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(L-R)Charlevoix city councilor Shirley Gibson, city manager Mark Heydlauff and Mayor Gabe Campbell were among three of nearly 200 community and business leaders who attended the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's State of the Community luncheon at Castle Farms this week. Heydlauff gave a warm tribute during the luncheon to Campbell for serving as mayor, as he will not be seeking re-election this November. Gibson, however, has tossed her hat into the mayoral ring and if she wins, she will be the first woman ever to become Mayor of Charlevoix. Gibson will square off against fellow city councilor Luther Kurtz for the seat in November.

CHARLEVOIX STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Let's move forward, Charlevoix

"Not because we like to keep up with the Joneses. We are the Joneses."

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - When it comes to the status quo in Charlevoix, nearly 200 community and business leaders came together over lunch at Castle Farms this week for a chance to catch up and learn about what progress is being

made and what direction the city hopes to follow in coming months.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a State of the Community Luncheon at Castle Farms September 13, featuring a half dozen community leaders representing key

components of the city and who spoke about its civic, educational, health and economic development.

The speakers included Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce board chairman Dennis Halverson, Lyn Jenks, CEO at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, Mike Ritter, Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent, Joel Evans, Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners chairman and Charlevoix city manager Mark Heydlauff, who also spoke on behalf of the city's Mainstreet program.

By all accounts, the city of Charlevoix is in pretty good shape.

"We may have our ups and downs, but the backbone and fabric of this community is strong," Heydlauff told the crowd.

Lyn Jenks reported that despite the nationwide "roller coaster" most hospitals have endured in the past few years, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital has rolled along without a hitch and had a terrific first year as part of the Munson group.

"Our hospital has managed to adapt to changing times and we are doing exceptionally well," Jenks said.

She noted the hospital operates on about a \$49-\$50 million annual budget and employees 398 people who bring a \$22 million payroll into the community. Employees and physicians also continue to report high rates of satisfaction at working at the Charlevoix hospital, which is a top priority there, Jenks said, adding that patients also routinely rank the hospital top notch.

Jenks said the hospital has plans in the works to adapt to changing times and expectations in the health care field and the community. Patient stays are now shorter and more surgeries are being done on an outpatient basis. Significant improvements in mental health care offerings will be a strong focus in coming months, she said.

And no longer will hospital growth translate to building a bigger facility, Jenks said, because today, hospitals are taking a more "pro-active" approach to health care with community outreach programs like wellness workshops and educational courses teaching preventative health care measures. "We hope to keep people well on the outside of the facility," she said.

"Despite deep funding

Charlevoix Airport upgrade is underway

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A \$1.2 million project to upgrade the Charlevoix Municipal Airport is underway and will continue through October, creating occasional runway closures. But local officials assure those closures won't affect air travel to or from one of its most important service destinations-Beaver Island.

The airport was recently awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration as part of its Runway Incursion Mitigation Program.

The program is geared to helping airports reduce the risk of runway incursions, which happen when an aircraft, vehicle or person enters an area restricted to aircraft take offs and landings.

The rehabilitation project at Charlevoix Municipal Airport will include installation of a runway guidance system, resurfacing and grooving of runways as well as electrical system updates. Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc., of Traverse City, won the construction bid for the work.

Ninety percent of the project is being funded through the FAA and 5 percent is being paid through the Michigan Department of Transportation Aeronautics. The city of Charlevoix will match the remaining 5 percent and pay approximately \$70,000.

Construction at the airport is expected to last about three weeks through the end of September and will



Construction crews started work on a \$1.2 million project at Charlevoix Municipal Airport this week that will bring upgrades to airport runways and electrical systems. City officials say temporary closures of the runways required for construction are not expected to impact flight schedule. Work on the project will be ongoing through October.

require occasional runway closures. Runway resurfacing and grooving will then begin in October but will be done at night, resulting in night time runway closures, said Charlevoix City Manager Mark Heydlauff.

Heydlauff assured, however, that none of the runway closures are expected to impact travel to or from Beaver Island, which is served by Island Airways, a critical connecting link to the Charlevoix mainland.

Operating out of the main terminal at the Charlevoix airport, Island Airways has been transporting freight and passengers between Beaver Island and Charlevoix for more than 65 years and is the island's certified carrier of U.S. Mail, UPS and Federal Express.

Angel Welke of Island Airways said her office has received numerous calls from those concerned about the temporary runway closures at Charlevoix

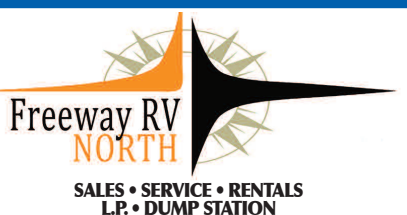
Municipal Airport during the ongoing construction project through October. But Welke posted a statement on the Beaver Island Forum ensuring that flight service to and from the island won't be impacted.

"During the first three weeks of September, all or part of the main runway will be closed. Island Airways has worked with the City of Charlevoix, the engineers, and the FAA to keep the grass runways open during this project," Welke noted, "We do not anticipate any interruption to our flights."

Welke asks those with any questions or concerns about how the ongoing construction project at Charlevoix Municipal Airport might affect their trips to or from Beaver Island in coming weeks to contact her at the Island Airway terminal (231) 448-2071 or in Charlevoix at (231) 547-2141.



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OBITUARIES

Gertrude "Trudy" Works (Zerbs), 87

(MAY 13, 1929 - SEPT. 6, 2016)

Gertrude "Trudy" Elizabeth (Zerbs) Works passed away peacefully with her son John by her side, September 6, 2016, at her long-time summer home and most favorite place in the world, Beaver Island, Michigan.



Trudy was born May 13, 1929, in Salem, Ohio to her parents Victor and Gunda (Berninger) Zerbs. She attended Salem High School, and graduated from Sullins College, Bristol, Va., in 1947. Trudy then received a B.A. from Bard College (1951) and subsequent Management Training Certification from Radcliffe (Harvard) College in 1952. She taught at the Brown-Hathaway school in Cleveland, Ohio, before she married the love of her life, John W. Works, also from Salem, in 1955. She is survived by three children: E. Gabriel Works (John O'Connor) of Grand Rapids; John W. Works, Jr. (Carolyn) of Beaver Island; and James B. Works (Denise) of Stow, Ohio. She is also survived by

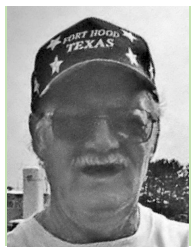
her beloved grandchildren Michael and Matthew Works of Stow, and Margaret Works of Beaver Island, as well as many nieces and nephews. Trudy's sister-in-law Ruth Zerbs also survives her and still resides in Salem, Ohio.

Trudy was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2007, and her daughter Margaret ("Meg") in 1983. Also preceding her in death were her parents, her sister Ada Frye and her brother Victor Zerbs. A memorial service is planned for June 2017 on Beaver Island. Memorial gifts honoring Trudy's life can be made to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center through the Charlevoix Area Community Foundation or directly to the Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary.

Harvey James Washburn, 73

(NOV. 23, 1942 - SEPT. 8, 2016)

Harvey James Washburn of Gaylord passed away at home, surrounded by his family, on Thursday, September 8, 2016.



He was born on November 23, 1942 in Boyne City, the

son of Daniel & Florence (Erfourth) Washburn. He attended Boyne City Schools.

Harvey worked for the LaCross family of Gaylord at Breeners Restaurant in Petoskey and later moved to their Gaylord restaurant, The TownCrest. After the closing of the TownCrest, Harvey enjoyed several more years of cooking in various Gaylord area restaurants.

He enjoyed air shows and had a passion for eagles, which showed in his large collection. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Jill (Warren) Washburn; his children and grandchildren, Harvey Washburn, Jr. (Lora) and their children, Jennifer and Melissa of Huntville, AL, Thomas Washburn (Mary) and their children, Jim and Patty, of Johannesburg, Heather McClure (Shane) and their children, Allyson, Elijah, and Liam of Muskegon, Eric Washburn (Jen) and their children, Caleb, Carsen, Nataly, and Chelsea of Grandville, Brenda Lamberies (Scott) and their children, Parker, Mason, Stanley, Jonathan, Aiden, and Charleigh and Amanda (Tim) Johnson of Kalamazoo. He is also survived by his brother, Guy Washburn (Ruth), and many loving great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brandon, his parents, Daniel and Florence, and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rev. Steve Scheer, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, through the Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734.

On behalf of the Washburn family, they would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Michigan for their compassion and support during this most difficult time.

Marian G. Wilson, 90

(MAY 24, 1926 - SEPT. 12, 2016)

Marian G. Wilson of Bellaire passed away on September 12, 2016 at her home on Eckhart Rd. surrounded by her family and her beloved dog Cindi.

Marian was born on May 24, 1926, in Bad Axe, MI, to Harley and Blanche (Rolph) Miller. She grew up in the Detroit area, moving to the Bellaire area at the age of 17 with her parents and siblings.

She married James Wilson on September 16, 1944, in Bellaire. She worked many years caring for an elderly couple in their home on Clam Lake for many years.

She enjoyed her grandchildren and taking them to the cottage on Carp Lake. She had many hobbies, including cooking, gardening, crafting, hunting and of course fishing. She enjoyed long rides with her husband Jim in the Upper Peninsula and in the fall to look at the colored leaves in the Jordan Valley. She was a member of the Antrim Church of Christ in Mancelona, and loved her church family.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet Rathbun of East Jordan, Shirley (Don) Crocker of Petoskey, her loving grandchildren, Jim (Annette) Rathbun of East Jordan, Michelle (Aaron) Cantrell of New Haven, IN, Warren (Trista) Keller of Alanson, Becky (Mike) Griffes of Alanson, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband James Wilson in 2013, a son Robert Wilson, granddaughter Kimberly Carr, two brothers, Orville and Nelson Miller, a sister Doris Bonk, a son-in-law as well as her parents.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Mark McCool officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery,

Bellaire. Visitation will be on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Antrim Church of Christ. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.



couraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Jeanne Marie Goodrich, 88

(OCT. 9, 1927 - SEPT. 8, 2016)

Jeanne-Marie (Addington) Goodrich of South Arm Township slipped peacefully into the arms of Jesus Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan, surrounded by her family.

Jeanne was born October 9, 1927 in Detroit to Thelma and Cecil Addington, the fourth of six children.

She married Donald Goodrich Feb. 5, 1954 in Detroit where they made their home. They moved to South Arm Township in 1993.

Jeanne loved music. She had a lovely soprano voice and sang in choirs in Detroit. After moving to South Arm Township she joined Charlevoix Community Choral.

Surviving are her children, Merrie Goodrich, Evelyn (Don) Snyder, Laura Doland, Donald (Mary) Goodrich; son-in-law Terry Moblo; 18 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; long-time dear friend Elizabeth Humphrey, and sister Ellen Addington.

Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, her husband Donald, and three daughters, Sarah Brusse, Elaine Devore and Jeanne Ellen Moblo.

Jeanne's family wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Grandvue Horizon CNA's and nurses for their tender loving care, making Jeanne's last years full of joy and happy interactions with members of the staff.

The funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at East Jordan Community Church with Pastor Jason Richey officiating. Burial in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or the charity of choice. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

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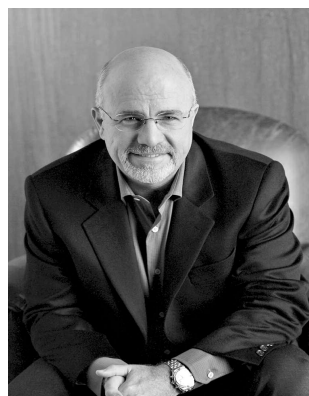
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DAVE Says

(Split it with you)

Dear Dave,
 My wife and I are debt-free except for a car and our house. The car is financed through her mom, and her dad agreed to send us half of the payment each month. We owe \$7,700 on the car, and we have enough cash right now to pay off the car in full with plenty left over. Should we do this, even though her dad is making \$100 of the payment each month?
 Dustin

Dear Dustin,
 If her father had agreed to send you guys \$100 each month, ask him to continue doing that for the duration of the agreement. Then, you guys pay off the car now with your cash. There's nothing dishonest about this, as long as you explain the plan to her parents and they're agreeable.
 The reason for this approach is two-fold: it gets the debt paid off, and then you can get the car put in your name. Plus, a situation like this represents drama just looking for a place to happen, if it hasn't already. Family relationships take on a weird vibe when money has been loaned and



Dave Ramsey

borrowed.
 If they're not agreeable to the idea, that's okay. All you can do is ask. But one way or another, I'd be out of this situation before the sun goes down!
 —Dave

(Owing on commercial)

Dear Dave,
 My husband and I own three commercial buildings in Boise, Idaho, that are leased out long-term. We owe about \$500,000 on one and \$400,000 on each of the others, and they earn \$190,000. The only other debt we have is a small amount left on our mortgage. I know you don't like debt, but is it okay to owe on commercial properties that are making good money?
 Dawn

Dear Dawn,
 I own several commercial buildings, and I don't owe a dime on any of them. So, I can't tell you that I think it's okay to have debt on commercial

buildings. I believe the best plan for building wealth is to become debt-free.

Now, from the situation you've described, that doesn't necessarily mean you guys should be in panic mode and start selling everything in sight. But I do think that you should systematically work your way out from under these debts over the next few years.

If I were in your shoes, I'd go ahead and get the house paid off first. Then, I'd take a look at these commercial properties, and begin working the debt snowball on them. Start throwing as much money as you can at the smallest debt, while making minimum payments on the other two. When you get it paid off, roll that amount over — along with every dime you can dig up — and attack the second largest one. Follow these steps until you pay off all of your commercial properties.

It might take up to 10 years in your case, because we're talking about at least \$1.3 million in debt. If you have a bunch of equity in one you don't particularly like, you might consider selling it and throwing the cash at the remaining two. But whatever the timeline, I'd develop a hardcore game plan to get rid of this debt.

Wouldn't it be cool to have all that paid for? Talk about cash flow!
 —Dave

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Charlevoix Hospital opens Behavioral Health Services department



The Behavioral Health team, left to right: Heather Elzinga, Lori Katzman, MD, Michael Lucido, PhD, and Michalene Wright, Physician's Office Clinical Coordinator. COURTESY PHOTO

In response to the overwhelming need for mental health services in our local communities, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital has opened its new Behavioral Health department. Providers will see patients in both Charlevoix and Boyne City, making care as convenient as possible for all age groups.

Heading the department is long-time provider, Lori Katzman, MD, a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Medicine. Joining her is Michael Lucido, PhD, Michalene Wright, Physician's Office Clinical Coordinator, and Heather Elzinga, office coordinator. These providers have worked together for more than 15 years and have an extraordinary reputation in northwestern Michigan.

When asked why they chose to become part of Munson Health-

care Charlevoix Hospital, Dr. Katzman indicated that they were very familiar with the quality of care and reputation for service that the hospital has and felt they were a good fit.

"Mental health issues are everywhere and there are very limited places in northern Michigan to go for help, particularly in our local area," said Dr. Katzman. "I know this addition will fill a very significant need and be enormously helpful in our community."

The team at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Behavioral Health will offer a comprehensive array of services to support the emotional and mental well-being of patients and their families. They are able to treat a wide range of psychiatric and mental health disorders such as depression, obsessive compulsive, post-traumatic stress, autism, ADHD,

personality disorders, anxiety, panic, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, to name a few.

"Northwestern Michigan is a shortage area for mental health service providers, according to the HRSA research, indicating a great need in our local community. We are hoping to fill some of the gaps for people who either had no services or were driving across counties to get help," said Dr. Lucido. "My hope is that we can make mental health as routine in our healthcare environment as any other medical service. Being a part of the hospital does just that."

For more information about Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, or Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Behavioral Health, please visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoixhospital.

East Jordan veteran presented with Quilt of Valor

East Jordan resident Warren "Pete" Frank was recently nominated by Hospice of Northwest Michigan to receive a Quilt of Valor through the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild in acknowledgement of Pete's military service and retired volunteer work with Veteran Hospice patients.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. The Foundation believes every Veteran Deserves a Quilt that is made with Love and Gratitude as a small token to those who have given much.

Presentation of the quilt was done by Linda Schofield, a representative of the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild, Amy Wieland, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Pete's Daughter Roxanne Frank. LTBQG has given 100 Quilts of Valor to warrior recipients thus far. Tresa Keys from Harbor Springs coordinates the making and distribution of all the Guilds Quilts of Valor and can be reached at 231-758-6530 for questions or inquiries.



PICTURED: Left to right: Amy Wieland, Warren "Pete" Frank, Roxanne Frank. Courtesy photo

Paddle Antrim celebrates the Chain of Lakes

Paddle Antrim is ready to celebrate Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes at the Paddle Antrim Festival September 15-17th. This event is highlighted by a two-day kayak paddle through Antrim County's Chain of Lakes and includes community events all weekend long for the entire community.

On Friday September 16th over 150 paddlers will launch from the Village of Ellsworth's River Park and paddle up to 15 miles to the Village of Bellaire. On Saturday, they will continue from Bellaire and paddle up to 27 miles to the Village of Elk Rapids. "As this is only our second year doing this event, we are really excited with our numbers," says Deana Jerdee, Paddle Antrim executive director. "Watching all of the paddlers launching from the sandy beach in Ellsworth together is a pretty amazing sight."

There will be community events all three days and Paddle Antrim encourages the entire community to come out and be a part. The Paddle Antrim Festival starts with the Kick-off Party

from 5:30-8:00 pm at Ellsworth Community Park. There will be great live music from Kellerville as well as opportunities for great food from the Landings food truck and delectable desserts Mi Farm Market. The party continues Friday afternoon from 1:30-4:30 in Bellaire's Richardi Park with music by Kenny T, outdoor games, and community booths for all to enjoy.

The Festival ends at the Final Bash Saturday night held at Short's Brewing Company's Production Facility (211 Industrial Park Dr. Elk Rapids). This family friendly event features great food by Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen, brews from Short's Brewing Company, and live music by Valentiger. There will be outdoor games for everyone to enjoy. The Final Bash is from 3:00-9:00 pm and entry is \$5, free for those under 12 and a max of \$15 per family. Entry is included in registration for paddlers.

For more information, please go online at <http://www.paddleantrim.com> or email info@paddleantrim.com or call 231-492-0171.

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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 PADDLE ANTRIM KICK-OFF PARTY

September 15, 5:30-7:30pm, Ellsworth Community Park. Featuring a free concert with Kellerville and the Landing Food Truck will be there. Paddle Antrim starts in Ellsworth on Friday morning Sept. 16, paddles to Central Lake for lunch, on to Bellaire and ends in Elk Rapids. The Final Bash will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at Short's Production Facility, 211 Industrial Park with Live Music by "Valentiger". \$5 Adult Tickets, \$15 per family, free for Paddle Antrim Paddlers & those under 12. To register - go to <http://paddleantrim.com>

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 BULLYING EXAMINED AT LIFETREE CAFE

September 18, 6:30pm. The program, titled "Confronting Bullies: At School, Work, and Home," features a filmed inter-

view with Scott Larson. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to tell of times they've faced bullying and how it impacted their lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is located 401 S Park St., Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

September 20, 12:30pm-5:15pm. Eagles Lodge 1583, 106 River Street. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

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.

EAST JORDAN GUATEMALAN BENEFIT DINNER & BAZAAR

September 20, First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams Street. The Dinner will be held at 6:00 PM and the Bazaar opens at 7:00 PM. Silent Auc-

tion, Bake Sale and Handmade Guatemalan goods for sale! All are welcome. All proceeds to benefit medical mission work in Guatemala.

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.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

September 22, 8:30am-2:15pm. Boyne City High School, 1035 Boyne Ave. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

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.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 22, 5-7pm, Grandvue Medical Facility. Hors d'oeuvres prepared by Grandvue's executive chef, Andy Carlson. Preview progress of Grandvue's new four-season greenhouse. Co-Sponsored by 4Front Credit Union and Grandvue. Free to Chamber Members, not-yet-members \$10.

CHARLEVOIX DINING FOR PAWS

September 23. Host a dinner party, invite your friends to a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. The parties can be themed, fancy, or just a potluck. Whatever you like. Let your guests know ahead of time that your dinner is a fundraising event for the CAHS, and at some point during your party, ask each of your guests for a donation of any amount. Start your party as early as you like, but be sure to save room for dessert]. At 8pm all the dinner party hosts and guest will gather in Shanahan's Barn at the Charlevoix Country Club to tally the fundraising results and celebrate over cocktails, dessert, and dancing with the Pine River Jazz Band. Plus we'll have a great silent auction. Desserts are graciously provided by some of the area's best restaurants, many of which will also be hosting parties with special dinner rates and a portion of the sales to benefit the Humane Society. Register your party and your estimated guest count at 231-582-6774 or pets@charlevoix-humane.org.

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 Organization". 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 or Laura 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.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 Reform 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.

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 24, 8am-4pm, downtown. Boyne City will again celebrate its autumn bounty at the Harvest Festival. The event brings music, crafts and fall produce to the downtown. Portions of Water and Lake streets will be closed to traffic. The Farmers Market will move from Veterans Park to Water and Lake streets for the event. There will also be an arts and crafts show and folk art demonstrations. Pony rides run from 12 to 2 p.m. and there will also be children's games, pumpkin painting and more. The festival is sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber. More than 20 scarecrows will be displayed around downtown from mid-September until Halloween. Six musical performers will be featured during on three stages in the downtown. For more information, call (231) 582-6222 or visit www.boyneharvest-festival.com.

EAST JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL AND LEAF PECKER CRAFT SHOW

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

EAST JORDAN FALL PIE BAKING CONTEST

September 24, 1-1:30pm judging at Memorial Park (big tent). 1st prize; \$100 Save-A-Lot gift card, 2nd prize; \$30 Save-A-Lot gift card, 3rd prize; \$20 Save-A-Lot gift card.

EAST JORDAN SCENIC AIRPLANE RIDES

September 24 (rain date October 1), 10am-2pm. East Jordan City Airport. Sponsored by the East Jordan Rotary Club and Island Airways.

EAST JORDAN HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

September 24, 9am-2pm, Downtown East Jordan. Donate a Halloween costume and receive 50-percent off another costume. Donation drop offs at EJ Chamber, EJ Elementary School and Real Estate One Charlevoix.

EAST JORDAN 12TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

September 24, 1-3pm. Join the Friends of the Jordan to celebrate "Visions of the Valley" photo contest winners and be the first to see the 2017 calendar. Enjoy food and beverages.

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/Charlevoix-FarmersMarket

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

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

BOYNE CITY
Beginning September 8th and continuing until May 15, 2017; the Tennis Courts at Rotary Park will be closed to facilitate the reconstruction of the playing surface. This project involves removal of the current playing surface, proper subgrade installation, paving of the playing surface and all new marking (including "Pickleball") for the 4 courts. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 231-582-6597.

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 pictures and the exhibitor list from last year are at www.boyne-expo.com.



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."

Blue Cross Blue Shield Announces Legacy Changes

By now all of the 200,000 plus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Legacy Medigap customers have received notice that their premiums will increase substantially next year. The rate increase is still under review by the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, and probably won't be finalized until September.

Currently all Legacy Plan C customers are paying \$122.86 per month for the supplemental coverage. Starting January 1, 2017, the premium for the Legacy C Medigap plan will no longer be subsidized and the "community" rating will be dropped. The monthly premiums for the Legacy plan will be in line with other insurance companies. The community rating has been a big advantage for Legacy customers. Under that provision, everyone has been paying the same premium without any underwriting considerations. On January 1st, the Legacy premium will be based on age, gender and zip code. Basically, this all means that the cost for Legacy Medigap coverage will rise sharply. Also, BCBSM will stop offering the popular Legacy C plan as of November 14th of this year.

Jim Verville, Regional Coordinator for the Medicare/Medicare Assistance Program in Traverse City said that his office has been getting many calls from seniors who have received the BCBSM

notification. He said, "Many folks are in a state of panic and feel they need to do something right now." The current premiums and plan ratings will remain in effect through the end of December. He said, "Our counselors are advising folks that they don't have to make any immediate decisions because there is plenty of time to explore alternatives this fall".

Beneficiaries need to know that they can expect calls from agents wanting to sell them various alternative Medicare plans. "We suggest that folks know who they are dealing with and avoid talking to anyone who is pressuring them to make a quick decision", said Verville.

He indicated that his MMAP counselors can discuss options with their clients when they re-view their Part D prescription drug plans for 2017. "At that time we will be prepared to re-view other Medigap plans and Medicare Advantage plans with them", he said. He suggests that beneficiaries call the MMAP toll free number in September and request to have a pre-scripted drug worksheet mailed to them. Once the worksheet is returned MMAP counselors will review drug plan comparisons starting when the Medicare Annual Enrollment period begins on October 15th. Counselors will then also discuss alternatives to the Legacy plans if beneficiaries choose to do so. If Legacy customers want to con-

tinue with their plan, no action will be necessary.

Currently all Legacy plan C customers are paying \$122.86 per month for their premium. Individuals under the age of 65 who are receiving Medicare benefits due to a disability will be the hardest hit with the rate increase. However, unlike many other insurance companies, BCBSM will not deny Medigap coverage to disabled individuals or others who have major health issues.

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund will offer a monthly subsidy for eligible Michigan Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medigap plan that is offered by participating insurance companies. Applications for the subsidy will be accepted beginning October 1st and will take effect on January 1, 2017.

Eligibility for the subsidy is based on income. Applicant's total income can be no more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. That amount is equal to \$1,485 for single individuals and \$2,005 for couples per month.

More information regarding the subsidy is available by contacting the Endowment Fund at 866-824-9772.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, September 15 11am Arthritis Exercise Program Wii Bowling | Friday, September 16 11am O.J. Adkins Raffle Rummikub | Monday, September 19 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 10:30am Line Dancing Bingo - Gift Certif Prize Rummikub | Tuesday, September 20 11am Walk With Ease 11am Adolph Cwik Mexican Train | Wednesday, September 21 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Casino Trip—call Terril! Various Card Games | Thursday, September 22 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling |
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, September 15 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30 am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong | Friday, September 16 FOOT CLINIC Wii Bowling Tournament in Cheboygan 9:30am Craft Class | Monday, September 19 1pm Bridge 1 pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study | Tuesday, September 20 Turtle Creek Casino Trip 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong | Wednesday, September 21 12:45pm Bingo | Thursday, September 22 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Kevin Johnson Music 1pm Mahjong |
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, September 15 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre | Friday, September 16 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something! | Monday, September 19 Exercise Room 8am-1 pm Walking M-F 12:30pm Wii Bowling | Tuesday, September 20 Foot Clinic 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize Mexican Poker | Wednesday, September 21 Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm Veterans Affairs 1pm Cards | Thursday, September 22 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre |
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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| Thursday, September 15 BEEF CHILI & BAKED POTATO | Friday, September 16 TURKEY & TRIMMINGS | Monday, September 19 CHICKEN LASAGNA | Tuesday, September 20 COOK'S CHOICE | Wednesday, September 21 HAMBURGER w/BUN | Thursday, September 22 PORK CHOP |
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Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord



With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances, furniture, racks and racks of clothing items, tools, home décor items, kitchen items, towels, bedding, curtains, dishes, nick knacks, collectable figurines and spoons, candles, holiday décor items including 1000's of Christmas ornaments, luggage, golf clubs, DVD's and VHS tapes, CD's, vinyl records, puzzles, books, games, toys, base-

ball cards, and more...even a special area devoted to wedding dresses.

Astonishingly, A-2-Z has over 50 wedding dresses and over 50 prom dress on hand, plus over 4,000 pieces of jewelry, lots of buttons, purses, shoes, boots, sandals and 20 racks full of all types of clothing for men, women, children...even maternity and baby clothes. There has never been a more economical and stylish way to update your wardrobe or get decked-out for that upcoming special occasion.

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every day."

Carol Brown adds, "Many of the

items that we offer, especially furniture, move very quickly. We would love to thank everyone who has stopped in and for being our customers for six years now. We would also enjoy seeing our friends from Onaway, Millersburg and Harrisville areas stop in and see us."

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale. Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inventory.

A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. For additional information call (989) 732-9500.

COMMUNITY

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cutbacks and being seriously over-regulated, the education system in the city of Charlevoix is also overall sunny," said Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent Mike Ritter.

"The state of education in Charlevoix is strong, just like our students and families," Ritter said, noting that last year enrollment within the district "stabilized" with more students enrolling—a trend that is hoped to continue this year.

Ritter stressed the importance of building strong partnerships among school staff, board members, city, township and county officials along with the local hospital and student and parent groups like the PTO to maintain the high standard of education offered in the district.

In coming months, Ritter said there are numerous plans for a variety of improvements within the district, both structural and curricular. An auxiliary gym is to be built and re-surfacing of the track will be considered. He said that facility planning and community forums are upcoming and "going to be huge". There will also be a focus on improving math scores in the district by better using iPads that students are issued.

Improvements have also been made and are being planned on the county level, said Charlevoix County board of commissioners chairman Joel Evans.

Evans said 19 projects - including several road projects - moved forward or were successfully completed recently. There are still road problems to be fixed, he said, however he added he's happy with what has been accomplished with what little funding has so far been available.

"We are getting the roads done, thanks to the taxpayers of Charlevoix County," Evans said.

Evans also lauded the continuing construction of the non-motorized, paved trail through the county that will eventually link Charlevoix to

Boyer City, Walloon Lake and the Little Traverse Wheelway and is hoped to someday attract cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts from around the world to this community.

On the county's "to do" list, Evans said improvements in security are planned at the county building to better ensure the safety of employees and citizens alike. Safety glass is being installed and a better plan of action being implemented in terms of certain doors being kept locked and gates closed.

"We are working hard for security of our building...we can't do enough," Evans said, "We think nothing (bad) will happen up here, but we know what's happening all over."

The county also plans to make improvements for law enforcement on Beaver Island, including the installation of holding cells for those who get arrested, as Evans noted there is currently no secure place for police to contain a suspect on the island.

"I guess if you arrest somebody on Beaver Island (right now) you've gotta tie them up to a tree?" Evans joked.

City manager Mark Heydlauff said Charlevoix continues to hold itself to a very high standard so that it remains a pleasant and attractive place for residents, resorters and visitors to be year-round. In doing so, certain upgrades are needed, he said, including infrastructure improvements, in particular the city's water pipes, which he said are old and require repair. Construction of a facility to house large equipment necessary to fix issues like that is also a priority, he said.

But whatever changes may be essential for the city grow and adapt to changing times, Heydlauff said he's confident the people of Charlevoix will continue to be on top of them.

"Let's move forward, Charlevoix," he said in closing, "Not because we like to keep up with the Joneses. We are the Joneses."

Annual Big Truck Bridge Crossing and Show

By Jim Akans

Hundreds of "Big Rigs" will be crossing the Mackinac Bridge this coming weekend, all part of the 21st Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show events that will be taking place on each side of the Straits of Mackinac. These incredible semi trucks are adorned with custom cabs, extraordinary exterior paint and artwork and dazzling light displays.

The trucks' journey across the bridge will take place at dusk on Saturday evening, September 17 with a fantastic "Parade of Lights." The big rigs will fire up,

light up, and cruise across the Mackinac Bridge, parade through Mackinaw City, and back across the Bridge and to the Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace. All along the way these vehicles will be dazzling brilliantly with custom light displays

The Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show, complete with a silent auction featuring some very cool items, a swap meet, music and food, will be held at Little Bear Arena on Marquette Street during the weekend, with an award ceremony on Sunday. Alex Debogorski of the cable television program, "Ice Road Truckers," will be the special guest for this

year's show. Attendees will also have the opportunity to shop for exciting and unique items at the many vendor booths at the show.

The Richard Crane Memorial Foundation is a non-profit dedicated to raising funds through this event to further the fight against cancer by devoting a portion of the proceeds to the Helen Moss Cancer Research Foundation.

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

For additional information about the 21st Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show, go to www.nostalgia-prod.com

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Charlevoix Circle of Arts presents Harvest of Homegrown Talent

To celebrate the coming fall season the Charlevoix Circle of Arts Armchair Theatre will be presenting "Harvest of Homegrown Talent" featuring Dwain Martin and Jessica Dominic and the Charlevoix Men's Chorus on Sunday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Directed by Ruth Willis, the chairperson of the Armchair Theatre, Ruth encourages all in attendance to wear their best "Farmers Market Clothing".

Dwain Martin has had a following for his music and lyrics for years. "All my life I wanted to be a writer. As a kid, around ten years old, I published a local neighborhood newspaper.

I was born downstate in Michigan, but always wanted to live up north" Dwain said. His singing partner and fellow songwriter Jessica Dominic was born in Charlevoix, MI. Dwain says "she has a strong and emotional voice - she is an entertainer."

The Charlevoix Men's Chorus was founded by Fran Tollas, about 25 years ago. Fran was a singer and pianist and her husband Bob Tollas sang in a Barbershop Quartet. Fran Tollas and Phil Schairbaum (who is a current chorus member) wrote "Michigan, Michigan, Northern Michigan" for the chorus. It is still a crowd favorite. The

current director of the 8-15 voice singing group is Vincent Chew. Vincent was a charter member of the chorus.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street, just one block off of Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. For more information you may go online to www.charlevoixcircle.org or call at (231) 547-3554. The suggested donation for the Armchair Theatre productions is \$5.00.

RIGHT: Dwain Martin and Jessica Dominic perform in downtown Charlevoix at the Farmers Market. Courtesy photo



9-11 Commemorative Event at Veteran Park



Commander of the Charlevoix American Legion Joe Seidel, addresses school groups from St. Mary School upper elementary and Charlevoix Montessori Academy middle and high school Friday at Veterans Park in Charlevoix. The commemorative presentation in remembrance of the 9-11 tragedies fifteen years ago, also included placing a wreath at the monument, a rifle salute and playing of the Taps. This event is conducted annually for the past fifteen years honoring Patriots Day. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

Rare Threads: Ancestral inspirations exhibit opens

Rare Threads, JRAC's biennial juried fiber exhibit, opens Sunday, September 18. Plan to attend the reception on that date from 1-4pm to launch this colorful and diverse show. Over sixty pieces of fiber art have been selected, representing the work of 35 artists, for this ninth Rare Threads exhibit held at JRAC.

On display will be quilting, weaving, knitting, crochet, embroidery, batik, dyeing, and more. Some pieces are vintage textiles while many others are contemporary creations inspired by family heirlooms. If you enjoy fibers and history, don't miss "Ancestral Inspirations!" Curators for this exhibit are Sylvia Alworth and Julie Hurd.

In conjunction with the exhibit three fiber-themed workshops will be presented. They are:

- "Oversized Flower Power" with Debra Danko, Saturday, September 24 from 10am - 4pm. Techniques for producing realistic floral quilts.
- "20th Century Hand Embroidery" with Kathleen Glynn, Saturday, October 1 from 10am-4:00pm. Traditional stitchery with contemporary applications.
- "Ice Dyeing" with Linda Van Andel and Julie Hurd, Saturday, October 8 from 1- 4pm. Dye fabrics



Blouse, hand woven based on ancestral Latakia, design by Kati Meek. COURTESY PHOTO

with watercolor effects to use in your quilting and craft projects.

To enroll in these exhibits contact co-curator, Sylvia Walworth, phone, 231 409 9279 or email, sylwalworth@charter.net. The exhibit will be open daily from 1:00-4:00 PM through October 23. For more details and registration information, visit www.jordanriverarts.com.

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VACATION TO PROBATION

To the Editor

That's the quip locally for vacationers - Come here on vacation, leave on probation - who presume they can come up here from downstate and below and act out their wildest dreams of drunken waterway orgies in wine, women and song, namely alcohol, bikinis and drugs. It doesn't work that way anymore - if the fantasy ever did.

No, and actually it hasn't for a half century but the vacationing populace tends to think that up north means go forth and par-tay. The primary intervention now seems to be the waterways patrolled by sheriff department watercraft deployed specifically for detainment of those deemed irresponsible due to alcohol imbibing on those watercraft whilst enjoying the northern waters. This has apparently supplanted the former yet still active automotive DUI crackdown. The latest assessment by those in the know is that there were more than 100 detainees in the Charlevoix County jail of late in a facility that normally houses something like 70 inmate capacity. That's a heavy overload and many are said to be bedded down in the library facility on mats on the floor. The poignancy lies in the fact that most of these guys and girls are from points south. They have indeed come north to party whereas vacation has led to probation, a neat little poetic aphorism.

They're arraigned and all that, pay their bails by credit card, bail out their vehicles by credit card, go home and sullenly drive back up for their day in court which invariably levies more fees, fines, and chastisement upon them. This sequence

can take months, even years because the law works in more mysterious ways than The Lord. But like the Lord and karma they never forget. Not anymore anyway. Used to be recordkeeping would mess up sometimes but now with computers it's gotten harder to outsmart the gendarmes and moneychangers. They've grown accustomed to our contributions. They like it this way. This is a predictable assessment for the county coffers and all they have to do is deploy deputies and wait. Rather smugly at that in the now timeworn attitude of build them and they will come.

Of course they'll come, just like any trap for all nature's creatures including us humans. If DUIs, BUIS (Boating Under the Influence) &c didn't pay so well it wouldn't be enforced so assiduously. Thus every weekend the influx builds. There is even report of one man in custody wearing a tuxedo. Seems he was to be best man at a wedding up here, a retreat from downstate en masse, no best man at that ceremony. Authorities certainly rained on that picnic.

There is a double standard of course. Police and politicians do this inebriate dance regularly with impunity, alcohol and drugs replete. You won't find any in-depth reporting of this in local presses, mere perfunctory mention at most. The bureaucrat authoritarians have a lucrative game going, justifiable by moral standards of perfect world statistics, absenting those regular anomalies of police and judicial infractions. They do what they have outlawed and get away with it. The case of Greg Justis in Petoskey showcases that well, downplayed by press and public. That 2006 case was reported by the Petoskey News Review although heavily tilted toward the drug dealer convicted a year later

of supplying the attorney with the deadly drug. Fentanyl, the lawyer supposedly having been the victim. Justis was found dead in the dealer's car just "steps from the Emmet County Courthouse" the article sensationalized. Bad drug dealer, corrupting good lawyer. Ah, the dangers of drugs sentimentally portrayed. Lock up all those bad guys - but not the cops and lawyers who partake as well. If anyone has ever chanced to observe a court day at a county building the impression of a carnival might emerge, a sideshow of grotesque imagery proportions, the takehome being an Alice In Wonderland "Off With His Head" Red Queen tirade in oh-so-slow motion. This is known as Justis - er, justice.

The charade continues. In off seasons it reverts to DUIs, Impaired driving, Reckless Driving, Open Container, Minor In Possession, and so on. Drug busts are big locally. Swat-like teams of locally formed police forces converge on domiciles to strip off electric box plates to investigate for concealed drugs - clever that surveillance of assailants, who would have thought?

Be forewarned, Boating Under the Influence is big business hereabouts in Water Wonderland. We haven't heard much about SUIs yet but we probably will, you know Snowmobiling Under the Influence. And then of course there's Motorcycling Under the Influence (MUI), Walking Under the Influence - WUI otherwise known as Public Drunk - and so on ad infinitum. It takes a lot of money to support the function of county buildings. Thank you for your contribution.

**Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan**

Innovative Prototype sensors to be tested at the Mighty Mac

Some engineering professors had an idea to monitor bridges with sensors powered with the vibrations generated by traffic. Think self-winding watch. Those professors, including one at Michigan State University, think they have mastered the technology. But they needed a real-world platform to try it out.

Enter Bob Sweeney and the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA). Sweeney heard about the developing technology and knew the Mackinac Bridge, because of its status as a transportation icon and modern marvel of engineering, would provide a high-profile test site.

That's why later this month, Nizar Lajnef, associate professor of civil engineering at Michigan State University (MSU), and professor Shantanu Chakarabarty from Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) will place six of these prototype sensors beneath the bridge. It's part of a demonstration project by MSU, WUSTL, and the University of Southern California (professor Sami Masri) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

"We could test this innovative technology on any number of bridges, but what location could be better than an engineering icon like the Mackinac Bridge?" said Lajnef.

Several features of these sensors make them attractive to infrastructure managers. Typically, sensors become maintenance issues, requiring battery changes or wiring to power sources. Because these sensors have no external power source they eliminate that issue. They also

don't need wires to access their data; instead, that information can be accessed wirelessly by someone driving over the bridge with a laptop.

"There is huge potential and benefit for sensors like these on structures beyond the Mackinac Bridge, and we're excited these prototypes are being tested here," said MBA Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney. "We meticulously maintain and inspect the bridge each year, and sensors like these will complement our efforts, giving us even more information on the bridge's condition to help keep it well-maintained and safe for many years to come."

Bridges are subject to nearly constant stress and loading as vehicles cross over, and for a bridge like the Mackinac Bridge that can mean millions of data points gathered from a traditional sensor. Sweeney said these prototype sensors can be set to collect data in more specific ranges, making that data more manageable and meaningful.

"These sensors represent a long-term, low-cost solution for continuous condition assessment, and I'm confident they will offer solutions to extend the useful life of bridges and roads around our state and country," Lajnef said.

If these prototype sensors perform as intended, more may be added to the Mackinac Bridge next year. Sensors also will be installed at other bridges in the Washington, D.C., area and Virginia as part of an FHWA demonstration project and a new National Science Foundation project.

★ POLICE ★

ROLLOVER ACCIDENT ON M-66

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at approximately 12:00 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle rollover accident on M-66 North near Ranney Road, in Eveline Township.

48 year old Karen Rutkowski of East Jordan lost control after overcorrecting while attempting to negotiate the curve in her 2014 Jeep Cherokee.

Rutkowski was transported by Charlevoix City Ambulance to Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital where she was treated and released for minor injuries.

BICYCLIST STRUCK BY CAR

On Monday, September 12, 2016 at approximately 6:40 pm, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the City of Charlevoix EMS responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on Old Orchard Road in Charlevoix Township.

Devin Post, a 34 year old Charlevoix resident, was turning off North Country Club Drive onto Old Orchard Drive on his bicycle when he failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by a 2005 Buick SUV, driven by Travis Murray, a 32 year old Charlevoix resident.

The vehicle was traveling Eastbound on Old Orchard when it encountered the cyclist, who was transported to the Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

This accident remains under investigation.

TWO INJURED IN M-75 CRASH

On Friday, September 9, 2016 at approximately 4:40 p.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office along with the Boyne City Police De-

partment, Boyne Valley EMS and Fire, and Boyne City EMS responded to a report of a two vehicle crash on M-75 S. near Deer Lake Road in Boyne Valley Township. The caller reported two people were trapped in the vehicle with one injured.

A 2016 GMC Terrain driven by 32 year old Amanda Baker of Indian River was traveling Southeast on M-75 South near Deer Lake Rd. when a 2005 Chevrolet Malibu, which was being driven by 20 year old Ashlee Vanderhoof of Cheboygan, was traveling Northwest on M-75 S. and attempted to make a left-hand turn into a private drive, but did not see Baker's vehicle in the oncoming lane and turned in front of her.

Baker had no time to avoid the collision and crashed into the front passenger side door area of Vanderhoof's car where 20 year old Constance Rosinski of Petoskey was seated.

Rosinski had to be extricated from the vehicle by the Boyne Valley EMS & Fire department and was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Vanderhoof was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital as a precaution. Baker was released at the scene.

Drugs and alcohol were not believed to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

WOMAN RUN OVER BY GOLF CART ON BEAVER ISLAND

On September 9, 2016 at approximately 3:51 p.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on Beaver Island was dispatched to the area of Forest Ave near King's Highway for a

person who backed over by a golf cart.

The driver of the golf cart, 71 year old Ron Stipp of Beaver Island, backed over 76 year old Suzie Fisher, also of Beaver Island, just after she exited the golf cart. The golf cart was rolling downhill when Stipp put his vehicle in reverse, not seeing Fisher and knocking her over.

Fisher suffered injuries to her neck, back, and ankle. She was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey for her injuries.

Speed and alcohol are not believed to be a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

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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CropWalkPhoto; Area residents are gearing up to join in the Charlevoix County CROP Walk, Saturday, September 24 at 9am. COURTESY PHOTO

33rd Charlevoix County CROP Walk

Come rain or shine! Area residents are gearing up to join in the Charlevoix County CROP Walk, Saturday, September 24 at 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 St. Mary's Catholic 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. Twenty-five percent of all monies raised here in Charlevoix County will come back locally to The Good Samaritan of Ellsworth, Care and Share of East Jordan, the Charlevoix Food Pantry, Seventh Day Adventist, Boyne Food Pantry in Boyne City and Boyne Falls Food Pantry, Boyne Falls. Last year, over 80 walkers and volun-

teers raised more than \$23,000 of which \$5,750 was divide between our local food pantries. The remaining funds helped to combat hunger and poor sanitation around the world, including the United States. 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.

6th Annual Jordan Valley's George Hawley Memorial Run

The 5K and 10K Run, 5K Walk, and Half-Mile Youth Run was held at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. The event was organized by the Northern Striders Running Club to benefit the Special Olympics. There was a nice turn out for the running events and weather was favorable and pleasant. A new course record was set in the men's 10K by Kyle Kiel of Traverse City. Northern Striders Running Club would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors for their help and support. This event could not take place without their help. Supporting sponsors: Denholm Family Chiropractic, Hall Dental, Farm Bureau Insurance, Charlevoix State Bank, Mike Stark - Coldwell Banker, Sodalicious, Marty's Dairy Grille, Jordan Valley Rehab Center, The Insurance Shop, Bert DeJardins Maple Ridge Dental, Alba Sportsman Club, Save a Lot, Competitive Edge, ej, and Rick Hawley Photography

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42:32w Robin DeBlake
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18:16 Chris Stark
18:53 Don Hoezee
19:20 Elijah Bragg
20:47 Eric McLean
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21:12 Caleb Carson
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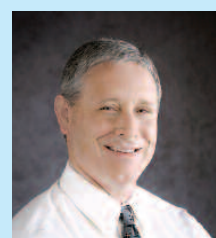
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