

partnering with the Michigan Main Street on this initiative," said Patrice Frey, President and CEO of the National Main Street Center. "Our updated methodology incorporates lessons we've learned in our decades of working with communities of all sizes and we are confident these pilot projects will demonstrate that our approach continues to be highly effective in breathing new life in our country's historic downtowns and commercial districts."

The three selected towns are top performers in Michigan's Main

Street program, recognized for success in energizing their local economies, empowering community residents, and celebrating their distinctive character and local history. Each community will receive technical assistance from national experts, host stakeholder meetings, and develop transformation strategies aimed at taking their downtowns to the next level.

Originally launched as a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1980, the National Main Street Center pio-

neered an incremental, volunteer-driven strategy to help flagging downtowns counteract booming suburban growth. This novel approach was in stark contrast to the urban renewal projects that were destroying commercial districts and neighborhoods all over the country. By tapping two important community resources, citizen participation and its older and historic buildings, the Main Street Approach has helped reinvigorate America's historic downtowns and commercial districts in cities and towns across the country.

Ellsworth students place 2nd in national competition

Awarded \$5,000 grant from H&R Block budget challenge

By Tina Sundelius

Ellsworth High School freshmen that participated in H and R Block's Budget Challenge came in second place nationwide with 852 schools and 17,485 students competing. The students were awarded a \$5,000 cash prize at a ceremony held at the school.

The H&R Block Budget Challenge, is a ten week simulation designed to teach students real-world money management skills like paying bills, managing expenses, saving money, and investing in retirement. The H and R Block team considers three skill areas to be the most important to learn and therefore use those areas to determine student's individual scores. These areas include the amount of money saved in their 401(k), paying bills on time, and displaying an understanding and practical application of financial concepts. Student's responsi-



Winners of the H and R Block Challenge, Ellsworth High School freshmen Joseph Sowers, Kevin Dickenson, Joshua Light, Alex Adams, Brianna Fisher, Richard Adams, Isaiah Romeyn, Amanda Terryberry, Samantha Miller, Ana Oviedo, Gabby Marley, and Gabby Glen were presented with a check for \$5,000 in the name of their school.

bilities also include managing credit card balances and emergency situations and giving the correct answers on quizzes and surveys.

Shelly VanWart, Office Manager of the Charlevoix H and R Block presented the students of Mrs. Terryberry's seminar class with a giant representation of the check. "Out of all 50 states, to have this tiny school in Ellsworth do so well, this is great," she said. "We are so proud and delighted to present you with this check."

Ellsworth came in less than 19 points behind the first place school and Freshman Alex Oviedo came in 58th individually just missing scholarships given to the top 24 students. "I took on the challenge so I could get a better understanding of how to manage my money," said Oviedo. "I'm pretty happy about how we did. For me some things were tough until I understood why I would make that choice."

Mrs. Terryberry will be presenting the challenge to her

classes again next year. She understands that they have to want to take on the challenge to be successful. "The goal really was for them to earn individual scholarships and we didn't quite make that but they are excited about it for next year and I expect to have even greater success," she said. The challenge is given twice a year in the spring and fall. The \$5,000 will go into an activity account for English and Social Studies teachers to use for curriculum materials.

Boyne City Schools Superintendent search down to five candidates

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne City Public School board is moving closer to finding a suitable candidate to hire for its district superintendent.

The board launched a search in March for a replacement for outgoing superintendent Peter Moss, who announced his retirement earlier this year. Moss has been the district's full-time superintendent since August, 2010, and is acting as interim superintendent until his replacement can be hired.

To orchestrate the search, the school board contracted with consultant Mark Eckhardt, regional president with the Michigan Leadership Institute. Eckhardt has been impressed with both the quantity and quality of applicants from across the country interested in the superintendent's job, Moss said. The board eventually narrowed a field of 41 qualified applicants down to five to meet for personal interviews that were held over a two day-long period last week.

The applicants interviewed included:

*Christopher Parker, current superintendent, K-12 principal and transportation director at Northport Public School, a small, rural school located at the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula.

*Monique Dean, current superintendent at Pellston Public Schools in northern Emmet County.

*Matthew Olson, director of the Center for Innovation at Lapeer Community Schools in Lapeer County, east of Flint.

*Louis Steigerwald, superintendent at Norway-Vulcan Area Schools in the Upper Peninsula's

Menominee County.

*Patrick Little, superintendent East Jackson Community Schools in Jackson County.

Moss said the school board is expected this week to narrow that list of five down to two candidates to call back for second interviews and then will schedule on-site visits to each of their home districts.

The board is expected to decide who will take the district's helm by early June. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality Room at the Boyne City Education Center, 321 S. Park Street.

BC Main Street hires Farmers Market Manager & Administrative Assistant

Effective May 1, Erica Tosch will join Boyne City's award-winning Main Street Program as administrative assistant and market manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market.

"We are so thrilled to have Erica join our team. She is a Boyne City resident with extensive experience and knowledge of the farmers market. She owned Neighborhood Bread Company and was a regular vendor in the market for several years," said Becky Harris, current market manager.

"Erica's background in owning a business, experience as a vendor at the market, and extensive knowledge in accounting, human resources, and office management make her an ideal candidate for our program," added Lori Meeder, Executive Director. Most recently, she worked as office administrator of F. O. Barden & Son Lumber.

Becky Harris is retiring as market manager and will work with Tosch throughout the month of May to ensure a smooth transition. The Farmers Market will begin the outdoor season on Saturday, May 7, in Veterans Park with market hours 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays mornings through Labor Day and 9 a.m. to noon for September and

October.

"Becky has taken the Boyne City Farmers Market to a new level," said Lucy Hartlove, Farmers Market Committee Chair. "Her passion, creativity, work ethic and discipline have been instrumental in making our Farmers Market the best in the North. We will miss her terribly but we know that she will remain very involved in the market at a different level. We are confident that Erica will take the reins and bring a new level of excitement and energy to the market. Having been a vendor in the past, she already has great relationships with many of the other vendors."

In addition to the Farmers Market, Tosch will be responsible for supporting Main Street events and volunteer initiatives. "We hope to have Erica begin to work with our promotions and design committees and get involved in the planning of some of our events including the Arts Festival, the Walkabout Sculpture Exhibit, and Stroll Through History, all slated for June," said Meeder.

For more information on the Boyne City Main Street Program and Farmers Market, contact Meeder at 231.582.9009 or mainstreet@boynecity.com.



Effective May 1, Erica Tosch will join Boyne City's award-winning Main Street Program as administrative assistant and market manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market. COURTESY PHOTO

Boyne City Main Street offices relocate

Boyne City Main Street offices will relocate to 214 Water Street on the second floor of the Odd Fellows Building effective May 1. The existing office location at 112 S. Park Street housed Boyne City Main Street for many years. Main Street Executive Director Lori Meeder noted that the building was recently purchased and will soon house the new Stiggs Brewing Company, which is slated to open this summer. The new office location will be next to Boyne City Hardware and Boyne Arts Collective in the heart of the downtown district. Contact information will remain the same - 231.582.9009 and mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Boyne City Main Street offers local façade grant program

The Boyne City Main Street Program is accepting applications from property owners for its Façade Improvement Grant Program.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage private investment through the rehabilitation and improvement of facades within the Boyne City Main Street District, to encourage good design and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Boyne City," said Main Street board chair Pat O'Brien.

"We have been very fortunate for many years utilizing State of Michigan façade grants, which have had an amazing impact on our community," said Main Street program manager Lori Meeder. "We will continue to work with property owners to secure these grants but our goal through this local program is to provide assistance for many smaller, yet very important, projects that may not qualify for state incentives."

The façade improvement program provides a matching grant of up to \$5,000 for façade improvements within the Main Street District. Individual grant amounts can be up to 50 percent of project cost. Recommendations for funding grant applications will be made by the Main Street Design Committee to the Main Street Board, which will make all final grant-funding decisions.

Information and applications for the Façade Improvement Grant Program are available by calling or emailing the Boyne City Main Street Office. The application deadline for this round of funding is May 27, 2016.

Adult grief Support Group

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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56th ANNUAL NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

- 5 p.m. to 12 Midnight – Open Mic Competition in Veterans Park Festival Tent – First place cash prize is \$500, second place \$250, third place \$150, fourth place \$75, fifth place \$25. Entry fee is \$25 by April 15 or \$35 after April 15. Entry form and details. Sponsor opportunities.

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

- 3 pm – Schmidt Amusements Carnival in Veterans Park
 - 4 to 8 pm – Craft Beer Block Party on South Lake Street in downtown Boyne City. Featuring 20 craft beer brewers, local restaurants, local food trucks and live music from the Thornetta Davis Band from Detroit. Admission is \$10 per person 21 and over and includes a souvenir Morel Block Party plastic beer glass and two tasting tickets. Additional tickets are only \$1 for a 3 oz. taste. Free admission to those under 21 who want to enjoy the live music and food vendors. Details at www.morelblockparty.com or call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222.

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

- 1-6 pm – Craft Show – Showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items.
 - 1-6 pm – M.O.R.E.L. Show “Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences & Living Show” in Sunset Park, corner of Water and

Lake Streets, adjacent to the Chamber of-
 - 3 pm – Schmidt Amusements Carnival
 - 4 pm – Morel Seminar – Free tips on finding morels in the woods, featuring local morel hunting expert Anthony Williams. Beer & wine available.
 - 5 pm – Guided Morel Hunt buses depart from Veterans Park, \$15; register online. You can also register in the festival tent from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday; cash only for late registration, no credit cards.
 - 5:30 & 8:00 pm – Morefest Wine & Dine gourmet event with two seatings at the Beach House Restaurant. Entertainment with singer/songwriter Nelson Olstrom. This event sells out every year, so register early! Details and online registration.
 - 8 p.m. – Entertainment in the Festival Tent with The Cookies, Michigan’s hottest new Motown/dance group. Admission is \$5.

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

- 7-10 am – Morel Breakfast at the VFW Post 3675 @ 1108 Boyne Avenue.
 - 8 am – “Run for Their Lives” Humane Society 5K run
 **Register in Sunset Park beginning at 7 am.
 - 8 am – National Mushroom Hunt
 **Register 8 – 9 am at 1315 Boyne Ave., the former Carter’s store parking lot. Buses leave at 9:00 am sharp. Winners an-

nounced at 3:30 pm in festival tent. Register in advance on Application & Rules Page, \$20 in advance, \$25 on Saturday.
 - 10-6 pm – Craft Show showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items.

10 – 6 pm – M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show, Sunset Park, corner of Water and Lake Streets adjacent to the Chamber office.
 - 11 am – 5 pm – Morel Pole Mushroom hunters can hang their morels on Mushroom Pole for prizes! Awards for largest mushroom, best dressed mushroom, best of show mushroom and longest distance traveled to pick your mushroom. Located at Country Now & Then, 211 Water Street.

Awards at 5:30 pm Sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.
 - 11 am – Schmidt Amusements Carnival
 - 12 – 3 pm – Taste of Morels, Our Premiere Event! Area restaurants & chefs provide morel-infused delicacies! Beer & wine available. Participants as of press time:

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- Big E’s Smoke Shack
- Boyne Mountain – 40 Acres Tavern
- Boyne Mountain – Everett’s
- Boyne Mountain – The Beach House
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Porter Creek Fish House
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 Lake Street Market
 Bridge Street Tap Room

- 4 pm – Great Morel Giveaway. Register ahead of time at downtown stores to win morels and/or gift certificates.
 - 8:30 pm – Live music and dancing in the tent with Northern Michigan’s favorite rock band, Scarkasm. This band took first place in one of Michigan’s largest battle of the bands in 2015 and has just released their second CD. Admission is \$5 at the door. Beer & wine available.

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

- 11 – 4 pm – Craft Show showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items. Veterans Park
 - 11 – 6 pm – M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show in Sunset Park, corner of Lake and Water Streets adjacent to Chamber office.
 - 12 noon – Schmidt Amusements Carnival
 - 1-4 pm Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders sponsor Live Music, Auction & Food. All proceeds to local families.

ALL WEEKEND . . .Shop the “Morel Festival Store” open from 10 – 5 pm at the tent for all your morel gear (T-shirts, hats, etc.)

Community Foundation announces Spring Grant Awards

The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved \$242,520 in grants during their March 2016 grant cycle, including 40 awards.

“Highlights include spring construction and capital campaign projects, summer camp programs, and community improvement projects. In addition there will be a generous supply of food going to pantries and medical assistance for our neighbors in need because of these recent grant awards,” said Maureen Radke, Program Officer with the foundation.

The awards include more than \$27,000 in grants supporting projects that enhance the beautiful natural resources of Charlevoix County, an amount that includes a grant supporting the Little Traverse Conservancy’s “BioBlitz” program, which will celebrate and explore the biodiversity of the Susan Creek Nature Preserve, and a grant to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in support of their Stover Creek Restoration and Protection project.

The grant awards also included \$26,760 in funding for 9 projects that

will impact Charlevoix County youth in a positive way. The grants were recommended by the foundation’s Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

“The YAC members discuss each proposal, and make educated decisions about the merit of each proposal,” said Mishelle Shooks, who coordinates the Youth Advisory Committee on the foundation’s behalf. “The YAC’ers do a fantastic job communicating with each other and listening to everyone’s perspective, while working together as a team. The process is so impressive, especially considering these teenagers come from five different schools around Charlevoix County.”

In addition to grants to benefit youth, the recent grants support programs in the arts; education; community development; the environment; human services; health and wellness; recreation and more.

“Area nonprofit agencies provide us with information on local issues and needs and we’re able to connect them with donors that want to give back. That’s the beauty of the community foundation grantmaking process at

work,” Radke added.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grant-making, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County’s residents—now and in the future.

Since it was founded in 1992, the community foundation’s net assets have grown to \$29.6 million. The foundation has also awarded more than \$19.7 million in grants and scholarships, enhancing and enriching the quality of life in Charlevoix County.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Monday, October 3, 2016. For a complete list of the recent grant awards, visit the foundation’s website at www.c3f.org and click on “What’s New,” then “Recent Grants.”

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Candidate Lon Johnson to attend Democratic Party fundraiser

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold a beer tasting fundraising event on Sunday May 15 from 4 to 6pm at the Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company. The Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company is located at 111 Bridge Park Drive on scenic Round Lake in Charlevoix. A minimum donation of \$25 will purchase a ticket to buy one pint of beer or five beer tastings. The Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company will serve hors d'oeuvres. Donations from the event will be

used to pay rent, utilities and related expenses for the Charlevoix County Democratic Party campaign headquarters for the November 8, 2016 election. Seating is limited. RSVP by May 10 to reserve your seat and purchase tickets. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411. Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company is a craft brewery that was founded in 2015 and is the second venture of the Round Lake Group LLC. The brewery has a five-bar-

rel PsychoBrew system, which allows the Brewery to produce their flagship beers as well as seasonal and experimental brews. The brewery also serves a selection of wine and spirits. The special guest will be Lon Johnson, Democratic candidate for Michigan's First Congressional District and former



Lon Johnson

Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. For more than 20 years, Johnson has been a leader in the Democratic Party. He has served in critical strategic roles for political campaigns and committees, advocacy organizations and businesses. In 2012, Johnson ran for the Michigan State House of

Representatives in the 103rd District, and received more than 47% of the vote in an overwhelmingly Republican district. Johnson served as Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party from 2013 to July 2015 when he stepped down to run for Congress in Michigan's First Congressional District. Johnson currently lives in Kalkaska County with his wife, Julianna Smoot, who served as Deputy Campaign Manager for President Obama's re-election campaign in 2012.

More charges against Cat Abuser

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man accused of animal cruelty and witness intimidation will now face another felony charge in the case against him. Charlevoix County sheriff's deputies last October arrested 40-year-old Paul Wicker of Boyne City amid charges that he trapped an abandoned cat, spray painted it bright orange and abused it so badly its tail later had to be amputated.

Wicker was also later charged with threatening the life of a female witness in the case. He was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty for the alleged cat abuse, which carries a maximum 93 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine along with community service and a felony charge for witness intimidation, an offense that could result in a maximum 25 years in prison and/or \$25,000 fine if convicted.

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office recently upped the ante against Wicker and is also charging him with animal torture, a four-year-felony. A pre-trial conference to discuss Wicker's witness intimidation case is set for May 10 in Charlevoix County 90th District Court.

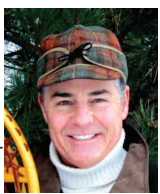
A two-day jury trial for Wicker has been scheduled begin on June 7. While awaiting trial, Wicker is out on \$2,000 bond for the animal cruelty charge and \$50,000 bond for the witness intimidation charge.

The cat Wicker allegedly tortured received medical attention and rehabilitation through the Charlevoix Area Humane Society and has since been adopted into its "forever home."

Northern Michigan Outdoors

Kid's Going Green

By Patrick Bevier



PATRICK W. C. BEVIER

As an educator and naturalist I am truly encouraged by the level of environmental awareness our children are assimilating. Here are some examples of activities that can increase student environmental stewardship:

Earth Day Endeavors: Many local schools and organizations hosted myriad Earth Week / Earth Day activities recently. These included heightened recycling efforts, trash pick-ups, planting trees, creating a giving garden, removal of invasive species, nature hikes, and waste free lunches. At my school in Petoskey, Sheridan Elementary, we used biodegradable corn starch trays at lunch, weighed our lunchroom

garbage all week and had 37 fewer pounds on our Earth Day waste-free Friday! The students also picked up litter on our campus and that of North Central Michigan College. BRAVO to all participating schools for their continued efforts to take care of Mother Earth!

Green School's a Great Program: Speaking of youngsters going, "green," the Michigan Green Schools Award program is a great way to focus that youthful energy on environmental endeavors. Schools simply have to document in words and photos all the ways they are helping to protect the environment. The application is straightforward and the entire community celebrates when your school meets the requirements for a green schools flag and certificate. Deadline is early spring each year. Visit michigangreenschools.us for details on how to get your school involved.

Kids being, "the BOSS": I just received information regarding an exciting opportunity for getting kids outdoors in the Great Lakes State. It's the Becoming Outdoors Smart in Summer (BOSS) program. BOSS is in its third year and has received rave reviews from children, parents, and educators. The program involves 4th-6th grade children, and their families, working together to learn important nature observation and survey skills. Families joining will receive a 75-page guidebook and participate for free if a regional sponsorship is available (for example the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation is sponsoring the first 100 students to sign up). If local sponsorships are not available the cost is \$25.00 per child. A summary of the BOSS program and a sample education unit can be viewed at www.miwildlife.org. Registration runs through June 3.

Annual Au Sable Clean-Up: It may be several menders down the stream but the annual Au Sable clean-up will be here before you know it. The event takes



Petoskey 1st graders, Elise Tebeau and Elsie McGuiness, plant a white pine seedling during Earth Week. The trees were provided to schools by the good folks at the Emmet Conservation District

place the Saturday after Labor Day at two sites- Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling and Comins Flats in Mio. It's hosted by the Anglers of the Au Sable (AotA) organization and the former Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association (ASBWPA). Members of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club and Sierra Club join in. I

take my children to participate every year and it is extremely gratifying for all involved. Both locations sponsor raffles for great fly fishing oriented prizes and a delicious cookout for volunteers. Go to ausableanglers.org for more details and to register for a beat.

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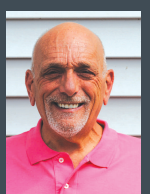
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Charlevoix City Council meeting, May 2, 2016

WELCOME

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on the need for a \$211,850 street sweeper ended with a motion by Timmons to have the City Administrator and Treasurer investigate a loan with the same payments for the first 2 years as the 10 year loan presented at the meeting but not to exceed 7 years. The motion was a compromise between city staff who presented a 10 year loan at 2% interest with an option to pay it off early and Timmons who was against a loan that could potentially outlive the life of the equipment. "We either do a perpetual street sweeper payment or we come up with another plan," said Timmons. The city is currently making loan payments on three other pieces of DPW equipment. They projected that the sweeper could bring in revenues of \$21,600 per year. DPW Superintendent Troy Thomas spoke at the meeting explaining the necessity for the sweeper. "It's definitely a good piece of equipment, it'll help us out quite a bit," he said. In order for the city to remain within the budget the payments must remain low for the next 2 years and some of the sweeper's parts are known to need repair after 2,000 hours which Thomas estimated would be on the machine at around 7 years. Timmons motion reflected that information. No further action was taken.

The next East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for May 17 at 7p.m.

COUNTY FUNDS

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work group used a point system when evaluating the requests and adhered to guidelines that included specifics like: The money would not go for operations, maintenance or land purchases. "That's 19 additional recreational opportunities that didn't exist in this county 8 months ago," said Parks Committee member Kevin Shepherd.

Discussion on a topic that representatives from Norwood Township, one of the county's poorest townships, brought to the Board of Commissioners at the April personnel meeting was kicked off by County Commission Chairman Joel Evans. Norwood requested a loan from the county to aid them in repairing 5 roads. Evans noted that if they were to extend a loan to the township they would have to charge interest. "I live in South Arm Township, I don't want my township to pay interest," he said. He stated that he believed a roads millage was the way to raise the funds. "We don't want to turn anyone flat down but we have other priorities we have to look at," he said. Commissioner Chris Christensen stated that he didn't think it was a bad plan for the township whose tax base is low but that until other unfunded liabilities are taken care of he wouldn't be in favor of the loan. "I'm not opposed to creating a plan or floating account that would provide loans to townships in the future," he said. It was noted at the meeting that it would take the township several decades to raise the needed funds via a millage alone. Other commissioners agreed with the possibility of creating some sort of plan for townships with lesser populations and lower valued properties once county responsibilities were attended to but only if the township constituency voted to pay the money back. "As of right now I don't think there's any reason to make a decision on this anytime soon, I think every township should have a 2 mil road millage going," said Evans.

The next County Commission meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 9:30 in the Commissioner's Room at the county court house.

It is time to pass the baton in Charlevoix

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - Mayor Gabe Campbell opened the May 2 City Council meeting by reading a proclamation of congratulations for the Charlevoix City Band. During the meeting a resolution establishing a pilot policy on food trucks in the city was passed.

In a proclamation to the Charlevoix City Band, Mayor Campbell expressed appreciation for the talent and dedication of the band, clarified that they would be performing another summer at the bandshell in East Park and congratulated them on receiving the

Sudler Silber Scroll Historic Award. Given in recognition and honor to community bands that demonstrate high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years, and who have played a significant role in the cultural and musical environment in their communities. Band Director Gary Stutzman took the opportunity to introduce Tom Harder, the Charlevoix High School music teacher, and announcing that Harder will be taking over as the City Band Director at the end of this year's season. "It's time to pass on the baton," said Stutzman who has directed the band since

1972. Harder will be directing 2 concerts with Stutzman this summer.

A pilot policy outlining the rules and regulations for food trucks in the city has finally been passed. A committee appointed last fall made up of members of the DDA, various city committees and both brick and mortar food service establishments as well as food truck owners has been meeting monthly to establish a trial run policy governing food truck activities. The pilot is intended to last only one year. "It is fair to say that not all members of the committee are pleased with all aspects of the policy," read a letter submitted to council from the Food

Truck Committee. The policy expires October 31, 2016 giving the City Council a chance to reconsider it. No one spoke for or against the policy during public comment.

"This started out as a real controversial issue, I guess the committee must have really done a thorough job," said Councilperson Leon Perron. All food trucks are required to purchase a license. The policy outlines fees as well as when, where and how many vendors are allowed on city property.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 7p.m. at City Hall.

Walgreens of Charlevoix Hosts National Drug Take Back Event

PHOTOS BY M. CHRIS LEESE

Canine handler/trainer deputy sheriff Ben Speigl of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office and Ezo a working police dog are seen at the Drug Take Back event Saturday at Walgreens of Charlevoix. The 23-month-old German Shepherd is fully skilled in finding and pointing out drugs. Deputy Sheriff Speigl and Ezo have been working together since September of 2015.



Chuck Davis of Eastport is the first to return unused prescription medicine to the POD (Prescription and Over-the-Counter Dropbox) during Walgreen's first 'Drug Take Back' event in Charlevoix. Walgreen's manager Tom Jillian hosted the national effort initiated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and was supported by City of Charlevoix Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency services and Charlevoix Sheriff Department Canine Unit and Health Department of Northwest Michigan.



Sandy Boss of Charlevoix (from left) smiles as 4-year-old grandson Owen Boss, and his sister Anna, receive a fireman's hat from firefighter, Gary Loper of City of Charlevoix Fire Department, Saturday during the Drug Take Back event at Walgreens of Charlevoix. The program is part of a national effort initiated by the Drug Enforcement Agency.



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Boyer Falls
Public Schools

Student of the Week

Marcus Matelski



Grade: 12

Parent's Name(s):

Chris and Kelly Matelski

Future Plans:

Attend Northern Michigan University to play basketball and pursue a degree in Nursing.

Favorite Book:

"Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom

Hobbies and Interests:

Basketball and hunting

School Activities:

Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Grade school basketball coach, National Honor Society, NHS Treasurer, Class Treasurer, Class fundraising for Senior Trip to Hawaii

Staff Comments

"Marcus has been a model student/athlete. His commitment to getting better is unmatched. He was the Grade School Basketball Lead Student Coach this past winter and was in charge of planning and executing practices. He is a modest unpretentious person and is well liked by the students of Boyne Falls Public School. He is a credit to himself, his family, Boyne Falls Public School. I have no doubts that he will continue to do so!" – Mr. Ted Beyer

Boyer Falls
Public Schools

Student of the Week

Kaliah Lightfoot



Grade: 5

Parent's Name(s):

Picola & Joe Hill and Jason Lightfoot

Favorite Book:

Dork Diary Series

Hobbies and Interests:

Crocheting and Reading

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

I would like to be a veterinarian because I like animals and I enjoy helping them.

Staff Comments

"Kaliah is a student who is generous and kind toward others. She is always willing to offer her assistance. This help is given with a smile accompanied by words of encouragement. She is a persistent worker in the classroom and strives to do her best to produce quality work. Her sense of humor and up-beat attitude are admired by her classmates and school staff. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor of being named our Student of the Week!" – Ms. Disney

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Automotive Review



The 2016 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid is an efficient midsize sedan driving Chevrolet into the future with uncompromising comfort, connectivity and driving dynamics. PHOTO © GENERAL MOTORS.

Malibu Hybrid leads segment in efficiency

Offering a segment-best EPA-estimated 46-mpg combined fuel economy rating, the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid is an efficient midsize sedan driving Chevrolet into the future with uncompromising comfort, connectivity and driving dynamics.

It leverages drive system components and software from the plug-in Chevrolet Volt to provide all-electric propulsion in some driving scenarios, along with power to assist the gas engine. Additional technologies contribute to EPA-estimated mileage ratings of 47 mpg city and 46 mpg highway. No other 2016 midsize sedan hybrid offers higher EPA-estimated city mileage.

"The Malibu Hybrid offers outstanding fuel efficiency and integrates the latest technology to give customers a world-class hybrid," said Steve Majoros, marketing director of Chevrolet Cars and Crossovers. "Combined with a number of available, leading safety and connectivity features, it's a great choice for those who want exceptional efficiency with Chevrolet's signature value."

The 2016 Malibu Hybrid starts at \$28,645 (including destination charge) and is based on the LT trim. It shares many of its attributes with the entire Malibu lineup, which was redesigned for 2016 and features a longer wheelbase for greater comfort. It is also nearly

300 pounds lighter than its predecessor for improved driving feel and greater fuel economy.

Standard features include Chevrolet MyLink with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, for high-level connectivity, and access to select phone apps such as music, maps and others right from MyLink's 7-inch-diagonal color touch screen. (Data plan rates and privacy statements apply and require a compatible smartphone.)

Malibu Hybrid offers 10 standard airbags, a rear-vision camera, cruise control and push-button start with passive entry. Additional active safety features offered include Lane Keep Assist, Front Pedestrian Braking, Rear Vision Camera and Low Speed Automatic Braking.

Teen Driver is available and allows parents to automatically activate safety features and view their teenager's driving habits, while managing certain settings including speed warnings, radio volume limits and more, to help reinforce safe driving. It is the first system in the industry to allow parents to view how their teen drove the vehicle via the in-vehicle report card.

The 2016 Malibu Hybrid is driven by a new, direct-injected 1.8L engine mated to a two-motor drive unit. The drive unit is based on the one used in the 2016 Chevrolet Volt and provides additional power to

assist the engine during acceleration, for 182 horsepower (136 kW) of total system power.

The engine also features Chevrolet's first application of Exhaust Gas Heat Recovery, or EGHR, technology, which uses exhaust heat to warm the engine and cabin. EGHR improves engine warm-up and helps offer consistent fuel economy performance in cold weather. Additional fuel economy benefits come from Exhaust Gas Recirculation, or EGR.

An 80-cell, 1.5 kWh lithium-ion battery pack provides electric power to the hybrid system. It can power the Malibu Hybrid up to 53 miles per hour (85 km/h) on electricity alone. The gasoline-powered engine automatically comes on at higher speeds and high loads to provide additional power.

In addition to the drive unit, the Malibu Hybrid also shares the 2016 Volt's blended regenerative braking system, which provides maximum kinetic energy recovery during braking to be stored in the battery system to help maintain charge.

The Malibu Hybrid is built with globally sourced parts at the GM Fairfax Assembly facility in Kansas City, Kan., where GM invested \$174 million for new tooling and technology to support production of the redesigned 2016 Malibu.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016

0424 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter
1310 Report of possible insurance scam
1917 Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2016

1330 Citation issued for parking violation in the 100 block of e Water St.
1659 Natural death on Maddy Ln.
2141 Citation issued for speed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

0512 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Boyne Ave.
1237 Report of civil dispute in the 1000 block of Wilson St
1302 Private property damage accident in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
1345 Report of attempted social security fraud reported from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1844 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of E Main.
1912 Private property damage accident on W Water St
2015 Animal complaint near Avalanche

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

0002 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St.
0024 Assist Sheriff Dept on Barber Rd.
0116 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
0338 Assist EMS and Sheriff Dept on Thumb Lake Rd near Center St.
0457 Alarm activation in the 300 block of N Lake St
0830 Found thumb drive at YSP
1230 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1238 Civil complaint in the 200 block of s Lake St

1732 Assist EMS on Maple St.
1942 Reported of a vehicle nearly hitting a long boarder near Vogel and Jefferson.
1955 Report of suspicious vehicle/people on Brockway.
2008 Report of Suspicious vehicle at Old City Park.
2041 Alarm in the 300 block of N. Lake.
2235 Assist Sheriff Dept on Burnett Rd

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

0056 Assist Sheriff Dept on E Division St
1035 Report of someone burning something that smells like plastic on Spring St
1047 Report of attempted IRS scam on E Main St
1055 Found dog near Lincoln and Alice.
1248 Request for welfare check on S Park St
1602 Suspicious subject at Rotary Park.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

0124 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of Roosevelt St.
0711 Natural death in the 500 block of N. Lake St.
1112 Report of possible Craigslist scam
1423 Larceny reported in the 300 block of Vogel St.
1629 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2036 Welfare check in the 900 block of Roosevelt St. Emmet Co.
2058 Report of missing person near the river mouth. Located subject downtown.
2221 Welfare check in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

0148 Suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1332 Juvenile complaint in the 600 block of N. East St.
2301 Car deer accident on Lexamar Dr.



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♥ It's Mother's Day ♥

By Jim Akans

This Sunday we celebrate, recognize, and honor the most special person in our lives; mom. She is there from the start, and while we bring her joy, concern, pride and challenges as we grow, her love remains unflinching, unconditional, and unending. As anyone who has lost a mother knows, the bond between mother and child lasts well beyond her lifetime. Whether a biological or foster mother, she is the one we turn to help celebrate our victories, comfort our setbacks and encourage our dreams.

One of the most surprising things about Mother's Day is that it took so long to get around to set aside a day just for mom each year. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," urging that a "general congress of women without limit of nationality" be appointed to "promote the alliance of the different nationalities." Howe's proclamation recognized women's role and responsibility in shaping the

direction of society, but the idea of an actual Mother's Day was another four decades in arriving.

In 1908, Philadelphian, Anna Jarvis, came up with the concept and even trademarked the phrase "Mother's Day." She was adamant about including the apostrophe so that the term was a singular possessive - inspiring every family to honor their own mother rather than inferring a general celebration of motherhood. A few years later, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson had the good sense to proclaim Mother's Day a national holiday.

Some Mother's Day trivia; - The oldest woman to deliver a child is said to be Omkari Panway, who gave birth to twins in 2008 when she was 70 years old.

- Southern Californian Nadya Suleman holds the record for the most deliveries at once, giving birth to octuplets, six male and two female children, on January 29th, 2009.

- Longest span between two children is 41 years, 185 days. The mother, Elizabeth



The greatest gift a child can give is letting their mother know that they love them too. FILE PHOTO

Ann Buttle, gave birth to her first child, Belinda on

May 19, 1956 and her last child, Joseph, on November

20, 1997.

- The centuries old nod for most children goes to Russian Feodor Vassilyev's first wife (oddly, his wife's name doesn't seem to have been recorded), who between 1725 and 1765 gave birth to 69 children, including 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets. Hand me downs must have tumbled through many sets of hands.

On a more "average" note;

- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the median age of women having their first-born is 26 years, four months.

- Tuesday appears to be the most popular day of the week to deliver a baby, the highest percentages of births are between 8am and noon, and August the most popular month - CDC. (cold northern winters may play a role in that last one).

- Good news; the CDC found that fewer teens are having babies, with the rate of women under 20 giving birth down 42-percent from

2000 to 2014.

- ChildWelfare.gov reported that as of September 30, 2014 there were 415,129 children under foster care in the United States, demonstrating that a mother's love extends beyond hereditary boundaries, and is as open as her arms.

Somewhere between the rare and the routine, however, is where moms truly make their mark. It's those times when her unconditional loving eyes share moments of joy, anxiety, sorrow and celebration that ultimately become etched on a child's memories, no matter how grown-up that child may become. Those who have aged long enough to remain on this earth after our mom's time has passed still recognize that special glow in our hearts when recalling a mother's warming smile in our mind's eye.

So spend some time with mom this coming Sunday. Stop by for a visit, give her a call, or hold her in your thoughts. For the greatest gift a child can give, is letting their mother know that they love them too.

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Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club to hold Youth Day May 7th

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be holding their 6th Annual Youth Day on Saturday, May 7 from 10 am to 4pm; rain, snow or shine.

This free event is for youth ages 5 - 16 years old who will experience the club's archery range and trout pond with stocked Brook Trout provided by the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. Bait will be provided, and the club has some fishing equipment so if you want to bring your own fishing poles you are more than welcome to.

Older youth can also experience the rifle range with .22 rifles; instruction pro-

vided by NRA Certified Instructors, and shotgun shooting with instruction provided by the Ruffed Grouse Society.

Miller/VanWinkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be providing fly tying and fly-casting demonstrations, as well as turkey-calling demonstrations. Other outdoor educational opportunities will include fish carving displays, a fur and feather display and demonstrations. A light lunch will be provided to all participants.

Youth are to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the



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TO SERVE AND COLLECT

To the Editor
 WE DO KNOW that municipalities connive to extract money from the public, this we know from Ferguson, Missouri's scandals. And from similar areas we know that white cops patrolling black ghettos shoot first, make up stories later. So if this we know of one jurisdiction it must be true of others, hence the occurrences herewith. It still sounds farfetched to surmise that this is a concerted effort by all municipal officialdom to in effect say to cops, courts et al to enact every possible effort to collect money in tax, fee, fine, license, forfeiture, foreclosure, any way possible for sake of city operations. Yet even locally we see this daily by cops and courts, tax collection, utilities, any effect upon the public that requires money. All a city or county need do is raise rates all around and inform their police chiefs of the appropriateness of stop-and-collect tactics. If someone is carry-

ing a large sum of cash hence confiscated by cop suspecting some drug transaction it is difficult to retrieve the money through court. Many don't even try.

It seems so sinister and parodic to think in these terms nonetheless. Extrapolation might infer that this is true here and there but not everywhere. There is no all-inclusive data available to refer to. The data available however point to the truism of this postulation. The Department of Justice (DOJ) concluded this was true of Ferguson, thereby throwing the city into turmoil because enacting changes demanded made it impossible for the city to function because of lack of funds. In other words they couldn't operate without the malfeasance factor, that is, unethically or illegally gaining funds from residents or anyone passing through. Supposedly that city, or any city, is not precisely guilty of illegality but only misapplication of means of power and money needful to keep things working. This theorizing is not far afield from the "Build them and they

will come" idea that prompted for-profit prisons. That juggernaut presupposes that criminals are already there or soon will be so we should be ready for them. Yet most jurisdictions claim that police can't arrest or interfere with the public until a crime is committed.

Tweaking and stretching the law to enable police to usurp rights and privileges is thereby in effect illegal. We all know that "City Hall", "The State", "The Government" etc. have their own version of nomenclature and that it is most often "Catch-22" in actual dysfunction since the public can't do what is demanded in most cases. The oxymoron clause is written into practically every document found in bureaucracy. In seeking to cover every possibility of jurisprudence the legal grammar becomes impossibly convoluted. Only the city clerks and accountants can decipher the essentials of most documents of law and civic ordinance. These officials even state that lawyers query them as to actual meanings of some policies.

Conversely the US Constitu-

tion is concise and clear in every detail and succinct besides. It was thereafter that interpretation added layers of confusion and inversion, which has gone so far as to negate constitutional law. We experience this now in the refusal of legislators to act on a Supreme Court nominee, a clear violation of the Constitution's Article II, Section 2, second paragraph. This means the legislators so balking are in fact acting illegally, impeachable offenses. The Constitution and Bill of Rights is largely defunct anyway but this might be the real death knell if anyone bothers to address this. Some rumor is afloat about another Constitutional Convention, an idea set forth long ago as a recurrent potential need.

And where do cops fit into all this? They are the most visible arm of this concatenation. Peer pressure and "color of law" influence behavior and attitude. When one's job, career in actuality, imposes certain parameters most adherents will meet the demands. Morals, principles and ethics can be easily absorbed by rhetorical brainwashing, justify-

ing most cognitive dissonance quandaries. The old adage of doing wrong to do right applies here, or so it is suggested, a ploy that seems to assuage in most circumstances. Cops will lie in report and in court, this we know. It is a double standard to be sure but as with legal paradox it is allowed to persist with impunity. Law in effect is often illegal. Cops come from decent backgrounds usually but are persuaded to join the team effort which includes "catching the bad guys", a process of indoctrination that inexorably leads to pre-conceived notions of who's who. The acts they see committed practically every day harden them to reality making it easier to classify almost everyone as bad. Slowly the sidestep benefit of money enters the process as procedural expectancy. Justification comes through this psychological reversal. It is a form of said cognitive dissonance. To be clear, this is a mental disorder.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan



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Area May Happenings

35/5, 12, 19, 26, Thursdays, 8am - 1pm

Charlevoix Farmers' Market (East Park)

Opening Day Pre-Mothers' Day Farmers' Market. Find something special for Mom, from fresh maple syrup and produce, to specialty baked goods, wine tasting, lunch foods and fresh veggies.

www.charlevoix.org

5/4, 11, 18, 25, Wednesdays, 8am - 12pm

5/7, 14, 21, 28, Saturdays, 8am - 12pm

Boyer City Farmers' Market

Outdoor market in Veteran's Park,

207 N. Lake Street.

www.boynechamber.com

5/7, Saturday, 8am - 12pm

Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk & Run

Registration opens at 8:00am;

run/walk starting at 9:00am. Collect (or donate) over \$30 in

pledges and receive a commemorative t-shirt. Monies raised will go to the Circle of Strength Foundation to provide mammograms for women in need and to the Health Department for the cervical cancer screening program in Charlevoix County. Wear a decorated bra over your t-shirt to "show support".

www.charlevoix.org

5/8, Sunday, 2pm - 4pm

Mother's Day Royal Tea @ Castle Farms

Treat Mom to a delightful afternoon of tea, light hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and pampering. Enjoy croquet, photo portraits, door prizes, decorate your sun hat, and more. www.charlevoix.org

5/11 - 5/15, Wednesday - Sunday

56th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival

The festival features a competitive hunt, guided hunt, a beer/wine tent with live music, a gourmet Taste of Morels, carnival rides, the Craft Beer Block Party, and much more, including the Wine & Dine gourmet dinner & wine tasting in Veterans Park.

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5/27, Friday, & 5/28, Saturday, 9am - 4pm;

Breezeway Garage Sales (Memorial Day Weekend)

A 26-Mile Garage Sale! Residents, Businesses, and Organizations along the C-48 Breezeway - from At-wood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls - participate in this annual event. For more info and to see a map of the garage sales, visit www.ridethebreezeway.com

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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 4

MOTHERS' DAY PARTY! **

5:30-7pm Rusted Spurs

50/50 Raffle

**Carnations for the first 50 ladies!

Thursday, May 5

11am Chair Yoga Class

11:30 Roger Hartson Music

Dessert By American House

1pm Wii Bowling Practice

1pm Mahjong

Friday, May 6

9:30am Craft Class

1pm Rummy

Monday, May 9

1pm Bridge

1pm Woodcarving

7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 10

11am Chair Yoga Class

1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, May 11

FOOT CLINIC

2:45 pm Bingo

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 4

12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, May 5

11am Chair Yoga Class

11:30am Kevin Johnson Music

1pm Wii Bowling Practice

1pm Mahjong

Friday, May 6

FOOT CLINIC

9:30am Craft Class

1pm Rummy

Monday, May 9

1pm Bridge

1pm Woodcarving

7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 10

9am-1pm Tax Assistance

11am Chair Yoga Class

1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, May 11

12:45pm Bingo

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 4

MOTHERS DAY PARTY!

2:30pm Crafts

4pm Live Music

Thursday, May 5

10:30am Chair Exercise

11am KARAOKE!

1pm Paint Class

Friday, May 6

BIRTHDAY DAY!

11am Barry Loper

Bingo/Raffle

Monday, May 9

Exercise Room

8am-1pm Walking M-F

10:30am Chair Exercise

Tuesday, May 10

10am E.J. Story Time

12:30pm Bingo -

Meal Ticket Prize

Wednesday, May 11

2:30pm Crafts

4pm Live Music

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, May 4

NIGHT DINNER!

5-6pm HOT BEEF SANDWICH

Thursday, May 5

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Friday, May 6

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Monday, May 9

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CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY

May 5, 8am-1pm, East Park. Your only opportunity to get Mom a gift from the market before Mothers Day! New vendors. Wine tasting. Curbside parking from 8-9am. Bring Mom out for a nice morning walk and support your local farmers. Group field trips welcome, call Chris: 231-330-0968.

EAST JORDAN SPRING SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

May 5, 11am-1pm, United Methodist Church. Adults - \$7, Children ages 6-12 - \$3, under age 5 free. Delivery is available.

EAST JORDAN CROCK-POT FUNDRAISER

May 5, 6-7pm, East Jordan Middle/High School cafeteria. East Jordan 7th grade class will be hosting a crock-pot dinner, raffle and silent auction to raise funds for their May 2017 trip to Washington DC. Admission is by donation and raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each. All proceeds benefit participating 7th grade students.

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

May 6, 7:30-8:30am, Grey Gable Restaurant. Join us for great food, conversation and networking. \$5 for chamber members, \$7 for non-members.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CAREER FAIR

May 6, 1-4:30pm, North Central Michigan College Gym Court (in Petoskey). Our Career Fair is designed to help college students interested in internships and summer employment to get to know our area's companies, wonderful outdoor life, and resources. Businesses will also be promoting their full-time available positions and the Career Fair will be open to the public.

BOYNE CITY BUFF UP BOYNE

May 7, 9am-Noon. Meet at Sunset Park behind Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers should bring their own rake, shovel and brooms. Morning refreshments and barbeque lunch will be provided. For additional information contact Main Street office at (231) 582-9009.

BOYNE CITY LIBRARY GAME NIGHT

May 7, 6-9pm, Boyne District Library. Some of the featured board games include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Camel Up and many more. Whether you are a board game expert, or a novice, the BDL board game club is the place for you. Members of the club must be at least 18 without a parent, or 13 and up with a parent. To register or for more information call the Boyne District Library at 231-582-7861 or register online at go to the library website at www.boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN EJ LIONS MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

May 7, 5:30pm, East Jordan High School. Dinner will be served at 6pm - prepared by Chef Joe Krumholz of the Jordan Inn. Lions Club members with the help of family and friends will serve the din-

ner. Mistress of Ceremonies is the 2016 Miss East Jordan Murphy Holt. Past Mothers of the Year will be recognized, and the 2016 Mother of the Year will be announced. Tickets are available at the door or from any East Jordan Lion. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for students; preschool children will be admitted free of charge.

BOYNE CITY LIFETREE CAFÉ HONORS MOTHERS

May 8, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 South Park Street. The program, titled "Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers," highlight's the transformation women undergo when they take on the role of a mother. Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable explained this Lifetree session is designed to honor the work of mothers while giving participants an opportunity to reflect on the impact of moms in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

CHARLEVOIX EXHIBIT GRAND OPENING RECEPTION

May 11, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Historical Society Museum, 103 State Street. Unveiling the new "The Working World" business and industry in Charlevoix exhibit. Complimentary beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres generously provided by Votorantim Cimentos and St. Marys Cement.

CHARLEVOIX MEN'S SOFTBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

May 11, 6:30pm, lower level conference room at City Hall. The City of Charlevoix Recreation Department will be hosting an informational meeting about the men's softball league. Team captains are required to attend this meeting. Please contact the Recreation Department at 231.547.3253 for more information. city-ofcharlevoixrecdesk.com

BOYNE CITY VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

May 11. Open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by our members to the guests through a hands on learning experience. We are expecting to have several more military vehicles on display, as an added interest this year, as well as representatives from all levels of law enforcement and all branches of the military who will answer any questions. Since the inception of this program in 1999, over 10,000 students have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn the truth about the freedoms we all enjoy, the fact that freedom isn't free, the price of that freedom and who paid that price for us all. As the students leave the Post, each receives a flag from the grave of a veteran who paid that price. The American Legion Auxiliary will provide refreshments and scheduling will be handled by the Veterans Appreciation Day Chairman who may be contacted by phone or E-mail at ejpe@netzero.com. We encourage all schools to participate in this unique experience that your students and faculty will never forget.

EAST JORDAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION BENEFIT

May 14, 11am-5:30pm, Sacred Sparks, 5070 Mt. Bliss Road. Celebration Benefit for the Northern Michigan Women's Resource Center Safe House. Theme for this year is "Awaken the Faeries". There will be live music through out the day by local bands - the Faerie Vender Village will feature art, crafts, herbs, soap, natural care products, live organic herb plants, psychic readers, massage therapy and Reiki practitioners, and food from Happy's Taco Shop. The May Pole dance is at 1pm directly following an Earth Healing Ceremony at 1pm. Free, family oriented event, all that is asked is donations for the Safe House, including items such as non perishable foods, paper products, toiletries, diapers, and/or monetary donations for perishable foods. No pets.

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.

CHARLEVOIX SWING DANCE FUNDRAISER

May 13, 7-10pm, Round Lake Center Gym, 108 East Garfield Street. A undraiser Swing Dance in support of a student Cuban Cultural Exploration Trip. Hosted by the Pine River Jazz Band. Tickets - \$10 per person. Snacks and water available for purchase. For more information call Gary Stutzman 231-675-4800 or Annemarie Conway 231-676-0855

CHARLEVOIX DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUNDRAISER

May 15, 4-6pm, Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company, 111 Bridge Park Drive. Beer tasting and hors d'oeuvres fundraising event with special guest will be Lon Johnson, Democratic candidate for Michigan's First Congressional District and former Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. A minimum donation of \$25 will purchase a ticket to buy one pint of beer or five beer tastings. Donations from the event will be used to pay rent, utilities and related expenses for the Charlevoix County Democratic Party campaign headquarters for the November 8 election. Seating is limited. RSVP by May 10 to reserve your seat and purchase tickets. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411.

BOYNE CITY MYSTERY OF AUTISM EXPLORED

May 15, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S Park St. One family's journey through a child's diagnosis of autism will be examined. The program, titled "The Mystery of Autism: Understand. Support. Connect," features a filmed interview with Patty Smith, a mother whose son Patrick was diagnosed with autism at an early age. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with autism. Admission to the 60-minute event is free

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IRONTON FERRY CELEBRATION

May 16, 10:30am, Ironton Ferry. 90th anniversary celebration of the vessel Charlevoix (aka the Ironton Ferry). Senator Schmidt and Representative Cole will be attending. Come and see the refurbished ferry, maybe take a ride, and enjoy some light refreshments.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

May 19, 5-7pm, The Jordan Inn. Come enjoy complimentary appetizers from the Jordan Inn's new mobile kitchen and a cash bar. Mix, mingle and network with local businesses. Co-sponsored by The Jordan Inn and The Insurance Shop. Chamber members; free, not yet members; \$10.

BOYNE FALLS 2016 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. Keynote Speaker is Bill Demmer, President and CEO of Demmer Corporation. 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 SCHOOL NURSE COLOR FUN RUN

May 21, 10am, East Jordan Community Park. An opportunity for kids, adults and families to participate in the fitness movement in a safe, fun, family-friendly environment. This event is organized by volunteers and employees of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital to benefit the hospital's School Nurse Program. There is a \$15 fee per person and a family rate of \$45. For more information please contact Race Director, Patti Howes - phowes@mhc.net

ELLSWORTH ANNUAL FIREWORKS GOLF SCRAMBLE

May 21, 9:15 am, (rain out date is May 22), The Malard Golf Club. Join us to raise funds for the Ellsworth Fireworks, which will be held on June 18th during Pig Roast. 9 holes, Teams of 4. Sign-in 9:15 a.m. - Tee-off 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. Luncheon immediately after at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. Hole in one contest - \$10,000.00 prize, Hole in one contest - French Lick Golf Resort Package. Entrance fee: \$40 per person (\$50 after May 7). Limited to 60 players - pre-registration highly recommended. Questions contact Eric at 231-676-2051 or check us out on Facebook

CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

May 26, 10am-3:45pm. Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

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, new location is 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

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am - Noon, Veterans Park.

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Charlevoix Farmers Market, Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park, 408 Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Event updates at www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all vet-

erans 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 PEOPLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is June 1. The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$2.88 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund awarded just over \$206,000 in grants in 2015. Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at <http://www.gtlakes.com/grant-application-request/> or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY APPLICATIONS FOR PADDLE ANTRIM MINI-GRANTS

Paddle Antrim is accepting applications for the Ripple Effect Mini Grant Program. This competitive grant program funds projects that protect our waterways and connect people to them. The program focuses on projects related to stewardship, education and increasing accessibility to our waterways. Grants may be used for water resource stewardship projects such as controlling invasive species, education projects for boaters or the community, and improving public access sites for non-motorized boats. Applicants must be a non-profit organization or governmental entity and must be submitted by 5pm on Friday May 13, 2016 to be considered in this round. More information can be found online at www.paddleantrim.com/ripple-effect.

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