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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPT, 6, 2016

## Charlevoix city council awards bid for retaining wall

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - In another brief meeting, city commissioners approved the replacement of a city retaining wall and authorized city staff to apply for a grant that will provide scholarships at Mt McSaub.

DPW Supervisor Patrick Elliott presented the commission with bids to remove a wood retaining wall located on Eaton Avenue and recommended that they accept a bid that is \$4,000 less than what was earmarked for the project in the budget. "Due

to the difference in their prices the local preference doesn't take effect here," he said. There has to be less than a 3% difference in price in order for the local preference rule to apply. Although the contractor, Tri County Excavating out of Harbor Springs wasn't the closest local contractor to submit a bid, the product used to build the wall is produced in Charlevoix. It will be made of a prepared concrete material manufactured by Rosetta of Charlevoix. The new wall will be like the one on State Street. "Same concept, different scale," said

Elliott.

A motion to authorize the application for a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in the amount of \$6,000 that will be used to provide scholarships to the Mt McSaub Recreation Area was approved. "Last year 92 children were able to either attend summer camp or get skiing lessons thanks to this grant provided by the Chicago Club," said City Manager Mark Heydlauff.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for September 19, 7 p.m. at City Hall.



The retaining wall on State Street made from a concrete product produced in Charlevoix.

## New banners adorn East Jordan streetscape

The City of East Jordan Downtown Development Authority has taken a new approach to their banners by establishing a policy allowing local community groups to sponsor banners to represent both East Jordan and community interests. The idea for collaboration came when Friends of the Jordan board member Rich Dietrich approached the DDA about using images from their annual photo contest on city banners.

"The Friends of the Jordan wanted to promote the natural features of East Jordan and the DDA was working on replacing the current banners to match the new wayfinding signs being installed in town, so the timing was perfect," according to Downtown Development Coordinator Amanda Baker.

The new banners were installed Thursday, August 25. Dietrich expressed his pleasure in the end result, "They look great and what a difference it makes for the drive through town."

Community groups are invited to submit 2-4 designs to be considered for the banners.

All designs must fit the City of East Jordan Master Plan themes and be approved by the DDA Banner Committee. Once the designs are approved the group will purchase 17 banners to be interspersed with the City of East Jordan banners.

Ashley Cousens, Program Director of Friends of the Jordan looks forward to seeing more groups team up with the City to keep East Jordan moving forward, "I'm very happy to see this collaboration between (Friends of the Jordan) and the City ... All community members benefit when different groups come together to make things happen and I think these banners are a symbol of that teamwork and collaboration in our community."

As more groups participate banners will be rotated on a quarterly basis, allowing the groups initial investment to last multiple years. The full policy and banner application can be found on the City of East Jordan website, www.eastjordancity.org.



The City of East Jordan Downtown Development Authority has taken a new approach to their banners by establishing a policy allowing local community groups to sponsor banners to represent both East Jordan and community interests. COURTESY PHOTO

### North Street in Boyne City closing for City Facilities construction

North Street in Boyne City from Lake Street west in Veterans Park to the Little League ballfield will be closed for about four weeks for underground work associated with the new Boyne City Facilities Project. This closure will begin as soon as Wednesday afternoon, September 7th. That section of North Street will be removed to install a new storm water main and prepare for final rebuilding in the spring of 2017. As part of this initial work a new base coat of the street will be installed to keep it fully open throughout the winter. While the road may reopen from time to time as work allows the City recommends using the State Street entrance to Veterans Park and the City marina areas for activities like the Farmers Markets during the construction. If you have any questions please contact the Boyne City City Hall at 231-582-6597.

### Business Expo Registration Opens

Registration is now open for the Boyne Chamber's 8th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne. The Expo will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at a new location at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain Resort. This expo is always one of Northern Michigan's largest business networking events, as 1,300 people come to see 90 local exhibitors, including a dozen Taste of Boyne food booths. The public is welcome to attend for \$5 admission, which includes tastings from a dozen food and beverage providers. Exhibitors receive extra admission passes for their employees, friends and clients. A cash bar will be available. Online registration plus pictures and the exhibitor list from last year are at www.boyneexpo.com.

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HIGH: 77 LOW: 58	HIGH: 78 LOW: 59	HIGH: 70 LOW: 53	HIGH: 71 LOW: 54	HIGH: 78 LOW: 58	HIGH: 70 LOW: 51	HIGH: 66 LOW: 49

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
SEP 8	48°	74°	35° (1957)	89° (1959)
SEP 9	48°	74°	31° (1975)	90° (1976)
SEP 10	47°	73°	30° (1967)	90° (2002)
SEP 11	47°	73°	29° (1965)	87° (1952)
SEP 12	47°	73°	29° (1964)	91° (1952)
SEP 13	47°	72°	29° (1963)	93° (1952)
SEP 14	46°	72°	28° (1963)	89° (1952)
SEP 15	46°	72°	27° (1964)	86° (2004)

### Veterans & First Responders eat free at annual NCMC Cookout

To commemorate the 15th anniversary of 9/11, North Central Michigan College invites area first responders and veterans to enjoy its annual cookout free of charge. The 19th annual cookout will be held this Sunday, September 11 from noon to 3:00 p.m. on the Petoskey campus. The cookout is a fundraising event for the North Central Michigan College Foundation Scholarship Fund. Participants should show their ID card at the ticket desk in the SCRC when they arrive to receive their free ticket.

Attendees will enjoy a picnic-style lunch of pulled pork, hot dogs, corn on the cob, marinated bean salad, quinoa salad and cookie bars. The Kidz Zone in the gym will have four bouncy houses, carnival games, ping pong, tumbling mats for toddlers and other activities. There will also be a big screen with the football game for parents. Outside, enjoy a live radio remote with Fish from Lite 96, human sim-man demonstrations and tours of the Fab Lab. There will also be a gift basket raffle.

Cookout tickets are available on the Petoskey campus in Student Services or the fitness center in the Student and Community Resource Center, or in the admin offices in the main classroom building. Tickets are also available at our Gaylord and Cheboygan campuses. Ticket prices are \$8 per person. Children five and under eat free. For more information, call 231-439-6225.

Visit [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu) and click on the Cookout billboard.

## East Jordan Fall Fest Pie Baking Contest

Show us how you roll! It's time to pull out those favorite fall pie recipes and ingredients to get ready to bake a winning entry. The 7th Annual East Jordan Pie Contest will be a part of the annual East Jordan Fall Fest scheduled for Saturday, September 24, downtown East Jordan in Memorial Park.

Registration/ pie drop off will be from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM in Memorial Park with judging from 1:30 – 1:45 PM. First, Second and Third Place winners will be announced at 2:00 PM in the bandshell. In case of rain, the contest will be

moved to the East Jordan Community Center on Main Street. The Pie Contest is proudly sponsored by Save-A-Lot of East Jordan. The pie contest is one of several family friendly events being held in conjunction with the East Jordan Fall Fest.

For more information please visit [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org) or 231-536-7351.

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### 45,000 strode the Mighty Mac for annual bridge walk

Beautiful weather greeted more than 45,000 people who came to walk the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. It's one of the largest crowds for the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk since the 50th anniversary walk in 2007, when 60,000 walked the bridge. Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney said a combination of factors contribute to those numbers.

"Low gas prices and an improving economy helped, but the weather was huge," Sweeney said. "We couldn't have asked for a better day."

Crowds were so large that the bridge authority extended the window for people starting

the walk from the usual 11 a.m. to nearly 2 p.m.

Gary Engle of G-Man Entertainment, who has been master of ceremonies for the bridge walk for 25 years, believes the big numbers included many first-time walkers. His unofficial "polling" at the starting line showed 20-25 percent of one of the biggest crowds he's ever seen were new walkers. However, another big segment of walkers are families who have made the walk a tradition.

"When I ask people where they're from, I hear Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, but from all over the world they're coming here," Engle says. "It's a marvelous event with some won-

derful people."

Sweeney said that in addition to his staff and local volunteers, law enforcement and military personnel help make sure the event ran smoothly. This year, the walk had assistance from the Michigan State Police; the U.S. Coast Guard; the St. Ignace and Mackinaw City police departments, the Mackinac, Emmet, and Cheboygan county sheriffs' departments; the Department of Homeland Security; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and the Michigan National Guard.

### "Hardworking Heroes" Farmers Market Event

September 22, 8am-1pm, East Park. It's a gathering of service men and women. It's a field trip day for the Schools and a chance for the public to 'Touch the Truck' and 'Shake a Hand' of a Hardworking Hero. The Farmers Market will host a real 'Hum-V' from the National Guard / Camp Grayling, a Michigan State Police Vehicle, a Fire Truck, an Ambulance, the US Coast Guard and others. The National Anthem will be presented by the 50 piece Charlevoix HS Band at 10am. Local Veterans will also be on site during the Charlevoix Farmers Market on Bridge Street downtown Charlevoix. If you know a service group or are a veteran that would like to attend, please call 231-330-0968.

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## OBITUARIES

### Chuck Atkinson, 78

Chuck Atkinson of Banks Township, Antrim County, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

A complete obituary to follow.

### Janet L. Stahl, 79

(APRIL 25, 1937 - SEPT. 2, 2016)

Janet L. Stahl of Boyne City, passed away Friday, September 2, 2016 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Her family will remember her privately and interment will take place

at Summit Cemetery in Williamston, MI.

Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

### Carol Patricia Horton (Prevo), 57

A memorial service for Carol Horton will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at the First Baptist Church, Charlevoix. Contributions may be made in remembrance of Carol Horton Celebration of Life at

[www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com).

Condolences [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com).

### Clarrissa Sedelmaier (LaVanway), 44

(NOV. 3, 1971 - AUG. 31, 2016)

Clarrissa (LaVanway) Sedelmaier died Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at her home in East Jordan.

She left her husband, Conn; son, Thomas LaVanway; and three stepchildren, Xavier, Warryck, Blaiyzz Sedelmaier; five

brothers and four sisters.

Clarrissa was a caregiver and enjoyed taking care of others.

Clarrissa enjoyed any activity outside including boating, running and four-wheeling.

Funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church will officiate with interment following at Dunsmore Cemetery in Echo Township, Antrim County, with a luncheon following at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan.

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## Char-Em ISD honored second time with national accreditation

For a second time, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District received the honor of accreditation by the nation's strictest accreditation agency, AdvancED. This five-year accreditation, effective 2016-2021, is the second time the service agency has received this prestigious accreditation. In 2001, Char-Em ISD became the fifth of 56 ISDs in Michigan and one of only 10 nationwide to be accredited.

"Accreditation provides Char-Em ISD with a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our agency," said ISD Superintendent Jeff Crouse. "It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students, families, school districts, and communities that we serve in Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties."

The AdvancED Accreditation Process provides a national protocol for education service agencies committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable continuous improvement. The voluntary process supports, enhances, and stimulates growth and improvement throughout the agency.

The accreditation process involves three ongoing components: 1) meeting high quality standards; 2) implementing a continuous process of improvement; and 3) engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review. The agency's accreditation is for a five-year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

The path to accreditation began in mid-April when a five-person AdvancED team spent four full days visiting ISD employees, local district staff and administrators,



Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Superintendent Jeff Crouse (from left) and ISD Board members Beverly Osetek, Barry Anderson, and Board President Thelma Chellis, hold up the ISD's five-year accreditation certificate from the prestigious national accreditation agency AdvancED. COURTESY PHOTO

community business leaders, parents and even students. The team met with more than 60 people and visited numerous ISD programs and local school districts.

During their thorough visit, the AdvancED team examined the ISD's systems and processes in relation to five standards: Purpose and Direction, Governance and Leadership, Teaching and Assessing for Learning, Resources and Support Systems, and Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

In the written feedback report, the ISD was recognized as having

"policies and practices (that) promote effective teaching and learning throughout the local districts."

"This is a big deal to get this feedback," Crouse explained. "Our mission is to serve our local schools and our vision is to be indispensable. What this tells me is that our board of education and staff are providing outstanding service in all aspects of their jobs."

Crouse said he felt proud to read the multiple commendations to the ISD staff and organization.

During interviews with stakeholders from local school districts,

the AdvancED report cited that "the critical role the Char-Em ISD plays in service delivery to approximately 9,000 students cannot be overstated." The report went on to commend the ISD for "breaking down silos," "being innovative," and "bringing together community partners to do what's best for students."

The report quotes one superintendent as saying, "We are here to support teachers and the Char-Em ISD supports us no matter what it is we need...we get the right person (at the ISD)." Another superintendent

quoted in the report stated, "While some may see ISDs as not necessary, we see them as vital."

AdvancED said the review showed a theme about the ISD – one of service, creativity and innovation.

Char-Em ISD accomplishes its mission in a number of ways, namely by:

- Creating and promoting economies of scale through things like cooperative purchasing, sharing services such as technology and business services, and special education services;

- Sharing current and credible research, best practices, and innovation through initiatives like professional learning; and

- Providing oversight and liaison roles through programs like Career and Technical Education, Early College, special education, and much more.

Over the course of the past decade, the unique roles of ISDs have adapted to include increased calls for educational accountability. For example, Char-Em ISD is taking an active role in helping member districts understand, comply, and implement the standards required under the complex state accreditation system. The ISD is also building and sustaining local partnerships and sharing credible research on the importance of early childhood care and education. In addition, by working with work development boards, business and industry, Char-Em ISD helps promote growing economies and stable communities.

For more information about Char-Em ISD, visit [www.charemisd.org](http://www.charemisd.org). Courtesy photo

## Maendels to perform at EJ United Methodist Church

The East Jordan United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to join an evening of praise and worship with the Maendels on Sunday, September 18 at 6pm. The East Jordan United Methodist Church is located at 201 Forth Street, East Jordan. The Maendels are a family group from Petoskey, Michigan who share a blend of gospel bluegrass/praise and worship to lift your hearts and minds to the Lord.

Len and Rebecca have found singing brings their family together and enjoy sharing a message of hope and Christ's love. Their vision is that through this music, God will enable them to share His Word in seasons of joy or sorrow and for times of quiet meditation or joyful worship.

They have sung at various Northern Michigan area churches, cookouts and celebrations and are enjoying the growing talents of their children Taylor, Rachel, Stephanie and Zach. For more information about the event please call 231-536-2161.



MaendelsPhoto; The East Jordan United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to join an evening of praise and worship with the Maendels on Sunday, September 18 at 6pm. COURTESY PHOTO

## Cousens named Boyne Chamber executive director

The Boyne Area Chamber board of directors has hired Ashley Cousens as their next executive director. Her first day in the Chamber office will be Tuesday, September 13. Board President Michael Doumanian noted that Cousens was hired on a Tuesday and she immediately enrolled in Leadership Charlevoix County and attended their orientation two days later.

"We had more than 20 applications for this position, we interviewed six finalists, and Ashley was our consensus choice," Doumanian said. "We're confident that she will do a great job and everyone who meets her will be as enthusiastic as we are."

Chamber members are invited to meet Cousens at the Chamber's Business After Hours on Thursday, September 15. That event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Good Neighbors Food Pantry and Boyne Area Free Clinic, 624 State St.

Cousens will work with outgoing Executive Director Jim Baumann until early November, when Baumann will retire after 8 years in the position.

Cousens has a strong background in community and workforce development. She grew up in New Hampshire, attended college at the State University of New York in Plattsburgh,



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where she earned her B.A. in Spanish and revived a Peer Advising program on campus.

After graduation, she spent the next decade in Plattsburgh, close to the Adirondack Mountains, working in community and workforce develop-

ment. She specializes in working collaboratively with community partners and developing unique programs to enrich the quality of life for community residents.

She has worked with high schools to incorporate work training programs, she has counseled youth who have dropped out of school to help them improve their skills and find jobs, and she has worked with employers and community organizations on grants and projects and on all sides of the workforce development relationship. She has also worked for and with non-profit organizations.

Cousens relocated to Northern Michigan in February with her partner, Matthew, when he began working for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Soon after arriving, Ashley began working for the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed as the Program Director and has spent the spring and summer working to further the mission and goals of that organization.

In her spare time, Ashley loves to be in the great outdoors; whether she is hiking, kayaking, boating, mountain biking, skiing, or camping. She also enjoys reading, baking, attending community events, volunteering, and meeting new and interesting people.

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# News Briefs

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## BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY GRATITUDE DINNER

September 8, 6-8pm. Hosted by Boyne City Main Street and local service clubs.

## CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

September 8, Noon-5:45pm. Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

## BOYNE CITY ELECTRONICS & HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

September 9, 5-8pm & September 10, 9am-1pm. Road Commission Garage on M-75 South. Acceptable electronics and hazardous waste items include fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paints, chemicals and lawn fertilizers. Call 582-6193 to schedule an appointment.

## EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY DANCE FEATURING TWO BANDS

September 9, 7-10pm, East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane. With the Jordan Valley All-Stars Band and Pine River Jazz Band. Also featuring Maggie Dickson on vocals. Admission is \$15 per person. Snacks and water available for purchase.

## EAST JORDAN RIBBON CUTTING

September 10, 1pm, Jordan Valley Remote Control Club (JV RC Club) at East Jordan City Airport.

## CHARLEVOIX

## PEACEMEAL STRINGBAND AT BACK PORCH COFFEEHOUSE

September 10, 7pm, Charlevoix Senior Center corner of Carpenter and Sheridan Streets. Peacemeal Stringband with special guest Rick Meisterheim. Community Event for all ages, donations at the door (\$10 suggested) are for the scheduled performers. Soups, cookies, coffee and tea are available at no charge. A circle jam will follow the performance. The facility is fully accessible. Contact 231-622-2944.

## BOYNE CITY MEDIA BIAS DISCUSSION

September 11, 6:30pm, Life-tree Café, 401 South Park Street. The program—titled "Bias: What's the Media's Agenda?"—features filmed interviews with three current and former news journalists discussing the current state of bias in the media. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to discuss what level of tilt they see in the news media. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

## CHARLEVOIX STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 13, 11:30am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community. Featured presenters: Charlevoix City Manager, Mark Heydlauff, Charlevoix Superintendent of Schools, Mike Ritter, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital CEO, Lyn Jenks, and Charlevoix County Commissioner Chairman, Joel Evans. Tickets for the State of the Community can be purchased on-line or by calling

the Chamber office at 231.547.2101. Ticket prices are \$30/pp or \$240/table of 8 and includes Table Sponsorship and Premier Table Placement. General Seating available to all other attendees.

## BOYNE CITY CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 15, 5:30pm, Good Neighbors Food Pantry & Boyne Area Free Clinic, 624 State Street. Hors d'oeuvres by Grain Train Natural Foods Market. No charge for admission or refreshments.

## EAST JORDAN MAENDELS AT EJ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 18, 6pm. The Maendels are a family group from Petoskey, Michigan who share a blend of gospel bluegrass/praise and worship to lift your hearts and minds to the Lord. For more information about the event please call 231-536-2161.

## BOYNE CITY LIBRARY YOGA STORYTIME

September 20, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. This is a special storytime designed to introduce children ages 5 and up to the world of yoga. Children will learn yoga poses in conjunction with a story being told. It will be so fun they won't even realize they are learning something new. Reb Andrews will be leading us in this fun storytime experience. Parents are welcome to practice with their children. If a child is under the age of 5 we ask that a parent actively participate with their child. This program is free of charge. Don't forget to check out our yoga inspired titles located in our children's section to practice at home. There is no registration

for the program. For more information, call the library at 582-7861 or visit [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).

## CHARLEVOIX ENHANCED BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 21, 5-7pm, Road-House 757. Featuring a taco bar, pizza bar, fish & chips, steak samplers, pig fly appetizer, spicy green beans and Asian shrimp. Multiple door prizes, games, networking and cash bar. \$5 for Chamber members, \$10 non-members.

## CHARLEVOIX "HARDWORKING HEROES" FARMERS MARKET EVENT

September 22, 8am-1pm, East Park. It's a gathering of service men and women. It's a field trip day for the Schools and a chance for the public to 'Touch the Truck' and 'Shake a Hand' of a Hardworking Hero. The Farmers Market will host a real 'Hum-V' from the National Guard / Camp Grayling, a Michigan State Police Vehicle, a Fire Truck, an Ambulance, the US Coast Guard and others. The National Anthem will be presented by the 50 piece Charlevoix HS Band at 10am. Local Veterans will also be on site during the Charlevoix Farmers Market on Bridge Street downtown Charlevoix. If you know a service group or are a veteran that would like to attend, please call 231-330-0968.

## CHARLEVOIX WORKSHOP FOR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

September 23, 10am-12:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Organizations serving Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are invited to attend "How to Effectively Raise Gifts for your Or-

ganization". The workshop will focus on crafting the right fundraising plan for your organization, sharpening fundraising skills, as well as developing strategies for approaching individual donors. The cost is \$10 per attendee and the deadline for pre-registration is Friday, September 16, 2016. Please contact Maureen [maureen@c3f.org](mailto:maureen@c3f.org) or Laura [laura@c3f.org](mailto:laura@c3f.org) or by phone at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation 231-536-2440.

## BOYNE HIGHLANDS HOPS 'N HIGHLANDS MICROBREW FESTIVAL

September 23 & September 24. 3rd Annual Hops 'n Highlands Microbrew Festival at Boyne Highlands. Fall beer festival featuring 44 Michigan breweries and 175 microbrews. Schedule at [www.boyne.com/boynehighlands/events](http://www.boyne.com/boynehighlands/events).

## CHARLEVOIX 33RD CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CROP WALK

September 24, 9am. This year's walk will be a 5k and will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe to the Tourist Park in East Jordan, United Methodist Church in Boyne City and Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. Organized locally, the Charlevoix County CROP Walk has set a goal of recruiting 100 walkers to raise \$25,000, which will work to combat hunger here in our community as well as around the world. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-

6035.

## EAST JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL AND LEAF PEEKER CRAFT SHOW

September 24, 10am-3pm, Community Center.

## BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am - Noon, Veterans Park. Live music, fresh produce and fruit, flowers, trees and shrubs and more.

## CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

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

## EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Sportsman's Park, 9am-1pm every Thursday. Veggies, Flowers, Baked Goods, Meat, Farm Fresh Eggs, Handmade goods & gifts.

## BOYNE CITY BUSINESS EXPO REGISTRATION OPENS

Registration is now open for the Boyne Chamber's 8th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne. The Expo will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at a new location at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain Resort. This expo is always one of Northern Michigan's largest business networking events, as 1,300 people come to see 90 local exhibitors, including a dozen Taste of Boyne food booths. The public is welcome to attend for \$5 admission, which includes tastings from a dozen food and beverage providers. Exhibitors receive extra admission passes for their employees, friends and clients. A cash bar will be available. Online registration plus pictures and the exhibitor list from last year are at [www.boyne-expo.com](http://www.boyne-expo.com).

## 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 FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

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.

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN PEOPLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS 1

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is October 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 COMMISSION ON AGING

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

# September Events

9/7, 14, 21, 28, Weds, 8am - 12pm

9/3, 10, 17, 24, Saturdays, 8am - 12pm

## Boyne City Farmers' Market

Outdoor market in Veteran's Park.

9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Thursdays, 8am - 1pm

## Charlevoix Farmers' Market

East Park, along Bridge Street.

9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm

## East Jordan Farmers' Market

Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge Street.

9/10, Saturday

## Poker Run & Pig Roast

The event includes a noon to 5, 5-stop motorcycle ride in beautiful Northern Michigan and concludes back at the Charlevoix Elks Lodge for a pig roast, live & silent auctions, and music. All proceeds benefit local veteran charities.

9/24, Saturday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

## Boyne City Harvest Festival

The festival is held in downtown Boyne City with music, crafts, hay rides, a scarecrow-making contest, and more.

9/24, Saturday

## Fall Festival & Leaf Peeker Craft Show

Spend the day in East Jordan for a ton of Fall Fun! Come to Downtown for the Leaf Peeker Craft Show, Pumpkin Bowling, Twister Joe, yummy treats, games, and more. East Jordan Tourist Park will also be packed with events.

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, September 8</b> 11am Arthritis Exercise Program Wii Bowling & Lunch at Charlevoix	<b>Friday, September 9</b> Foot Clinic By Appt. 11 am Backwoods Maestros Raffle Rummikub	<b>Monday, September 12</b> 10:30am Line Dancing Bingo- Gift Cert. Prize Rummikub	<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> 11 am Walk With Ease Bingo- Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> Foot Clinic By Appt. 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs John Hess Various Card Games	<b>Thursday, September 15</b> 11am Arthritis Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, September 8</b> Wii Bowling w/Boune City in Charlevoix 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong	<b>Friday, September 9</b> 9:30am Craft Class	<b>Monday, September 12</b> 9am-4pm AARP Driver Safety Class 1pm Bridge 1 pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> Wii Bowling in Petoskey 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> 12:45pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, September 15</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30 am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, September 8</b> 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre	<b>Friday, September 9</b> 11 am Sidekicks Bingo/Raffle Cards	<b>Monday, September 12</b> Exercise Room 8am-1 pm Walking M-F 12:30pm Wii Bowling	<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize Mexican Poker	<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Cards	<b>Thursday, September 15</b> 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

<b>Thursday, September 8</b> SWEET&SOUR MEATBALLS	<b>Friday, September 9</b> POLISH SAUSAGE	<b>Monday, September 12</b> CHICKEN & RICE CASSEROLE	<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> SANDWICH BAR	<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> HAM LOAF	<b>Thursday, September 15</b> BEEF CHILI & BAKED POTATO
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Phone: 231-582-6682

### Charlevoix Senior Center:

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06906 Norwood Road  
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# News

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPT. 6, 2016

## Charlevoix Chamber Hosts State of the Community Luncheon

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 6th Annual State of the Community on Tuesday September 13th from 11:30m-1:00pm at Castle Farms.

The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community.

State of the Community will feature updates from:

- City of Charlevoix, City Manager - Mark Heydlauff
- Charlevoix Public Schools, Superintendent - Mike Ritter
- Charlevoix County Board of Commissioner, Chairman - Joel Evans
- Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, CEO - Lyn Jenks

Admission is just \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of eight and includes lunch catered by Grey Gables Restaurant.

The general public is encouraged to attend. The seats are filling quickly, so please make your reservation today by calling the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101, or e-mail [info@charlevoix.org](mailto:info@charlevoix.org).

The State of the Community is sponsored by:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Beacon Dental Center, Castle Farms, Fox Charlevoix, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, St. Marys Cement, 4Front Credit Union

## East Jordan to begin Parks and Recreation Master Plan

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - City Administrator Tom Cannon began Tuesday's commission meeting with a request to postpone his recent wage recommendation, and commissioners approved a parks and recreation master plan proposal.

"After further reviewing the U.S. Department of Labor overtime law, I am requesting to postpone adjustments to current department head salaries," Cannon said. "The new labor laws will still go into effect on

December 1, 2016, however, there may be additional options for local and state governments to follow."

Beginning this December, federal law will mandate employers to pay overtime to both salaried and hourly employees making less than \$47,460. At the August 16 city commission meeting, Cannon recommended pay increases for the parks director, city treasurer, and city clerk, as their salaries were under the \$47,460 mark. However, commissioners approved Cannon's request to postpone the salary increases at

this time. Cannon still hopes to create a pay scale for the department head positions that would be based on experience or years of service.

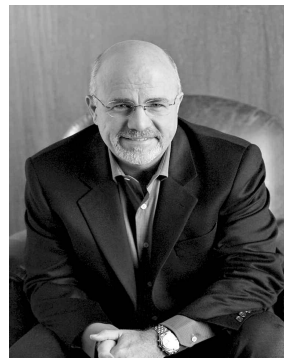
City commissioners also approved the parks and recreation master plan proposal from the Land Information Access Association (LIAA) Tuesday evening. Much like the city master plan, the parks and recreation plan will include extensive data collecting, including a public input meeting and "pop-up" public input outreach.

In closing remarks, Cannon

thanked the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for resurfacing the basketball courts this August, with repair and possible replacement of rims and backboards to occur in the upcoming spring with matching city funds. Cannon said that the resurfacing of the tennis courts is planned for next year.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Don't touch the 401(k))

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I make \$100,000 a year combined, and we have about \$12,000 in credit card debt. We also owe another \$80,000 in student loans, and our kids' private school education costs \$1,000 a month. Is it okay for me to take a loan against my 401(k), which is invested in mutual funds, to clean up the credit card bills?  
Stephen

Dear Stephen,  
I wouldn't do that. If your 401(k) is invested in good mutual funds, it's likely you'll miss out on some pretty good rates of return. But that's not

the biggest reason this is a bad idea.

The biggest reason is that when you leave your company — and you will leave, whether it's because you get a better job, you get fired, or you die — that loan is considered an early withdrawal. If you don't repay it within 60 days, you'll get hammered with a 10 percent penalty plus your tax rate. You could easily lose almost half of what's in the account.

If you want to start paying off debt, my advice is to start doing things to generate extra income and begin living on a tight budget. Grab an extra, part-time job for a while, too, and have a big garage sale. Sell so much stuff the kids think they're next! You need to work a serious

debt-busting plan.

The good news is it's only \$12,000. Knocking out the credit card debt won't be so bad, and with your income, the kids' school isn't unreasonable. It's the \$80,000 in student loans that's killing you. Scrape together and save every penny you can find each month, and put that toward paying off the credit card debt. Then, roll that amount over, add anything else you can come up with, and attack those student loans.

You can do it, Stephen!  
—Dave

Dear Brandon,

That's a tough situation, buddy. I'm sorry things worked out that way with your dad. You're going to need more money than what's coming in, so let's prioritize things.

Your first goal is food, and your second goal is to help your friend a little bit with the rent. After that, you need to save up and get a car as quickly as possible. I'm talking about a total beater — a \$500 to \$1,000, mechanically sound, basic, ugly car. They're hard to find, but they are out there.

After you've done this and gotten some stability in your life, start thinking about saving for a little bit better car. This may mean picking up an extra part-time job for a while. Then comes piling up some cash so you can get your own place. Let's get all this out of the way before you start thinking about school. Right now you barely have a place to live, and you've got nothing to drive.

Listen, I love your motivation and the fact that you have dreams and a goal to better yourself. You've been through a lot, but let's get the basics taken care of first, introduce a little stability into your life, and then we can start coming up with a plan for school and a long-term future. Good luck, Brandon!

(Kicked out, starting out)

Dear Dave,  
I'm 19 years old, and I just got kicked out of the house after wrecking my dad's truck. I've got a job making \$12 an hour working about 40 hours a week, and I'm currently living with a friend at his apartment. I have a goal of going to college, and I'd like to get out of my friend's place as soon as possible. Do you have any advice some someone just starting out?  
Brandon

## Antiques, Art, Consignment and New at The Brickery in Grayling

By Jim Akans

Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea.

Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still not see it all." The stately brick building



Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling. COURTESY PHOTO

that is now home to The Brickery was originally the International Order of Odd Fellows building, constructed in 1908. The downstairs held a theater that would put on plays for loggers and for Camp Grayling. The building has gone through

many incarnations over the years, but shoppers at The Brickery can still see the original tin ceiling and hardwood floors.

Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her daughter; "We were trying to think of a name. Since there are so many bricks both inside and out; the walls are three bricks thick, my daughter suggested calling it The Brickery."

It's the perfect name, reflecting solidity and tradition; an apt representation of the enduring quality of the wide variety of items offered at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Friday from 10am-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Visit [www.thebrickery.com](http://www.thebrickery.com) or call 989-348-8999 for additional information.



Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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**Goodwill Retail and Donation Center**  
402 Petoskey Avenue  
Charlevoix  
231- 437-6176

### CHEBOYGAN

**Goodwill Retail and Donation Center**  
982 S Main St., Cheboygan  
231-445-9300

### EAST JORDAN

**Crossroads Resale Shop**  
205 Water Street., East Jordan  
231-536-7606  
Open Tuesday thru Saturday

### ELLSWORTH

**Good Samaritan Furniture & More Store**  
6519 Center St.,  
Downtown Ellsworth  
231-588-2208  
[thegoodsam.org](http://thegoodsam.org)

### ELLSWORTH

**Good Samaritan**  
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth  
231-588-2208  
[thegoodsam.org](http://thegoodsam.org)

### FREDERIC

**Pineview Military Surplus**  
7328 Old 27 North, Frederic  
989-348-8300

### GAYLORD

**A-2-Z Resale**  
1829 Old 27 South, Gaylord  
989-732-9500

**Goodwill Retail and Donation Center**  
1361 Pineview Dr.  
(near Lowes), Gaylord  
989-705-1747. [www.goodwillnmi.org](http://www.goodwillnmi.org)

### GAYLORD

**Salvation Army Family Store**  
919 S. Otsego Ave.,  
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989-448-2357

### Homespun Antiques & Crafts

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The "Veteran of the Month" for September 2016 is Frank Joseph Strehl. Born on February 1st, 1920, in Mancelona, Michigan and as an infant moved with his family to East Jordan, Michigan where he attended school graduating in the class of 1938. Strehl was inducted into the Army on Nov. 26th, 1941 entering into active duty at Fort Custer, Michigan and was assigned to Company F, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. After training for the Normandy invasion and being promoted to Technical Sergeant and Squad Leader, Strehl's unit departed the USA on Jan. 18th, 1944 arriving in the European Theater of Operations on Jan. 29th, 1944 and was in the first wave of men to go ashore at Utah Beach,

France participating in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France and The Rhineland. Wounded twice by shrapnel on June 15th, 1944 and again on June 19th, 1944, he recovered from his wounds and returned to his unit. On November 30th, 1944, during movement near the Siegfried Line in Germany, Strehl stepped on a land mine taking off one foot and severely wounding the other foot. Departing the European Theater of Operations on Jan. 1st, 1945 and arriving in the USA on Jan. 12th, 1945 he was sent to Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, where it was decided to amputate the other foot. It was at the Hospital that Strehl met the love of his life, Betty Jo Clinard from Jackson, Michigan. They were

married on October 20th, 1945. Strehl received an Honorable Discharge on Dec. 2nd 1945 at Percy Jones Hospital Center, Fort Custer, Mich. and received the following Decorations and Citations: The Purple Heart with Two Oak Leaf Clusters; The Combat Infantryman Badge; The Good Conduct Medal; American Defense Service Ribbon; American Theater Ribbon; The Victory Medal; European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon and Three Bronze Campaign Stars. They returned to East Jordan to make their home and Strehl had learned Watch Making and Repair through the VA and had his small shop in Hites Drug Store in East Jordan, now known as Busy Bridge Antiques. Strehl was a member of Saint Joseph

Catholic Church, American Legion Post 227, and VFW Post 7580 all in East Jordan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow-mobiling and golf. He never let his disability slow him down. On April 4th, 2011 Frank Joseph Strehl answered the final call and is being Honored by his wife Betty Jo, sister Margaret Turcott, cousin Bob Strehl and their families. To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

## Antique tractors annual Mackinac Bridge crossing this Friday



Hundreds of antique tractors will be crossing the Mackinac Bridge this Friday, September 9 as part of the 9th Annual Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing presented by Owosso Tractor Parts. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

Hundreds of antique tractors will be crossing the Mackinac Bridge this Friday, September 9 as part of the 9th Annual Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing presented by Owosso Tractor Parts.

The Antique Tractor Crossing will bring a huge number classic and unique tractors to Mackinaw City on Thursday in preparation for the Mighty Mac crossing on Friday, which will begin at 9am. Once they cross, there will be an opportunity for the public to view the tractors at Little Bear Arena from 11am until 6pm. There will also be a Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show at Little Bear from 10am to 6pm on Friday and Saturday. New this year will be a Hit n' Miss Engine Display taking place outside the Little Bear Arena from 10am to 6pm on Friday and Saturday. Those who would like to have a look at those tractors in Mackinaw City can visit the staging area on Thursday from 3pm until 6pm. The staging area is located about one-and-a-half miles west of town off Central Avenue.

2016 Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing Schedule

**THURSDAY 9/8 SCHEDULE MACKINAW CITY SIDE**  
8:00am - 7:00pm: Information & Merchandise Tent Open  
3:00pm - 6:00pm: Public welcome to view tractors, park in designated areas  
3:00pm - 6:00pm; Live Music  
7:00: Jack Pine Lumberjack Show (just west of the City)

**FRIDAY 9/9 SCHEDULE MACKINAW CITY SIDE**  
6am - 8am; Information/Merchandise Tent Open  
7am-9am; Small Town, Big Deal TV Show Filming  
8:30am: Opening Ceremony  
9:00am: Tractors leave staging area

**SAINT IGNACE SIDE**  
9:30am - 1pm; Tractors Cross Mackinac Bridge  
10:00am - 6:00pm: Information/Merchandise Tent Open  
10:00am - 6:00pm: Hit 'n Miss Engines on Display outside Little Bear Arena  
10:00am - 6:00pm: Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show inside Little Bear Arena  
11am - 3:00pm: Lunch inside Little Bear Arena  
2:00pm - 5:00pm: Tractor Games

behind Information tent at Little Bear

**SATURDAY 9/10 SCHEDULE SAINT IGNACE SIDE**  
10:00am - 4:00pm: Information/Merchandise Tent Open at Little Bear  
10:00am - 6:00pm: Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show inside Little Bear  
10:00am - 6:00pm: Hit 'n Miss Engines on Display outside Little Bear Arena  
11:00am - 2:00pm: Tractor Games  
2:30pm - 4:00pm: Raffle Giveaways at Information/Merchandise Tent at Little Bear  
4:00pm: Line up for downtown St. Ignace tractor parade  
5:00pm: Downtown St. Ignace Tractor Parade starts (time approximate)  
6:00pm - 9:00pm: Music, fun and prizes downtown St. Ignace  
Dusk: Fireworks Over the Bay - Downtown St. Ignace

Don't miss these one-of-a-kind events taking place this weekend in the Straits of Mackinac area.

For more information regarding the tractor show and parade, visit [www.owossotractorparts.com](http://www.owossotractorparts.com) and follow the "bridge crossing" link.

## Fall hours at North Central Michigan College

North Central Michigan College announces fall semester hours for the accounting and administrative offices, Student Services, library, fitness center, gym and book store, effective September 6: **ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES:**  
Mon-Fri .....8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**LIBRARY HOURS**  
The week of September 6:  
Tues-Fri .....9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Beginning September 12:  
Mon-Thurs .....8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday .....8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday  
**STUDENT AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER - GYM AND FITNESS CENTER:**  
Starting September 6:  
Mon-Thur .....6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday .....6 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday .....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Friday, September 9 for Cookout set up.  
The gym will be open on Sundays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. starting in November.  
**THE COLLEGE STORE HOURS ARE:**  
Mon-Thurs .....8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday .....8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**STUDENT SERVICES AND FINANCIAL AID ADVISING:**  
Tues-Thurs September 6-8 .....8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday, September 9 .....8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday, September 12 .....8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Starting September 13:**  
Mon-Fri .....8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES:**  
September 6-8  
Tues-Thurs .....8:30 a.m. - 6p.m.  
September 9  
Friday .....8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
September 12  
Monday .....8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Starting September 13:**  
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**THE IRON HORSE CAFE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. HOURS ARE:**  
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## Hill House Artist Residency application deadline approaching

Crosshatch's Hill House artist residency applications for the December 2016 through May 2017 residency season are due October 1. The program supports musicians, writers, theater/performance, visual artists, and parent artists as well. Artists who apply to the program will go through a jury process. Selected artists are awarded time and space to create new work, with a two- to four-week stay in a semi-secluded log cabin near East Jordan, Michigan. The musician residency also offers a small stipend to emerging songwriters to aid in professional development.

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

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

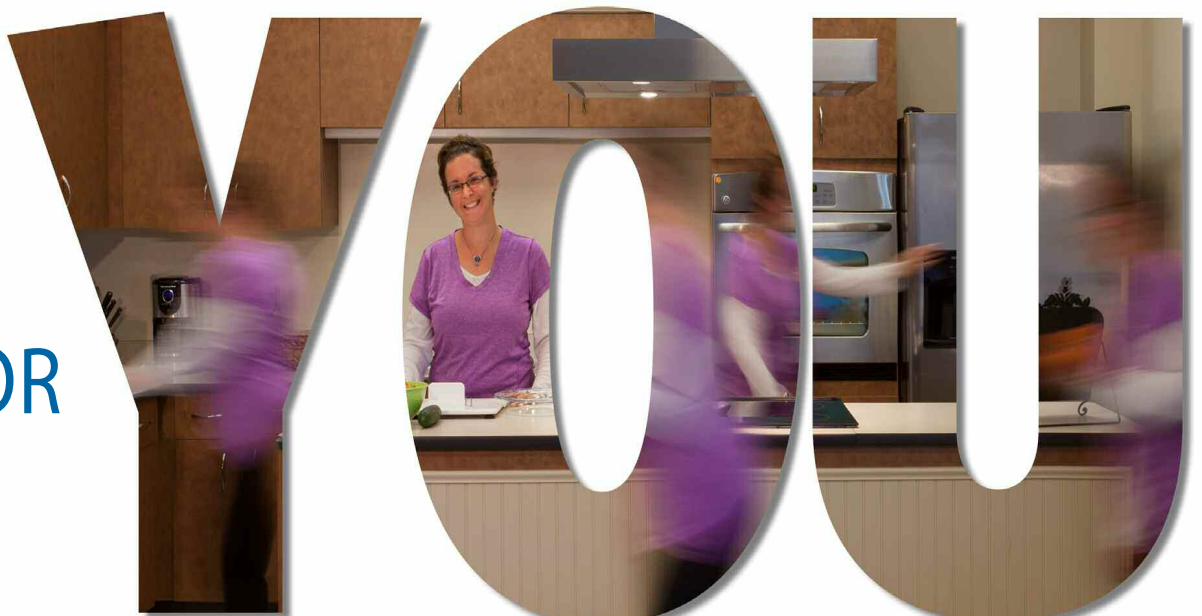
"My Crosshatch Hill House residency provided me an invaluable opportunity to work uninterrupted, connect with the land and deepen my own understanding of what it is to be an artist and human being," says Jeff Morris, one-half of Charming Disaster along with Ellia Bisker, (musicians-in-residence, January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

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



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## Michigan Education Trust contract sales soar in 2016

Purchases of Michigan Education Trust (MET) contracts by families saving for a child's education have soared nearly 76 percent in 2016, with the bulk of the increase attributable to the popularity of the college savings plan's new Pay-As-You-Go option, MET officials say. Through July 31, MET sold 1,451 prepaid tuition contracts for a total of nearly \$30 million, compared with sales of \$26 contracts worth \$20.6 million in the same period of 2015. Of the contracts sold so far this year, 452 were of the Pay-As-You-Go variety.

"We're pleased that so many families have decided to make Pay-As-You-Go part of their college savings strategy, and we're even happier the upturn in MET contract sales puts more students on the path toward higher education," said Robin Lott, MET executive director.

"Studies have consistently shown a college education is one of the best investments available, based on the degree holder's fu-

ture earnings potential," she added.

MET, the Section 529 prepaid tuition program administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury, locks future tuition at any of the state's public universities and colleges at today's rates.

Pay-As-You-Go, which MET introduced in December, allows purchasers to open contracts by purchasing a minimum of one credit hour rather than in semester increments. The option lowers the initial cost of establishing a MET contract, which might prove a hurdle for some families.

Another key feature of the option is that it leaves the contract open to future contributions of as little as \$25, as opposed to a regular lump sum purchase that is closed and cannot be added to in the future. Also, once a Pay-As-You-Go contract is purchased, friends and family members can contribute to it.

To help further spur interest in college savings – and in recognition of College Savings Month –

MET is waiving the normal \$25 processing fee for buying a new contract for the entire month of September.

"We hope the suspension of the processing fee serves as incentive to get even more families thinking about saving for college," Lott said. "As tuition costs continue to rise, it's becoming even more beneficial for families to save as much as they can as soon as they can to help fund a future college education."

According to the College Board, the average published tuition and fee price of a full-time year at public four-year institutions nationwide was 40 percent higher, after adjusting for inflation, in 2015–16 than it was in 2005–06. At private nonprofit four-year institutions, the average published price was 29 percent higher than it was a decade ago.

More information about MET is available at [www.SETwithMET.com](http://www.SETwithMET.com) or 800-MET-4-KID.

## McLaren welcomes Dr. Martin to General Surgery

McLaren Northern Michigan is pleased to announce that General Surgeon, Michael S. Martin, MD, has joined our medical staff in Petoskey. Dr. Martin will practice with Petoskey Surgeons.

Dr. Martin came to McLaren Northern Michigan from the St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, MI, where he was the recipient of the Stephen P. Swistak Award for Resident Teacher of the Year. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and was a member of the Honor Society, Critical Care Improvement Council, and Program Evaluation Committee.

A Paw Paw, Michigan native, Dr. Martin grew up visiting northern Michigan every summer. "When I started medical school, I knew I wanted to practice in northern Michigan," said Dr. Martin. "Petoskey was the perfect fit."

In his spare time, Dr. Martin likes to do video editing for his friend's and family's special events.



McLaren Northern Michigan is pleased to announce that General Surgeon, Michael S. Martin, MD, has joined our medical staff in Petoskey. COURTESY PHOTO

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

### THE 8TH AMENDMENT

To the Editor,

STATES EMPHATICALLY: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. The English language has never been more precise than this. It is the briefest Amendment to the US Constitution, succinct and absolute.

Twenty-seven-year-old victim of cerebral palsy from hospital malpractice at birth, Kyle Aldrich was falsely jailed by state police who had called his mother to fetch him, saying Kyle was not under arrest, then arrested her for impaired driving since she'd been asleep at that 9:30 hour having worked till 8:00 that day and drinking some beer before sleep. State troopers lied in court that they advised her not to come. Exact charges against Kyle are unclear but trumped up as is often the case, probation violation, "resisting", "attempted" and the like, a ready gamut of accusations. Videos of the roadside encounter are garbled but one attorney who

watched them said he heard police tell Kyle's mother to come. This is known as entrapment, the other perjury. The video reveals that Kyle was shouting in the background "Mom, don't come", a clear reference to police advising the opposite.

As usual these matters are convoluted, video disks difficult to follow. Kyle was under arrest when his mother and father arrived though they had told her he was not, cops testifying in court that Kyle had tried to escape by loosening his seatbelt but the video clearly shows police doing so and opening the car door. Police grant themselves latitude to tell a story the way they find most pejorative. As a longtime investigative journalist I know that cops lie regularly on report and under oath in court. I have official transcript proof and now videos.

Recent court appointee James Erhart to 90th District Court Charlevoix Michigan, apparently believing the officers, refused to lower bail, instead doubling it to \$50,000 (8th Amendment) for Kyle who just completed ninety days in jail. While there he was awoken one night ostensibly because his

mother had advised jail personnel of her son's medical condition, an opportunity for two guards to place him in a straitjacket (8th again). On jail videos we hear "the hard way or the easy way" in reference to the subsequent mauling of Kyle as guards tried to hogtie him in clear violation of the 8th Cruel & Unusual clause. Through all the arrests, tussles etc. Kyle is compliant until provocation, i.e. seeing his mother arrested in handcuffs, attempt to place him in straitjacket, upon which jail guards then charged him with assault which they had themselves initiated premeditatedly, this all preserved on video.

There is a very real potential of lawsuit and medical diagnosis is pending for Kyle. I suggested to the Charlevoix prosecutor that he drop all charges to avoid lengthy lawsuits, payouts by the county etc. but being as how the police are his main resource of evidence and testimony he declined to do so. Kyle is not squeaky clean in his comportment but Charlevoix County is certainly not either. This is the imbroglio as it stands. As one observer once said, "They paint a pic-

ture of you" to their specifications.

There are many quips and quotes to explain and substantiate this anomaly of law, this never-ending accusation-rebuttal money-extorting system of which legal officials are largely exempted from charges or fines. Gratefully we now have video cams which give further proof that cops lie of natural course, this due to the known fact that convictions are difficult through honest testimony. The bare bones of this scenario are 8th Amendment violations, false arrest, entrapment, perjury, and the overriding medical condition which guards falsely utilized to harass and harm the victim. This is outrage enough but it's also easy to see that there has been a conspiracy to harass, arrest, suborn with strong suggestion of Nazi-like behavior. Two jail guards, Curtis and Hockward, two state troopers, one Roberts, other unnamed, deputies also unnamed are responsible as indicated. Prosecutor Allen Telgenhof tries to keep a respectable neutrality; thus far we don't know the demeanor of the District Court judge although indications are of predisposed pejorative attitude,

comment of "menace to society" this young man with CP. Former prosecutor John Jarema, from whom the videos were received, is handling one case for Kyle but can't be involved in a lawsuit due to conflicting forces locally, thus a lawyer from another location is sought – these locals all have to work with the same judges and cops.

Meanwhile Kyle's mother picked him up from the jail after posting exorbitant bail bond (excessive non-refundable fines), two jail guards inspecting her car to see if Kyle's father was inside, upon which they were ready to issue a trespassing citation, plenty of deputies available there to tweak the law. Kyle is staying in another county, as one might imagine. Charlevoix County, for all its natural beauty, is as notorious as Oakland to the south, home of all those big bad auto towns. The 8th Amendment might apply nationwide – but not here.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

## ★ POLICE ★

### BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

- 1005 Report of missing Birkenstock over weekend
- 1113 General assist in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1214 Found iPad dropped off at PD
- 1530 Found checkbook dropped off at PD. Picked up by owner.
- 1504 Private property damage crash in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.
- 1719 911 hang up in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1923 Report of road hazard on Lincoln near Park St.
- 2056 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of W. Morgan St

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

- 1645 Citation issued for Speed at Front and Lake Park Dr.

- 1657 Assist EMS in the 200 block of N Park St
- 1657 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1704 Assist Sheriff Dept with eviction in the 100 block of W Michigan
- 1726 Erratic driving complaint on M-75 S.
- 1755 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 1759 Juvenile complaint in the 600 block of Jefferson St.
- 1825 Assault complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 1937 Assist EMS in the 400 block of W Ann St
- 2202 Citation issued for Expired Registration in the 500 block of W Division St
- 2246 Assist MSP with suspicious on Boyne City Rd

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24, 2016

- 1233 Harassment complaint
- 1243 Attempted IRS fraud scam
- 1306 Vehicle unlock in the 100

- block of E Water St.
- 1520 PPO violation reported in the 300 block of Silver St.
- 1830 Citizen assist in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1704 Vehicle Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1730 Civil Complaint in the 400 block of Boyne Av
- 1950 Assist EMS on Old Horton Bay Rd

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

- 0737 Citation issued for speed at Front and Pleasant.
- 0816 Vehicle unlock on Brockway.
- 0834 Report of lost ring
- 1200 Civil complaint in the 900 block of E Main
- 1800 Civil child exchange questions.
- 2156 Civil dispute in the 400 block of Harris.
- 2253 Domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Boyne Av.

Friday, August 26, 2016

- 1130 Email/text fraud complaint.
- 1240 Private property damage crash reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1242 Identity theft report.
- 1337 Civil custody questions.
- 1415 General assist to citizen in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1833 Road hazard at Boyne Av and Hemlock.
- 2205 Juvenile complaint in the 500 block of Jefferson St.
- 2220 Report of stolen purse from W Water St

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 2016

- 0015 Two suspicious subjects on foot in the 200 block of N Lake St
- 0146 Assist Sheriff Dept with OWI stop on Boyne Mtn Rd.
- 0331 Assist Sheriff Dept on Sho Sho Nie Beach
- 0750 Missing person report from Riverridge. Were later found
- 0805 Report of missing purse
- 1106 Property damage crash at

- Water and East.
- 1244 Private Property Personal injury crash in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 1310 Vehicle unlock on Water St.
- 1323 Assist Sheriff Dept with vehicle impoundment in the 600 block of State St.
- 1612 Served No Trespass Order in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1759 Assist Sheriff Dept in the 900 block of Roosevelt.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2016

- 0034 Suspicious situation in the 600 block of Jefferson St.
- 0300 Citizen assist on W Main St
- 0922 911 hang up in the 400 block of High St.
- 0156 Gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1618 Juvenile complaint at Lake and Water.
- 2119 Arrested subject on Antrim County Warrant..

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## East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

**EAST JORDAN**—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fac-Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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## Boyer Area Community Christmas

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Over the last 60 years your generous donations ensured thousands of Boyne area children had a merrier Christmas.

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