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Charlevoix man arrested for assault with intent to murder

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A 63-year-old Hayes Township man was arrested this week and is awaiting arraignment on numerous charges, including felony assault with attempt to murder.

In a press release issued Monday, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof cited charges that have been filed against Steve A. Martin, 63, of Charlevoix, in connection with a shooting incident between the suspect and sheriff's deputies that occurred in Charlevoix County on Friday, October 21. The charges against Martin include assault with intent to murder and assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer, all felonies.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, Telgenhof said the incident occurred around 7:35 p.m. when Charlevoix County Deputy Nathan Kaminski initiated a routine traffic stop on a vehicle in Hayes Township on See Road near Boyne City/Charlevoix Road.

Court documents show the vehicle was driven by Jared Martin and that he was pulled over for a broken tail light and flat tire. Deputies also observed an open liquor container on Martin's dashboard and administered a Breathalyzer test, in which he blew .17, well exceeding the state legal limit of .08.

As they were arresting Jared Martin, his relative, Steve A. Martin, arrived at the scene driving a 1998 Chevrolet truck, Telgenhof stated. Jared Martin began to resist arrest and struggled with Kaminski and another deputy and Kaminski used his taser on the suspect.

At that point, Telgenhof said eyewitnesses at the scene reported Steve Martin "floored it" and drove his truck in the direction of the officers "really fast" and "almost hit a male

See **Assault** -3A

Trick or Treating in Charlevoix County

By Jim Akans

Halloween weekend is sneaking right up and that means its trick-or-treating time! All across Charlevoix County folks are stocking up on goodies for giving, so check out the following schedule, fine-tune your costume, and get ready for a door-to-door quest in search of devilishly delicious delights. Don't forget to check the related article on Halloween Safety, and of course, always remember to say "Thank You!"

- Boyne City

Annual Halloween Parade in downtown Boyne City will start at 4:45 pm on Halloween, October 31, with the line-up at 4:30pm at Cindi Francos on Lake Street and will proceed downtown ending at the Fire Department Haunted House. The Boyne City Firefighters Association will hold a free Haunted House from 5 to 8 pm at the red building next to the Boyne District Library following the parade. The Library Community Room will be open for trick or treating until 6pm. The First Presbyterian Church will hold a Trunk or Treat. Trick or treating in the City will be between the hours of 5 and 8pm.

- Charlevoix

Downtown trick or treating will take place on Monday, October 31st from 6 to 8 pm.

- East Jordan

Trick or Treat Hours will be on October 31st from 5 until 8pm. The East Jordan United Methodist Church will



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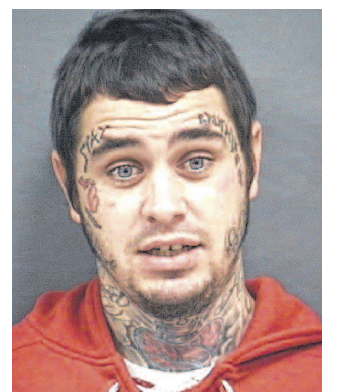
hold a Trunk or Treat at the parking lot at 201 Fourth Street from 5 to 7pm.

- Ellsworth

Trick or treating in the Village will take place on Monday, October 31st,

from 5 to 8 pm.

Be safe, don't eat all your candy at one time, and have a wonderful Halloween!



Kyle Allen Childers, 24, of Oxford, is facing charges of being drunk and disorderly and arson of personal property after allegedly setting a fire in a bathroom at Roadhouse 757 restaurant in Charlevoix earlier this month.

Downstate man sets fire at Roadhouse 757

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A downstate man is set to be arraigned this week after being accused of setting a fire in a bathroom at Roadhouse 757 in Charlevoix earlier this month.

Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan said Kyle Allen Childers, 24, of Oxford, was arrested and charged with two misdemeanor counts of drunk/disorderly person and arson of personal property after he allegedly set a small fire in the bathroom at Roadhouse 757 restaurant.

According to police, employees of the restaurant at 757 Petoskey Avenue called 911 around 10 p.m. Saturday, October 15, to report a man being drunk and disorderly and creating a scene after being refused further alcohol service.

Doan said while on their way to the scene, officers were informed by dispatch

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HIGH: 43 LOW: 34	HIGH: 53 LOW: 47	HIGH: 56 LOW: 47	HIGH: 51 LOW: 43	HIGH: 56 LOW: 50	HIGH: 55 LOW: 43	HIGH: 50 LOW: 39

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
OCT 27	...34°	...55°	...21°	(1965)	...77°	(1989)
OCT 28	...34°	...54°	...20°	(1990)	...77°	(1989)
OCT 29	...33°	...54°	...17°	(1965)	...75°	(1989)
OCT 30	...33°	...53°	...19°	(1966)	...73°	(1956)
OCT 31	...33°	...53°	...15°	(1992)	...72°	(1950)
NOV 1	...33°	...52°	...21°	(1976)	...75°	(1990)
NOV 2	...32°	...52°	...19°	(1951)	...75°	(1990)
NOV 3	...32°	...51°	...10°	(1951)	...74°	(1961)

OBITUARIES

George G Massey, 74

(SEPT. 6, 1942 - OCT. 18, 2016)

George G. Massey of Boyne Falls passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

George was born September 6, 1942 in Boyne Falls, the son of Marion and Beulah (Baker) Massey. One of eight siblings, they spent their childhood working on the family farm raising dairy cattle and rainbow trout to stock Moyer Creek Trout Pond just outside of Boyne Falls. Following graduation, he served in the Army from 1961-1964 primarily stationed in Hohenfels, Germany. He returned from service working as an ironworker in Michigan City, Indiana for a short time before going back to Boyne Falls to spend his life raising a family and building homes. He retired from Andre Poineau Woodworker in 2004. He enjoyed his family, history, old Western movies and carpentry. He was an avid birdwatcher who loved to watch for many different species of birds.

Surviving are his children, Anjanette (Dean) Reynolds of Boyne City and Gregory (Sarah) Massey of Owosso. His five grandchildren Lydia, Madison and Ryan Reynolds and Trenton and Emerson Massey. Sister Eloise McGe-

orge of Boyne Falls, brothers Bill Massey, Alan (Zeke) Massey and Leon Massey all of Boyne Falls, and John Massey of Harbor Springs, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lila Kelso and Peggy Massey.

A graveside service was held Monday, October 24, 2016 at the Boyne Valley Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Donations may be made to McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation or the Audubon Society at www.audubon.org in honor of George.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of George are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Anna Clavier (Rapai), 98

(AUG. 30, 1918 - OCT. 15, 2016)

Anna Elizabeth (Rapai) Clavier was called home on Saturday, October 15, 2016 by the Lord because he needed a special Angel. She will be dearly missed by fam-



ily and friends.

Anna was born on August 30, 1918 in Antwerp, OH to Joseph and Rose (Nagy). Anna and her family later moved to Flat Rock, MI. She completed her education through the tenth grade. She worked in the sugar beet fields with her father and the rest of the family, along with house cleaning for families in the area. Anna worked in the bomber plant in Detroit at the start of the war. She married August Clavier on May 1, 1943. While August served in World War II, Anna lived with her parents and their son Richard Clavier was born on February 18, 1944.

When her husband returned home from the war, they moved north of Levering, MI to live with August's parents. She sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. They then moved to Alpena, MI in 1953. She was a homemaker who loved to sew, crochet and cook - always trying new recipes. She made over 300 lap afghans which she donated to a special nursing home in Georgia. Her favorite pastime was shopping for her grandchildren.

Anna moved to Boyne City in 2001 where she made many friends and wonderful neighbors. Her husband passed in April 2008.

She is survived by her son Richard (Carol) Clavier; grandchildren Jeffery (Rhonda) Clavier of Middleville, MI, David (Lisa) Clavier of East Jordan, MI, Cynthia Clavier of Trenton, MI and Julie (Mike) Distel of Limerick, PA; great grand-

children Branden Clavier of Grand Rapids, MI, Stephanie Clavier, Kent Clavier, Crystal Clavier of East Jordan, MI, Zachery and Jesse Clavier of Middleville, MI, Olivia and Emily Distel of Limerick, PA; great, great grandchild Hope Clavier of Denver, CO; sisters Helen Rees of Carleton, MI, Theresa Wegienka of Romulus, MI; and brother-in-law Orville Hammer of Monroe, MI.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters Rose Duff, Margie Pollach and Catherine; and brother John Rapai.

A funeral service was held October 20 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Donations in Anna's name may be directed to Kiersten's Ride or Heartland Hospice.

Frieda L Kingsbury, 90

(JUNE 11, 1929 - OCT. 23, 2016)

Frieda L. Kingsbury of Echo Township, died peacefully at home on October 23, 2016.

She was born June 11, 1929 in Ypsilanti the daughter of Bina and Mary Anna Pepper.

Frieda loved the outdoors and animals. She especially loved cats. Frieda enjoyed reading, doing crosswords, and putting together puzzles. Surviving Frieda is her



daughter Cheryl (Ron Potter) Demusky of Charlevoix, grandson Kipp Demusky of Central Lake, and granddaughter Julia Demusky of Traverse City. She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd who died in 2013 after 67 wonderful years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her parents and 12 siblings.

Funeral services will be held Thurs. Oct. 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Dunsmore Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

David Adams, 62

(FEB. 5, 1954 - OCT. 15, 2016)

David Adams, father, papa, brother and friend, passed away on October 15th, 2016 in Charlevoix, MI. He was 62.

David Wheeler Adams was born February 5th, 1954 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to John and Laurene Adams. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1977. David moved to Beaver Island in the early 1980s, where he raised his family. He worked in construction, was a long time employee of the Charlevoix



County Road Commission and a devoted member of the Beaver Island Fire Department. He also served many years as chairman of the St. James Zoning Board of Appeals.

An avid wood worker, David enjoyed making many special pieces for his beloved children and grandchildren. David also loved to garden and share his veggies with neighbors and friends.

David is survived by his three children: Abigail (Chad) Hart of Charlevoix, MI, Joan (Christopher) Kolinski of Traverse City, MI and Emma (Bryant) Tuthill of Holland, MI; his six grandchildren, Caleb Hart, Braxton Hart, Ashton Hart, Molly Tuthill, Maxwell Kolinski, and brand new baby Oliver David Kolinski; five siblings Connie Wojan, Mary Adams, Ann Adams, Molly Adams and John Adams; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Laurene and John Adams.

A wake will be held at the Holy Cross Church on November 11th, 2016 at from 5-7 pm. A funeral service will be on November 12th, 2016 at 11am at Holy Cross Church, with a luncheon to follow at Holy Cross Hall.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate David's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Beaver Island Fire Department, PO Box 77, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

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abouts.

As it turned out, the farm my mother and father bought in about 1962-63 was built by John Wanek, father to the girl engaged to Big Sam, rather a tragic affair, hence the legacy of Dead Man's Hill. This we learned about fifty years ago so it's likewise nearly impossible to determine any further facts about the tragedy, mostly apocrypha for tourism now. "All are sleeping [now], sleeping on the hill." Once two women drove up to the farm after my parents had bought it, done some renovating, to inquire "What are you people doing here?" obviously not knowing that the brother who held title to the property had sold it, one Vincent Wanek or Vanek as the gravestone spells John's name. It's possible that one of those women was Big Sam's betrothed from 1910, though more likely a further generation. One of the women moaned a heartfelt "Oh, no" at the disclosure that the farm had been sold.

The graveyard that holds old John's remains is behind, removed from, a graveyard across from the old church that heralded the community center. Farmland inhabitants of the Bohemian settlement of the Jordan Valley back in the 1870s, 1880s established themselves with their free land grabs available back then when increased population was desirable to build up the country's workforce and fighting force. Most of these people came from the Prague area of Czechoslovakia, similar topography and weather so we're told. Most family names end in "ek" or "yk".

As to big Sam, he was reportedly guiding his horse-drawn "big wheel" wagon loaded with logs down that precipitous hillside when the wagon load shifted from its own weight and crushed him and his horses killing them instantly as one might imagine. Those wagons were conveyed by huge wheels of diameters up to

fourteen feet for traversing the fields and forests of the mostly road-less day. There are no known remains of these wagons but there are a few photographs extant. Sam was engaged to be wed to John Vanek's daughter though her name has not endured but I suppose it could be procured with a little research. It was brother Vincent who sold the 240-acre farm to my parents. It was a scene straight out of history to view back then, a Steinbeck image, squared log home and out buildings all patina of barnwood grey. My mother said that when they saw the hand-whittled log ceiling joists they were hooked. I still have the hand-made hutch that stood beside the woodstove. A grandmother slept in the alcove to the rear of the stove whereas all else slept in the loft above.

Currently the sand and silt runoff from farming and tourism have clogged the harbor of East Jordan which has to be pumped regularly to allow for continued boat traffic, a perennial task under consideration for re-arrangement via our competent and caring City Manager Tom Cannon. As the remaining lakeshore is developed with the removal of the EJW, much strategy will undoubtedly be implemented to preserve the waterway estuary. A 4-year MSU study was inconclusive as to the reason for the runoff clogging the harbor but lifelong residents know it's just overuse of the Jordan River. They, the people, as the local wisdom goes, know a lot more than the "experts".

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

DRIVER THROWN FROM VEHICLE AND PINNED UNDERNEATH AFTER ROLLOVER ACCIDENT

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 1:32 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic accident which occurred on M-75 North, Southwest of South Shore Drive in Melrose Township.

58 year old Matthew Wade Webster of Dearborn was traveling North-east on M-75 North when he lost control of the Chevrolet Trailblazer he was driving. The vehicle left the roadway to the right, rolled over, and struck a tree. Webster was ejected from the vehicle and was found pinned under the vehicle and a downed tree. Melrose Township Fire, Deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, and Officers from the Boyne City Police Department were able to free Webster using chainsaws and pushing the vehicle off him.

Webster sustained serious injuries to his legs and was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by the Boyne City Ambulance, where he underwent surgery.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Police Department, Michigan State Police, Melrose Township Fire Department, and Boyne City Ambulance.

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Internal Medicine Physicians join Charlevoix Hospital staff



Mark C. Antonishen, MD.
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Thomas C. Ling, MD.
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Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and Munson Healthcare Boyne Area Health Center are proud to welcome Mark C. Antonishen, MD and Thomas C. Ling, MD, to the growing medical staff.

“The addition of internal medicine practices at both the hospital and at our health center in Boyne City will meet an enormous need in our local communities,” said Lyn Jenks, Chief Executive Officer of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. “We are overjoyed to add these well-respected, experienced physicians to our team. Together, Dr. Antonishen and Dr. Ling have more than 55 years of experience providing high quality, compassionate health care for adults in northern Michigan and we know they will be well-received in their new practices in Charlevoix and Boyne City.”

Dr. Mark Antonishen will be seeing

adult patients at Munson Healthcare Boyne Area Health Center beginning October 24. He has a wonderful reputation in our area, having spent more than 30 years practicing internal medicine in the Petoskey area.

“Internal medicine physicians are under-represented in northern Michigan. I am grateful for this new practice opportunity in Boyne City through Munson Healthcare,” said Dr. Antonishen.

Dr. Thomas Ling’s practice will be at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, in a newly renovated area of the hospital, beginning October 24. He brings a wealth of knowledge and more than 25 years of experience in meeting the health care needs of our area’s adults.

“I am very much looking forward to going back into Primary Care, after having done inpatient hospital work for the last few years,” said Dr. Ling. “One of

the things I enjoy most about working in the office is the long term relationships I develop with my patients – and the opportunity to really get to know them as individuals. Charlevoix Hospital has the reputation of being a great place to work! Job satisfaction is extremely high, because they treat their physicians and staff with such respect. I truly believe patients have a better experience in this type of environment.”

Both doctors are currently accepting new patients. Appointments can be made for adults over age 18 by calling (231) 582-5314 for Dr. Antonishen’s office in Boyne City, or (231) 547-8538 Dr. Ling’s office in Charlevoix.

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

Falling foliage means “Leafenrakin”



By Jim Akans

The yard is full of fallen foliage once again and its time for the annual autumn observance I less than affectionately refer to as Leafenrakin. It’s an Alpine flavored term for the repetitive fall task of clearing the yard...over and over again...of beautifully hued deciduous trees droppings in the yard, and from nearby yards as well. Leafenrakin is a way of life in the fall, and we should either embrace it or move south...way south.

The thing about Leafenrakin is that it really isn’t such a bad thing if one approaches it with the right attitude...and pace. There are certainly ways to make it less of an intrusion on the mind, body and spirit. The easy way out is to hire a professional Leafenrakin crew (or neighborhood teen) to take all the fun literally out of your hands. That’s effective, easy on the back...but not so easy on the pocketbook.

There are specially designed machines engineered to take some of the “work” out of Leafenrakin. Those include blowers of all shapes and sizes, bags that attach to the lawn mower, and one of the favorites from my childhood days; walk behind rotary “brooms” that sweep fallen leaves from the ground like sand off the kitchen floor.

But the true human connection to the Leafenrakin season reflects the spirit from which the term is derived: the simply fashioned tool commonly known as the leaf rake. To operate, grasp rake in hand (I



The yard is full of fallen foliage once again and its time for the annual autumn observance I less than affectionately refer to as “Leafenrakin.” PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

strongly recommend a padded handle or using gloves), reach down into the multi-colored mess of leaves strewn across the yard, and pull those fallen summer heroes into a large pile. Put pile into a container or burn barrel and repeat.

At first it’s kind of fun. However, after a little while the leaves get heavier, the shoulders and

upper arms sorer, and Leafenrakin transforms from an autumn afternoon adventure into a survivor sport. Keep the eyes on the prize as the yard clears; Leafenrakin does have a purpose.

Or so it seems. Because if the intent is to remove all the leaves from the area surrounding your abode, don’t expect that objective to remain complete for long. Here

in the spectacular northern Michigan woodlands, there are always more leaves to fall. Even after the snow advances from early small flakes to masses of the white stuff as far as the eye can see, there will be stubborn leaves that continue to fall upon a turf once swept clean during the Leafenrakin season.

Nature is beauty, but it can be messy.

ASSAULT

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officer.” Kaminski fired his weapon at Martin’s truck three times, striking Martin, who stopped his vehicle immediately, Telgenhof said, adding that eyewitnesses agreed the shooting was “in self-defense.”

Martin was taken to McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital where he was treated for a gunshot wound to the arm. No other injuries were reported.

Jared Martin was charged this week with drunk driving and resisting arrest.

The charges against Steve Martin include assault with intent to murder, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, as well as felony charges of assaulting, resisting and obstructing an officer, which carry a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

However, Steve Martin is subject to enhanced sentencing if he’s convicted because he has two felony convictions for attempted resisting and obstructing police officers, both in 90th District Court in Charlevoix, Telgenhof noted.

He said Martin will be arraigned in 90th District Court at a date yet to be determined.

ROADHOUSE FIRE

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that the restaurant employees had again called 911 to report the man had meanwhile locked himself in the bathroom and set a fire.

The Charlevoix Fire Department was immediately dispatched, Doan said, but the response call was cancelled after restaurant employees called back yet again and said they had been able to break into the bathroom and extinguish the fire themselves.

Once police arrived, Childers was arrested on misdemeanor charges of drunk/disorderly person-which is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and arson of personal property, less than \$200, which carries a sentence of up to 93 days in jail.

Doan said investigators believe Childers allegedly used a poster he’d ripped from a wall and toilet paper to set the fire in a toilet inside the restaurant’s bathroom.

Childers was taken into custody but has since been released on \$2,000 bond. His arraignment is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 28, in Charlevoix’s 90th District Court.

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club inducts Terry Edger as President



Newly elected President Terry Edger on the left receives the gavel from the outgoing President Vince Chew. COURTESY PHOTO

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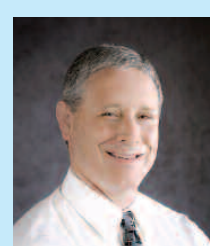
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October 27, Doors Open: 5:30pm. Dinner served: 6:30pm. St. Mary's Parish Center, 1003 Bridge Street. Dinner Tickets: \$15; Raffle Tickets: \$20 for 5. The Hunters Banquet is a fund raiser sponsored by the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus to provide needed funds to the Charlevoix Food Pantry. The Banquet features a Pork dinner, a variety of side dishes, desserts, and a lot of fun and camaraderie. This year's featured speaker will be Glen McCune a nationally recognized outdoors artist and wild game enthusiast who will share some personal stories of his lifelong involvement with the outdoors. The event will feature a Grand Raffle prize of a \$1,000 Jay's Sporting Goods shopping spree. There will also be door prizes furnished from area businesses.

CHARLEVOIX

INTRODUCTION TO RAW FOODS

October 27, 5-7pm, Munson Charlevoix Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Join us for a fun, hands-on introduction to the benefits of a "high-raw" diet. Prepare and eat a variety of healthy, flavorful raw food dishes. Learn about the benefits of eating foods in their natural, most useful form. Leave with recipes and resources to continue your path to a healthier you. Presented by Rachel Sytsma Reed. Rachel will share her passion for eating foods in their natural and most useful forms as well as sharing her personal journey to healthier eating. Classes are held Thursday, October 20 and a second class on Thursday, October 27. Take one or both classes - cost is \$10/person per class, call today to reserve your spot 437-3482.

BOYNE CITY

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

October 27, 7pm, Boyne District Library Community Room.

ELLSWORTH

EJ CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

October 27, 5-7pm, Gold Nugget Bar & Grill. Co-sponsored by Preferred Waste 2 & Gold Nugget Bar. Free for Chamber members, \$10 for not-yet members.

BOYNE FALLS

BLOOD DRIVE

October 28, 10am-3:45pm. Boyne Falls School, 01662 M-75 South. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

PETOSKEY

CHAR-EM UNITED WAY LITERACY CORP TRAINING

October 28, 9:30-11:30am, American Red Cross building, 2350 Mitchell Park Drive. Literacy Corps volunteers work with children and youth in a variety of settings in Emmet and Charlevoix counties. We are seeking additional volunteers this year and encourage you to attend this training if interested in learning more. The training will provide Literacy Corps members and other youth serving volunteers with valuable resources as they work young children. This training will be hosted by Char-Em United Way's Education staff and the training will be conducted by specialists from Char-Em Intermediate School District. If you are interested in joining the Char-Em United Way Literacy Corps, please contact Becca Marcott or Brook Granowicz at vista@charemunitedway.org or call the United Way office at 231-487-1006. To find more information on Char-Em United Way's Education initiative visit the website at www.charemunitedway.org/education.

BOYNE CITY

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

October 29, 9am-2pm, First Presbyterian Church. For anyone in need. We have men's, women's, teen, and children's

clothes.

CHARLEVOIX

GRAND BRIDAL EXPO

October 30, 10am-3pm, Castle Farms. Meet over 50 of Northern Michigan's wedding experts who know how to make your event epic. Don't miss workshops for planning and the Celebration Lounge for relaxing. The Grand Finale Fashion Show, presented by Petoskey Bridal, begins at 3pm and showcases the latest in bridal fashions, prizes, and the Grand Giveaway worth over \$15,000! Admission is \$6 at the door, \$5 advance purchase. Sponsored by Northern MI Weddings.

EAST JORDAN

ZOMBIE RUN

October 29. Zombies will chase runners on a 5K cross-country course, trying to "infect" them. Runners will wear a flag that symbolizes their health. Zombies try to remove the flag, therefore infecting the runner. Runner registration is \$10, and spectator admission is \$5 per car. Information and forms are available at ejps.org. This is a fund raising event for an East Jordan High School student group trip to Puerto Rico. On-site registration is available at East Jordan Community Park, 805 Maple Street, from 1:30-3:15 with the run beginning at 3:30.

BOYNE CITY

COPING WITH MISFORTUNE

October 30, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Enough Already! When Bad Things Keep Happening," includes a filmed interview with a woman who has experienced a string of disasters—and yet found a way to move forward. Over several years she has lost two children, a husband, and her house. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to discuss times they've faced misfortune in their own lives and how they managed it. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF BOYNE

November 2, 3-7pm, Civic Center at Boyne Mountain Resort. The Boyne Chamber's Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne 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. For information visit www.boyneexpo.com.

CHARLEVOIX

FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

November 4, 7:30-8:30am, Northern Michigan Sport Medicine Center. Start your weekend off at the Chamber's First Friday Business Breakfast, sponsored and hosted by Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center. Enjoy a great breakfast catered by Grey Gables Restaurant & Catering. Learn what is going on with other Chamber members and register for door prizes. Support Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center's annual Food Drive by bringing a non-perishable food item(s) that will be donated to the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

EAST JORDAN

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

November 5, 9am-3pm, East Jordan Snowmobilers Club. Ages 12 - 17, but anyone is welcome. East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. Clubhouse 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd. Pre-registration is required. Call Gerry Argetsinger at 582-7970 or Don Massey at 536 - 2944. Lunch is provided.

BOYNE CITY

QUAD AMPUTEE STORY SHARED

November 6, 6:30p, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Choosing Resilience," features a screening of the inspiring true story of Staff Sgt. Travis Mills who lost both

his arms and legs as a result of an IED explosion in Afghanistan. The film shows an intimate look at the daily inner and outer struggles of wounded veterans and the difficult rehabilitation processes they face. Participants will be challenged to look at the ways they deal with their own personal trials and will find encouragement and hope from Mills' story. Admission to the 60-minute event is free

BOYNE MOUNTAIN

WINTER JOB FAIR

November 9, 4-7pm, Vienna Room at Mountain Grand Lodge. Boyne Mountain will be hiring for a number of ski season positions and is welcoming local chamber members to join them for this event. Any member business that would like to recruit employees may reserve a table. Just send an email to Executive Director Ashley Cousens, ashley@boynechamber.com, or call the Chamber at 231-582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX

BLOOD DRIVE

November 10, 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

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST AND CEREMONY

November 11, The Boyne City American Legion will hold a Veterans Day ceremony in the Legion building, 302 S. Lake Street at 11am on Veterans Day, Veterans and their families are invited to a free breakfast at the North Central Michigan College cafeteria on Veterans Day from 8 to 10 a.m. The college Student Veterans Association and Chase Bank are sponsoring the event to show appreciation to our local veterans and their families. The Charlevoix County Transit System, and the Commission on Aging are again working together to provide free rides on Veterans Day for senior veterans to any

of the three mainland Senior Centers to receive a free lunch. They should bring their veteran ID card, or a means of identifying themselves as a veteran.

CHARLEVOIX

MUSIC TO KEEP WARM WITH

November 13, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Circle of Arts located at 109 Clinton. Gary Stutzman teams with Alex King, percussionist, in "Music To Keep Warm With." As the winds of November blow through northern Michigan, the audience will enjoy the melodious strains of well-known favorites. For additional information and registration, please call the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 231-547-3554.

CHARLEVOIX

GLCO CONCERT WITH PAUL SONNER & FRIENDS

November 13, 4pm, Castle Farms. Concertmaster Paul Sonner and Friends featuring Lynn Hansen as soloist playing Telemann's Oboe Concerto in E minor. The ensemble will play a Trio Sonata by C.P.E. Bach. The initial inspiration for the program is to feature works by the "famous" three B's - Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. A free will donation will be taken at the door.

BOYNE CITY

STRESS REMEDIES SHOWN

November 13, 6:30p, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled, "Lighten Up! De-stress and Lift Your Spirits," offers practical suggestions for coping with and reducing stress while living healthier, happier lives. Participants will also see an exclusive screening of Dream Job, an independent short film. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

EJ CHAMBER HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 30, 5:30-7:30pm, Sommerset Pointe. Admission will be a cash donation to be divided between two local food pantries.

CHARLEVOIX

LIGHT OF LOVE 2016

December 3, 5pm, East Park. You are invited to participate in the 1st Annual Lights of Love Event in Charlevoix with all the proceeds benefiting Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Please join us for the lighting of our Christmas Tree in East Park, with a short dedication and caroling. Then all are invited to stay and join participating Charlevoix restaurants, bars and businesses in special food, beverage and sales opportunities supporting the event. You can NOW sponsor a light or purchase an ornament to decorate the tree in memory or in honor of loved ones this holiday. Donation and order form available at local merchants and Hospice office. Info call Amy Wieland, 231-547-7659.

CHARLEVOIX

ALL IS BRIGHT

December 11, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Circle of Arts located at 109 Clinton. Santa, Bob T., and his elf, Kate Heady will perform for the audience and Ruth Willis, piano stylist, will play music of the season. For additional information and registration, please call the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 231-547-3554.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday from 8am-11am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital will be hosting their "Wellness Wednesday" health screening program at the hospital's Wellness Workshop at 411 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required. For further information, contact the office of Community Health Education at the Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop at 231-437-3482.

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Hold 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.



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."

New Changes to Medicare Drug Plans for 2017

Medicare has just announced the details for the Part D prescription drug plans available for 2017. Beneficiaries can switch their plans during the Annual Enrollment Period that runs from October 15th through December 7th. Jim Verville, Regional Coordinator for the 10 county Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program said "as is usually the case, there will be several changes in plan offerings, premium costs, and benefit details for Medicare Part D drug plans next year". Following are some of the significant highlights of those changes:

- There is a marked reduction in the number of plan offerings. There will be 23 plans available for the new calendar year, or 5 fewer than approved for Michigan Medicare beneficiaries in 2016. In addition, two of the plans for 2017 are currently sanctioned by Medicare due to noncompliance issues, and may not be available at the start of next year.
- The two plans under sanction are sponsored by Cigna-HealthSpring and include their Rx Secure and Rx-Secure-Extra Part D plans. Current members are permitted to remain in these plans for 2017, however, neither are available for new enrollment until the sanction is lifted.
- Several Part D plans have an annual deductible. Medicare has authorized an increase of \$40 to a new ceiling of \$400. Normally, the deductible must be met before the plan will provide any insurance coverage for drugs.
- When the full cost of medications reach \$3,700 in 2017, Medicare beneficiaries enter the donut hole, otherwise known as the gap. This results in significantly higher co-pays for their drugs. The donut hole will increase by \$390 next year. Those who enter the donut hole will pay 40% of the total cost of their

brand name drugs and 51% of the full cost for the generic equivalents.

- Part D companies are required to notify their subscribers of all of these details in their Annual Notice of Change mailing. Beneficiaries should have already received this information.
- While the list of plan offerings is quite extensive and confusing to navigate, there is a very helpful tool available that can be used to compare an existing drug plan with other plans available for 2017. The tool is called the Medicare Plan Finder. To do your own comparisons, or get help in finding the best plan simply select one of the following options:
 - If you are comfortable doing your own research, visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. Just click on the green box entitled "Find health & drug plans", and enter the information requested. You will be given de-

tailed comparisons for each plan, sorted by lowest cost. Enrollment in a new plan can also be done at the same website.

- Also, you can call the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174, and ask to have a prescription drug worksheet mailed to you. Once you complete the form and return it to the MMAP office, a certified Counselor will review drug plan options and furnish you with recommendations for 2017. Counselors can also help you enroll in a new Part D plan if needed.
- "Drug plan details and costs often change each year so we encourage all Medicare beneficiaries to have their plans reviewed during the fall Medicare Annual Enrollment Period", said Verville.

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

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 27 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, October 28 Birthday Day American House Ice Cream Sundae Bar After Lunch: Roger Raffle • Rummikub	Monday, October 31 10:30am Line Dancing Bingo - Gift Certif Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, November 1 Foot Clinic (by appt) 10:30am Adv Board Mtg 11am Walk w/Ease Cheebogan Lunch & Wii Bowl Mexican Train	Wednesday, November 2 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice 12:30pm Eat Smart, Live Strong Cooking Class Various Card Games	Thursday, November 3 9-10am Food Distribution 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 27 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong	Friday, October 28 Birthday Day 11:30am Dolph Cwilk Music 9:30am Craft Class	Monday, October 31 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, November 1 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, November 2 1pm Bingo	Thursday, November 3 Foot Clinic 11:30 Roger Hartson Music 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 27 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre	Friday, October 28 10am No Talent/Talent Show Bingo/Raffle Cards Halloween Party Dress Up	Monday, October 31 Exercise Room 8am-1 pm Walking M-F 12:30pm Wii Bowling	Tuesday, November 1 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker	Wednesday, November 2 Game Day! Pool Table / Ping Pong 1pm Texas Hold-Em	Thursday, November 3 Leadership Day 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, October 27 Pork Roast 'n Noodles	Friday, October 28 COD ALMONDINE	Monday, October 31 COOK'S CHOICE	Tuesday, November 1 Beef Spanish Rice	Wednesday, November 2 Garlic Chicken	Thursday, November 3 Pepper Steak & Veg Rice
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Boyer Falls Public Schools
Students of the Week



Neall Perron

Grade: 12th grade

Parent's Name(s): Sherri Clapper

Future Plans: Neall plans to attend North Central Michigan College and later transferring to Central Michigan University. His long term goal is to earn an engineering degree.

Favorite Book: *Champion* by Mary Lu

Hobbies and Interests: Video-gaming, reading, and hiking

School Activities: Student Council, Varsity Basketball, Honor Roll

Staff Comments:

"Working with Neall for the past four years has been a great experience. Neall's quiet, thoughtful intelligence and his low key sense of humor make him one of the most interesting contributors to any class discussion. Neall is an academic leader in his class, always displaying a high-level of critical thinking and extending kindness and compassion to those around him. He approaches his studies thoughtfully. His written compositions are always rich in craft and authentic voice. I will definitely miss him when he graduates!" – Jeff Garver

W.H. White House open house & renovation celebration

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation has successfully renovated the W. H. White House in downtown Boyne City and completed their 200th affordable housing unit. An open house and celebration of this noteworthy accomplishment will be held at the William H. White House at 417 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City on Wednesday, October 26 from 4 to 6pm. Northern Homes Community Development Corporation renovated the building to create four affordable apartments for adults age 55 or older.

William H. White was a business leader in the founding days of Boyne City and started many local businesses including the White Lumber Company, Boyne City Railroad and Wolverine Dilworth Hotel. The house at 417 Boyne Avenue was built in 1903 as Mr. White's residence. However, in the past decade the building had fallen into disrepair and became abandoned in 2008.

Through collaboration with the City of Boyne City, Boyne City Main Street, Charlevoix County Land Bank, Chemical Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the home has been restored to create an affordable downtown residential opportunity for community residents.

Jane MacKenzie, NHCDC's Executive Director says, "This home was an eyesore located on a gateway to downtown Boyne City. There were some discussions of tearing the house down. Northern Homes saw an opportunity to preserve a part of Boyne City's history and create affordable apartments for adults. I am excited about how well the rehab turned out and want to give the community an opportunity to see what a high quality affordable housing project can look like."



1903 Postcard of W.H. White House. COURTESY OF JACK HOBEY

The house at 417 Boyne Avenue was built in 1903 as Mr. White's residence. However, in the past decade the building had fallen into disrepair and became abandoned in 2008. Through collaboration with the City of Boyne City, Boyne City Main Street, Charlevoix County Land Bank, Chemical Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the home has been restored to create an affordable downtown residential opportunity for community residents.

The renovation project was designed to include many "green" features including energy star lighting, doors, windows and appliances. A higher quality insulation package was used which allowed the use of mini split heat pump systems for heating and air conditioning. In addition Energy Recovery Ventilators, ERV, were installed in each apartment. Open grid pavers were used on over 25% of the paved area to control storm water runoff.

The W.H. White House includes

3 one-bedroom apartments and 1 two-bedroom apartment for adults age 55 or older. The apartments are rent restricted with current rents set at \$510-\$540 for the one bedroom apartments and \$700 for the two bedroom apartment with all utilities included. The apartments are also income restricted. The maximum income for a one-person household is \$34,000. For a two person household it is \$38,850. Northern Homes is accepting applications for the apartments.

To celebrate the renovation of

the W.H. White House the descendants of the White family are sponsoring historic photos of the family, the family industries in Boyne City and historic photos of Boyne City from around the time the home was built. The photos will be placed in the foyer and hallway of the W.H. White House.

Northern Homes is inviting the public to attend an Open House and Celebration on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 4:00-6:00 pm at 417 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, Michigan.

Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

By Jim Akans

"We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn't typically find in a resale shop," observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. "Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day."

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000

square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program.

The Shop began operating under the direction of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in 2005, being re-organized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated inventory from local residents and businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who attend St. Francis in

Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

"What truly sets our shop apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer," states Grissom. "The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store."

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY SR.



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Halloween Safety Tips

By Jim Akans

Halloween is one of the most enjoyable annual celebrations for kids of all ages. It's the biggest costume party of the year, an opportunity to greet those smiling faces of neighborhood children at the front door, and of course, nary a sweet tooth goes unsatisfied. A happy Halloween is a safe Halloween, so here are a few tips to help ensure this October 31st is the best Halloween ever.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) points out that costumes should be bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame (though costumes should be non-flammable).

Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility. Glow Sticks, Glow Stick bracelets and small flashlights are accessories that also help raise a child's visibility in the dark. Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.

If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

The AAP also notes that to keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, residents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations. They should also check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs, wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps, and please restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

A few AAP tips for making the neighborhood rounds on Halloween evening:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children while trick-or-treating.

- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.

Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters to:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.

- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.

- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.

- Never cut across yards or use alleys.

- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.

- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble spotting trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!

- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity

Of course, Halloween means lots and lots of candy and treats. A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats. Also:

- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats.

- Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends eating only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.

It's also a very good idea to ration treats for the days following Halloween. Let's see; three for the trick-or-treater, one for me...

Have a safe Halloween adventure!

Local Boy Scout raises \$10,000 for Honor Flight

By Jim Akans

When Tyler Hitner, a member of Petoskey Boy Scout Troop 5, and previous member of Boyne City Troup 4953, began looking at ideas for his Eagle Scout Badge project, he wanted to do something that would be of benefit to veterans. It set him on a path that unfolded in a very big way. Incredibly, after months of fundraising and networking, Tyler raised approximately \$10,000 that was used to help several area guardians accompany veterans on the recent Mid-Michigan Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

He relates, "When I was looking at project ideas, I came across youtube video of a past honor flight. I was amazed at what they do. So I went to Mecosta County to meet with the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight board and discussed possibilities for assisting with the flight."

The Mid-Michigan Honor Flight is an officially recognized hub of the National Honor Flight Network, a national organization that implements programs to transport veterans, free of charge, from across America to see their war memorials in Washington D.C. Each veteran is accompanied by a guardian who plays a vital role of ensuring each veteran has a safe and memorable trip.

Hitner liked the idea, and set a goal to raise \$3,750 to sponsor area guardians to accompany veterans on the October flight.

"I worked with people in several communities," he observes. "I began with the Norwood Historical Society, and went on to meet with VFW's, churches, set up booths at festivals such as the Antique Flywheelers and the Boyne City 4th of July celebration. As I went people suggest other places I should go. It was an amazing community response. Donations ranged all over, from \$500 to a few dollars,



Hitner had the distinguished honor of joining a WWII veteran, a Vietnam War veteran, and the Hub Director for the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight in laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Photography by Jim Swoboda

and I was always very grateful."

In time for the most recent Mid-Michigan Honor Flight earlier this month, Hitner exceeded his goal by nearly three times, raising approximately \$10,000.

He states, "It was enough money to sponsor four Vietnam veterans to go on the trip as guardians plus a couple of other individuals to go as guardians as well. The veterans were from Boyne City, Traverse City, the Upper Peninsula and other Northern Michigan areas."

Hitner was part of the recent trip and had the distinguished honor of joining a WWII veteran, a Vietnam War veteran, and the Hub Director for the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight in laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

"That was truly a life changing moment," Hitner recalls. "The veterans represented different wars and I was part of the group in representing differ-

ent generations. Another moment that stays with me is when a Vietnam veteran at the Vietnam Memorial pointed out names of members from his squad. An elderly Vietnam man came up and shook his hand, and they embraced each other and broke down."

Hitner, who is in his junior year at Concord Academy Petoskey, still has some work to do before his Eagle Scout application is reviewed by his troop's board of review. The Eagle Scout designation requires the scout to achieve 21 merit badges.

He states, "Every project has a certain amount of paperwork to fill out and turn in and I am working on that from the trip. Once it is complete I have to earn two more merit badges and do a 10-mile hike. Then it goes to board of review and hopefully I will achieve the Eagle Scout rank."

Charlevoix Candidate Forum



Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce board chairman, Dennis Halverson (center) addresses the crowd attending the panel forum discussion and introduces (from left) moderator Ken Winters, and city council candidates, Bob Bergmann, Janet Kalbfell, Joe Oleksy, Bill Supernaw, Shane Cole and mayoral candidates Luther Kurtz and Shirley Gibson recently at the Charlevoix High School auditorium. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

33rd Annual Charlevoix County CROP Walk results

Submitted by Marge Teske, Charlevoix County CROP Walk Treasurer

Thank you to over 100 walkers and helpers who participated in the 33rd Annual CROP Walk that was held on Saturday, September 24. This year we changed the walk to a 5K in each of the three towns. It was a beautiful fall day and everyone enjoyed the new routes.

Charlevoix County raised more than \$23,525.00 for hunger relief agencies at home and around the globe. Over \$5900.00 will come back to the county and split with six local food pantries.

Thank you to Elm Pointe, East Jordan Tourist Park, St. Mary's Church, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, United Methodist Church in Boyne City and Good Samaritan in Ellsworth.

The 34th Charlevoix CROP Walk will be held Saturday, September 30, 2017. If your church or organization would like to join us next year please contact Marge Teske at 536-3128

East Jordan Zombie Run

October 29. Zombies will chase runners on a 5K cross-country course, trying to "infect" them. Runners will wear a flag that symbolizes their health. Zombies try to remove the flag, therefore infecting the runner. Runner registration is \$10, and spectator admission is \$5 per car. Information and forms are available at ejps.org. This is a fund raising event for an East Jordan High School student group trip to Puerto Rico. On-site registration is available at East Jordan Community Park, 805 Maple Street, from 1:30-3:15 with the run beginning at 3:30.



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Health Department to offer free Radon Test Kits October 24-28

Exposure to a dangerous, odorless, invisible gas - radon - ranks as the number one in-home hazard for Americans, according to a Harvard University study. Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that disperses in open air, but can become a serious threat when trapped inside homes or other buildings. Hazardous radon levels are detected in one out of every 15 American homes, and radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is recognizing October 24-28 as Radon Action Week by encouraging every resident of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties to test for radon. During that week only, the Health Department will offer radon test kits - which normally cost \$15 - for free, to encourage residents to check for and eliminate this silent killer from their homes. Test kits can be picked up during regular business hours at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs and Gaylord. A Property Tax ID number must be provided to help map radon levels across the region. In 2015, over 650 test kits were distributed by the Health Department during Radon Action Week.

According to Scott Kendzierski, the Health Department's Director of Environmental Health Services, testing is the only way to know if you and your family are being exposed to dangerous levels of radon. "Fortunately, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive," he said. "If you discover that your home does have a problem, the

Health Department can provide free consultation and, if needed, help you find a contractor to correct the problem."

Kendzierski says radon mitigation systems are readily available through local contractors and are widely used, with excellent results that can decrease the presence of radon in a home by as much as 99 percent. Depending on the size and type of home, systems can range from a few hundred dollars up to about \$2,500.

"It's reassuring to know that exposure to harmful levels of radon is preventable, and correcting the problem is relatively simple for most homes," he added.

Radon Test Kits can be picked up at our following locations:

Health Department of Northwest Michigan 209 Portage Dr. Bellaire, MI 49615

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Health Department of Northwest Michigan 3434 M-119, Suite A Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Call (800) 432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org for more information about radon and radon testing.

Health Department raises awareness about breast cancer

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourages women to talk with their doctor about breast cancer. Screening and adapting healthy behaviors are proven to reduce breast cancer risk.

Over 100 women in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, according to the National Cancer Institute. Increasing physical activity, quitting smoking, maintaining a healthy weight and limiting alcohol can help reduce cancer risk.

Joy Klooster, Coordinator at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, recommends that women talk with their doctor about

breast cancer screening and any family history that could put them at a higher risk. Health organizations recommend that women begin mammograms between the ages of 40 and 50.

Klooster wants residents to know that as a result of the Affordable Care Act, "most health insurance plans cover recommended preventive services, including cancer screening, at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. Individuals should check with their insurance provider to learn what their plans cover."

Depending on income, residents may be eligible to enroll in the Healthy Michigan Plan in order to receive cancer screening and other health care services. If residents are not eligible for the health plan,

they may qualify for no-cost screenings and follow-up care through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. The women's health clinics at the Health Department serve women ages 40 to 64 and can help navigate health care services.

In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan encourages area residents to contact their health care provider and insurer and ask about cancer risk and screening eligibility, in addition to engaging in healthy behaviors. To learn more, visit www.nwhealth.org and select "Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Page" from the top menu. Residents can also call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121.



Food Alliance Seminar

Scott Smith (standing right) a founding member of Local Food Alliance, welcomes a room full of farmers, vendors, coordinators and a variety of local food advocates from around northwest Michigan to the 4th annual 'Around the Table: Growing our Local Food Economy' seminar recently at North Central Michigan College, Petoskey. The four-hour event included a panel discussion, a local foods dinner and a break-out session where four topics were discussed in small groups, namely - Farm to School business; Increasing access to locally grown food; Staying small while scaling up and Giving direction to the Northern Farms Foodshed program. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 0948 Contraband confiscated in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
- 1453 Vehicle unlock on Ray St.
- 1530 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
- 1605 Suspicious subject in the 300 block of E Main.
- 1651 Vehicle lost wheel at Lake and Division
- 1747 Juvenile complaint from the 100 block of Silver St.
- 1843 Bench at Avalanche was damaged

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 0125 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
- 0752 Welfare check for subject from Silver St

- 1044 Report of missing wallet. Was later located by owner.
- 1304 Fix-it ticket at the PD
- 1329 Report of lost key on fob
- 1354 Report of motorhome parked on side of Boyne Av. Vision obstruction.
- 1448 Report suspicious activity in the Industrial Park in the mornings.
- 1553 Juvenile complaint from Silver St. Juvenile was located and transported to secure detention center.
- 2256 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 0409 Assisted EMS in the 800 block of S Park St
- 0834 Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1329 Report of possible civil dispute in the 900 block of Brockway
- 1453 Property damage crash at State St. and N. Park St.
- 1700 Assist to East Jordan PD in

- the 700 block of Alice St.
- 1712 Injured duck at N. East St. and Spring St. Turned over to DNR.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 0931 Report of lost iPad
- 0939 Report of 2 sets of lost keys
- 1103 Abandoned vehicle reported on W Water St. Owner contacted. Had tow truck coming.
- 1209 Questions about bow hunting in the city limits.
- 1358 Report of truck broke down on Division near the Cemetery. Had contacted tow company.
- 1626 Private property damage crash in the 1300 block of Boyne Ave

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 0108 Assist Sheriff Dept on Wildwood Harbor Rd.
- 1048 Found ring reported from W Water St
- 1300 Report of lost wallet

- 1508 Subject arrested on warrant.
- 1555 Vehicle unlock at Avalanche
- 1721 Suspicious subject on Fall Park Rd
- 1823 Report of possibly indecent exposure at Division and Park.
- 2243 Citation issued for Disregard red light at Lake and Water.
- 2342 Parking citation issued at main and Front St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 0632 Missing person from the 700 block of Vogel St. Was located.
- 0946 Parking Violation in the 1000 block of Front St.
- 1122 Assist Sheriff Dept on Erickson Rd.
- 1000 Avalanche Rides
- 1420 Report of lost Kayak.
- 1435 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S Park St.
- 1521 Report of possible child abuse occurring on S Park St.

- 1631 Driving complaint received in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1726 Assist Sheriff Dept on Addis Rd.
- 2030 Citation issued for speed BC-CX Rd and Court St.
- 2110 Private property damage crash reported in the 400 block of N Lake St from a couple days prior.
- 2146 Verbal dispute in the 1000 block of West St

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 0523 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1128 Road hazard reported in the 300 block of N Lake St.
- 1736 Lodged dog at the shelter
- 1832 Report of intoxicated subject stumbling around in the 300 block of E Division St. Gone on arrival.
- 1918 Intoxicated subject showed back up on Division St. Friends took him in.

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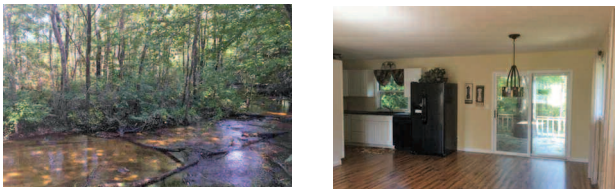
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