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Planned Charlevoix Downtown Bridge Closure will result in 67 mile detour

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - Work is set to begin December 12 on a \$1.9 million project to repair and upgrade the U.S. 31 bascule bridge over the Pine River Channel in downtown Charlevoix.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Transportation were in Charlevoix recently to detail the start of the project, which is expected to last until Memorial Day weekend and will require the bridge to be closed for 12 consecutive nights this spring.

Jay Gailitis, MDOT manager and engineer at the Gaylord Transportation

Service Center, said preliminary work and equipment staging for the project will start December 12. Most of the work will be completed while maintaining two-way traffic across the bridge by alternating closures of two lanes on each side.

The bridge will need to be closed entirely, however, for 12 consecutive nights between the hours of 11p.m. and 5a.m., tentatively starting March 17, he said, stressing that date is subject to change.

According to MDOT: "During those overnight closures, traffic will require a 67-mile detour on M-66, M-32, US-131, and US-31."



Work is set to begin next week on a \$1.9 million project to repair and upgrade the bascule bridge as it spans the Pine River Channel along U.S. 31 in downtown Charlevoix. The project is expected to take about six months to complete and will require overnight closures of the bridge for a period this spring. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

Concerns about providing sufficient protection and safety for the greater Charlevoix area during those

nights when the bridge is totally closed have prompted area law enforcement, emergency rescue, and fire department personnel to formulate a precautionary plan of action.

Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Dan Thorp said he favors housing firefighters at a hotel during the 12 nights the bridge is closed so that the area to the north of the bridge is afforded protection.

He said neighboring fire departments in Bear Creek and Resort Townships and in Boyne City will also be available to provide north side assistance if needed during

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Boyne City sculpture installation scheduled

After years of planning and months of construction a new sculpture celebrating Boyne City's historic roots will be installed in and on the banks of the Boyne River in the heart of the downtown district. Final preparations are underway to the installation of the 'Last River Draw Sculpture' beginning at 9am on Wednesday, December 7, in Boyne City's Old City Park. Old City Park is bordered by East, River and Lake Streets and the Boyne River. Installation work is expected to take about an hour.

Boyne City is proud of its past and bases its future on it. A perfect example of this blending of new and old is scheduled to arrive on the banks of the Boyne River on the south side of Old City Park.

A new and permanent sculpture entitled 'The Last River Draw' is being created to celebrate Boyne City's lumbering heritage. This life size sculpture represents a "River Rat" using his pike pole to help move the logs down the river. The sculpture depicts the interaction of the person, log and water. While the sculpture will be anchored on land, it will also be partially out in and floating on the river for a very realistic representation.

Local artists Martha Sulfridge and Wally Barkley along with local artisan and builder Andy Poineau are the three key people behind transforming the vision and models of the sculpture into the fully developed reality. The project has been sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street program and it's Design Commit-



Artist Martha Sulfridge works on the new Boyne City Last River Draw sculpture. COURTESY PHOTO

tee. It was funded primarily thru donations from members of the public and a

\$25,000 matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

A formal dedication will be held at a later date and announced separately.

Boyne City Man who shot police officer sentenced to 39 years

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man who was convicted of crime spree that ended in a shootout with police in 2015 will now likely spend most-if not all-of the rest of his life in prison.



JAMES FRANKLIN COOK

Last week, Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced 55-year-old James Franklin Cook to serve a minimum of 469 months-or 39 years and one month-in prison for a series of crimes he pleaded guilty to having committed on May 16, 2015 and culminated in a shootout with police in which Cook permanently injured Charlevoix County Sheriff Corporal Fred Hasty.

Charlevoix Prosecuting attorney Allen Telgenhof said that prior to sentencing, Cook pleaded guilty to a laundry list of crimes he committed that day, including assault with intent to murder, resisting and obstructing a police officer causing serious impairment, five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, first degree home invasion, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, two counts of unlawful driving away of an automobile and malicious destruction of property.

Telgenhof said in a media release that during his plea hearing, Cook admitted to entering onto the property of another to steal one vehicle, spray painting it to change its appearance, stealing a second vehicle, unlawfully entering a home where he stole money, guns and ammunition then engaging in a shootout with police during which he shot and injured Corporal Hasty. In his sentencing, Cook was credited for the 554 days

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snowfall

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record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 822°36°-2° (1977)53° (1990)
DEC 9	.....21°	.....35°	.....-3° (1962)	.....52° (1952)
DEC 10	.....21°	.....35°	.....-2° (1977)	.....51° (1971)
DEC 11	.....21°	.....35°	.....-2° (1995)	.....55° (1971)
DEC 12	.....20°	.....34°	.....-13° (1989)	.....56° (1949)
DEC 13	.....20°	.....34°	.....-13° (1995)	.....50° (1991)
DEC 14	.....20°	.....34°	.....-8° (1954)	.....59° (1975)
DEC 15	.....19°	.....34°	.....-7° (2007)	.....51° (1997)

OBITUARIES

William L. "Billy" Alward, 46

(JUNE 19, 1970 - DEC. 2, 2016)

William "Billy" Lee Alward of Ellsworth passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Billy was born June 19, 1970 in Traverse City, the son of William "Bill" M. and Sandy L. Alward. Billy grew up in Ellsworth and attended Ellsworth Community School. After graduation Billy attended Grand Rapids Community College.



On September 30, 1995, he married Dulcie Gee in Ellsworth where they made their home. Billy worked as a carpenter for Somerset Pointe. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, sports, had a love for baseball, farming and family. He especially enjoyed Alaskan trips. Surviving are his wife Dulcie; children Tucker Alward and Layken Alward; mother Sandy Alward; grandfather Harold (Eleanor) Jansen; sister Amy (Kevin) Russell; mother-in-law Loretta (Gary) Goetzman; brothers-in-law Don (Evie) Snyder and Steve (Jeanne) Snyder; sisters-in-law Sarah (Bryan) Lebedevitch and Sheila (Sami) Fevaleaki; many nieces and nephews as well as friends. Billy was preceded in death by his father Bill Alward. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed

Church with the Rev. Alex Snider officiating. Private burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Alward family c/o Charlevoix State Bank or by donating blood to the American Red Cross. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

John A. Bascom, 78

(FEB. 3, 1938 - NOV. 29, 2016)

John A. Bascom of Atwood died Nov. 29, 2016. He was born Feb. 3, 1938 in Moscow Twp, Hillsdale Co., Mich. to S. Alonzo and Margaret (Hitz) Bascom.



On October 17, 1959 he married Louise DeYoung in Atwood. They lived in Norwood for 15 years, moving to their current Atwood home in 1974. John served in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1959 and was called back for the Cuban crisis from Oct. 1961 to Aug. 1962. He worked at St. Mary's Cement (aka Medusa and Cemex). He was also a cattle farmer and cherry farmer. He loved to fly airplanes. John liked to fix things and was always tinkering with anything mechanical. If you stopped by, he was most likely in his shed working on something. He enjoyed visiting in the coffee shop and Front Porch Cafe. John was a member of the Atwood Christian Reformed

Church until its recent merger with the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church. Surviving are his wife Louise; children Colleen Cullison of Lafayette, IN, Kelly (Jim) Ewing of Traverse City, Karen (Jeff) Burks of East Jordan and Ryan (Brenda) Bascom of East Jordan; 11 grandchildren, Colleen's children Aaron Cullison, Leah (Joe) Wise (with great-grandchildren Adelaide, Anthony, Alyssa and Abigail), Phillip Cullison and Drew Cullison; Kelly's children Jessica (Tim) Stoel, Jamie Ewing and Joshua Ewing; Karen's children Samantha Burks and Ty Burks; Ryan's children Jacob Bascom and Nicholas Bascom; John's loving siblings Virginia Bascom, Elaine (Dave) Houseworth, Shirley (Don) Dixon, Marilyn (Gene) Allen, Robert (Judy) Bascom, Joyce (John) Buckmaster, Raymond (Gwen) Bascom, Irene (Lionel) McClanaghan, Patricia (Robert) Prater, Sue (John) Prater, Chuck (Betty) Bascom, Deborah (Ed) Wagenschultz, Dick Bascom and JC (Mari Jo) Bascom. John was preceded in death by sisters Ethel Gabbard and Lois Warner, brother Michael Bascom, and son-in-law Steve Cullison.

The memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Alex Snider and the Rev. Dave Kroon officiating. Inurnment in Atwood Cemetery. For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Front Porch Ministries and Ebenezer Christian School. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

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Betty Jane Cole, 79

(NOV. 3, 1937 - DEC. 4, 2016)

Betty Jane Cole of Charlevoix died Sunday, December 4, 2016, at Munson Health Care Charlevoix Hospital. She was born on November 3, 1937, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Nathan and Marie (Christiansen) Blissett. She graduated from Charlevoix High School. On September 3, 1959, in Petoskey, she married Harvey N. Cole. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2000.



Betty is survived by two sons, David A. (Bernadette) Cole of Charlevoix and Brent N. Dianne Cole of Marshall; five grandchildren, Katelyn, Cristin, Jared, Matthew and Samantha Cole; and one sister, Marilyn Jontzen of Ohio. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, William Blissett. She enjoyed her days living at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix and appreciated her caregivers. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Winchester Funeral Home. The family wishes a special thank you to the staff at Boulder Park Terrace. Memorials contributions may be directed to Boulder Park Terrace, 14676 W Upright St, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

parents, Mike and Lucelly Williams. Paul's celebration of life will be on Thursday, December 8th at 11:00am at the Freedom House Ministries in Charlevoix (6429 M 66 N.) with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests the Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, PO Box 414, Petoskey, MI 49770 or a charity of your choice. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

Rosalyn J. Goldstick (Lieberman), 97

(SEPT. 8, 1919 - NOV. 26, 2016)

Rosalyn J. Goldstick completed her most incredible poem of life on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at the age of 97 years young. She was born to David and Esther Lieberman on September 8, 1919 in Sapulpa, Okla. Her family moved to Atchison, Kans. where she attended school and business college. Too short to enlist in the Armed Forces and too small to tackle teaching high school students, she worked for a doctor until World War II and then for a factory providing food supply to the troops.



Rosalyn met Clarence E. Goldstick while at the U.S.O./G.S.O. club and after the war ended, married him on September, 27, 1947. She came to Charlevoix (after visiting in the summer!) to start their family. As soon as her feet hit the ground she joined Temple B'nai Israel and their Sisterhood; Charlevoix Chapter 72 Order of the Eastern Star, the V.F.W. Auxiliary and later the American Legion Auxiliary. Even while working and raising a family, she went on to volunteer for the Charlevoix Hospital, Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix Public Library, and the Rainbow Shop. She dedicated herself to helping her many friends establish a Senior Citizens Center where she remained a volunteer until her health failed. Rosalyn's hobbies included writing poetry (two books published), creating newsletters for organizations, reading, knitting and crocheting, potlucks and fundraising. Her passion in life was helping others in any way she could and was selfless in serving. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dortha Rosen, and husband, Clarence Goldstick. Surviving are sons, David Goldstick, Jon Goldstick; and daughter, Trudi Rightsell; grandchildren, Jacquelyn Ferguson, Edward Goldstick and Kendra Rightsell; great-grandchildren, Alexis, Jonathan, Jacob, Rosalyn, and Brinley. Funeral services was held at Winchester Funeral Home, Friday, December 2, 2016 followed by burial services at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Memorial Donations may be made to: Temple B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 2416, Petoskey, MI, 49770.

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Carol A. Brown, 59

(APRIL 13, 1957 - DEC. 3, 2016)

Carol A. Brown of Gaylord and formerly of Millersburg, passed away at home on Saturday, December 3, 2016.



Born in Flint on April 13, 1957, she was the daughter of Billy and Shirley (LeBlanc) Waldie. Carol grew up in Tower and was a 1975 graduate of Onaway High School.

On June 7, 1975 Carol married Billy Brown Jr. in Millersburg, where they lived for many years. She was well known in Millersburg where she and Billy owned Brown's Market. They lived in Harrisville for a few years before moving to Vanderbilt. She has lived the last nine years in Gaylord where she and Billy own A2Z Resale.

In addition to Billy, her husband of 41 years, Carol is survived by her daughter, Mary (John) Newell of Fenton; sisters, Lynn (Mark) Armock, Darlene West and Dorothy (Alan) Baker; and brothers, Billy Waldie and Rick Waldie. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Carol's family has chosen to remember her privately. Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family

Paul Sidney Spencley, 36

(OCT. 15, 1980 - DEC. 4, 2016)

Paul Sidney Spencley of Charlevoix passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at his home on December 4th. Paul was born in Petoskey, Michigan and moved to Charlevoix in 1987, with his sister, Shandra, in an already filled household of Gary and Sharlene Spencley. Paul loved the outdoors, hiking, walking and photography. He also loved to travel so it was very common for him to purchase bus tickets to places he wanted to see and travel throughout the United States. His favorite place to visit was Beaver Island.



He is survived by his parents, Gary and Sharlene Spencley of Charlevoix; brothers and sisters, Scott (Shannon) Spencley, Melanie (Nancy) Spencley, Dean (Patti) Spencley, Lynn McReynolds, Jamey Spencley, Darsi (Mitts) Lee, Shandra (John) Spencley, Laura (Andrew) Bell, Angelina Vasher and all extended family throughout. He is also survived by his birth mother, Linda Martinez and grand-

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“Pop Up” Art Exhibit at Red Sky Stage on December 15

By Michelle Medjesky

From the dawn of time, human beings have communicated through various forms of art. From ancient cave drawings and crude clay sculptures to broad brushes of colorful paint on canvas, art in any medium has forever been the simplest of ways to convey thoughts and feelings and to spark emotions. But for those grappling with mental illness, developmental, intellectual or emotional disabilities, art is sometimes their only means of expression.

Artwork created by individuals facing such special challenges is exactly what a “pop up” exhibit titled “When Words Fail, Art Speaks” will showcase at Red Sky Stage in Petoskey throughout the day on Thursday, December 15.

“It’s empowering for the artists who participate,” said event organizer Julie Moran, of North Country Community Mental Health, the agency sponsoring the exhibit, “This will be a great opportunity to see amazing work and perhaps purchase a piece of art.”

Moran said numerous artists from various organizations served by NCCMH in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties will have their work on display and for sale during the “pop up” exhibit.

The event is free and open to the public from noon until 8pm at Red Sky Stage, located at 445 East Mitchell in downtown Petoskey. Appetizers will also be served during the show and patrons will enjoy a variety of live musical performances throughout the day, including tunes from a ukelele group. At 5 p.m. Blissfest organizer Jim Gille-



A brightly-colored, acrylic painting of birch trees is one of several original works of art by Petoskey Club member Bruce Love that will be on display and for sale at the “When Words Fail, Art Speaks” event. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

spie will entertain followed by “down home” live music by the group Steel and Wood.

While artists at the “pop up” show will come from a wide variety of groups and organizations in six northern Michigan counties, several exhibitors are from the Petoskey Club, where members have long been encouraged to pursue expression and healing through art.

“We have all been encouraged in our mentally challenged lives to use art as part of our road to recovery,” said club member Katherine Schlenker, who will be displaying some of her work at the show. She also designed this year’s club Christmas card, featuring the iconic lion and lamb.

Schlenker also painted two, brilliantly-hued, oil on canvas “impressionist” style landscapes of a iris field which segue together masterfully. The paintings adorn a wall at the Petoskey Club and won’t be for sale, she

added, noting her inspiration to paint the field came from the iris being the official flower representing mental health.

“The irises you see here in this field, those are us—those are all of the people who come to the Petoskey Club,” Schlenker said, pointing to her paintings.

Schlenker said she’s excited to have her other work on display and for sale at next week’s “pop up” art show. But she’s even more optimistic that the one-day exhibit will someday turn into a full-time operational gallery.

“This is just the beginning of a project that North Country Health has been putting together for many years,” Schlenker explained, “We hope eventually to get a gallery where everyone who wants to can have a place to display their art all the time.”

Petoskey Club members



(Left to Right) Artists and Petoskey Club members Bruce Love, Sage Westbrook and Katherine Schlenker show some of the art they will have on display and for sale at the “When Words Fail, Art Speaks” exhibit next week. Schlenker is holding her design for this year’s boxed Christmas cards, which will be for sale at the event. The one day only “pop up” art show is free and open to the public from noon until 8pm December 15 at Red Sky Stage, 445 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Bruce Love and Sage Westbrook also plan to have their art at the pop-up show for show and for sale next week. Love, 54, said he’s been painting since he was about 8-years-old and usually does his work alone. But lately, Love said he has enjoyed painting with a group at the club and at the after hours painting course held there.

“It’s fun painting at the club,” Love said, explaining how he likes to use both acrylic and watercolor

paints.

Westbrook said she’s been painting for about 20 years and likes to use the medium to convey timely concerns. A piece of hers on display next week will reflect the recent struggle between Native Americans trying to stop an oil pipeline running through their land.

Moran said this first time “pop-up” art exhibit will be an excellent chance for the community to see some wonderful works of art by lesser-

known artists and perhaps to also better understand the challenges faced by those who cope with mental, intellectual, developmental or emotional disabilities.

“We look forward to the community attending our first ever pop up show and appreciate the support of Red Sky Stage in bringing this to the community,” she said.

Boyer Falls Public Schools

Student of the Week



Hunter Sparks

Grade: 10th

Parent’s Name(s): Lynn and Steve Sparks

Future Plans: First the Marine Corps, then the skilled trades

Favorite Book: King Solomon’s Mines by H. Rider Haggard

Hobbies and Interests: Business Class, Fishing, Hunting, Snowmobiling

School Activities: Basketball, Baseball, Class Vice-President

Staff Comments: “Hunter has excelled in his business course all year. He is especially adept during class discussion and adds insight and reasoning to any topic. He makes great effort not merely to complete his assignments but to understand the course material and relate topics that we are learning to his future. Hunter is interested in the skilled trades and we just might see him running his own business someday.” - Kurt Nothstine, Business Teacher

Knights Of Columbus check presentation



The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 recently presented the Charlevoix Food Pantry with a check for over \$3,000 representing proceeds from the annual Hunters’ Banquet held October 27. This is the 14th year the Knights have sponsored the banquet to raise needed funds for the Food Pantry operations. Pictured left to right: Kathy Gowell, Ed Linse-Knights Representative, Linda Boss, Mary Eveleigh, Marc Sroufe, Archie Wright. COURTESY PHOTO

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CHARLEVOIX

"HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS" REVUE

December 9 & 10 at 7pm, December 11 at 2pm, Charlevoix Middle/High School auditorium. Join Santa, the Grinch, Elf, and more at the Charlevoix Middle/High School Auditorium as Charlevoix Performing Arts presents: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" Revue. Traditional and modern Christmas songs mixed with scenes from some of your favorite Christmas stories. This is a great family show and a "must see" for all during this Holiday season. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are just \$5/students and \$8/adults. Special family pricing on Sunday - Family of 4 or more for only \$20. For more information email, Performing Arts Director, Jodi Thompson at jthompson@rayder.net.

CHARLEVOIX

SANTA VISITS FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 10, 11am-1pm, Charlevoix Fire Department, 210 State Street. Lunch will be provided.

ELLSWORTH

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 10, 9-11am, Banks Township Hall. Featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice milk and coffee. Choose a stuffed toy and take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and presented by the Ellsworth Lioness and Lions.

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.

BOYNE CITY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 11, 3pm. First Presbyterian Church. Performed by the Jordan Valley Community Band. Free will donation, come as you are!

EAST JORDAN

DINNER WITH SANTA

December 12, 5-7pm, East Jordan Elementary cafeteria. Fresh pasta topped with choice of Alfredo, marinara or Italian with meat sauce, homemade chicken noodle soup, Caesar salad, breadsticks and EJ's famous homemade cookies for dessert. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

BOYNE CITY

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

December 14, 8-11am, Boyne Area Health Center, 223 N. Park Street. Wellness Wednesday is also held every Wednesday at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's Wellness Workshop, 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. Cost for the service is \$15. Participants will receive test results at the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. No appointment required. For further information, call 231-437-3482

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER CHRISTMAS BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 15, 5:30-7:30pm, RE/MAX Resort Properties, 104 S. Lake Street. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided by Lake Street Market (event co-sponsors). 50/50 drawing will be "Help Kids Be Kids" and benefit students in Boyne City Schools. Door prizes. Free admission.

CHARLEVOIX

BLOOD DRIVE

December 15, 10am-3:45pm. Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

PETOSKEY

POP UP ART EXHIBIT

December 15, Noon-8pm, Red Sky Stage. The public is invited to a "pop up" exhibition and sale of artwork sponsored by North Country Community Mental Health and partner organizations at Red Sky Stage. There is no entrance fee to attend and there will be music and appetizers throughout the day.

PETOSKEY

GLCO MESSIAH CONCERT.

December 15 and 16, 7pm, St. Francis Xavier Church. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus. This years performances include Oratorio de Noel by Saint Saens; Handel's Messiah with Chorus; soloists Risa Renae Harman, soprano; Martha Hart also; Tom Cilluffo, tenor and Jason Coffey, bass. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, and \$35, \$50 and \$75 for your choice of reserved seating and may be purchased online at glcorchestra.org or the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office: 231-487-0010. General admission tickets are available at these Chambers of Commerce: Boyne City, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Petoskey. Students and youth who are 18 and under, military personnel and people with disabilities registered with VSA Arts of Michigan are admitted free of charge.

EAST JORDAN

COOKIES & COCOA WITH SANTA

December 16, 6-8pm, Lion's Club Lighted Village at East Jordan Tourist Park. Enjoy cookies and cocoa in the Log Building, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, and socialize with some of Santa's helpers.

ELLSWORTH

FRONT PORCH MINISTRIES

SPAGHETTI BUFFET FUNDRAISER

December 17. Featuring the Banks Township Fire Department. Spaghetti, vegetable, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert and drink. First seating: 4-5:30pm, second seating: 5:30-7pm. Tickets \$13 adults (10 and up), \$8 children. Tickets available at the Front Porch Café in advance. Limited tickets at the door.

BOYNE CITY

FINDING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

December 18, 6:30pm, Life-tree Café, 401 S. Park. The program, titled "Crafting a Truly Fulfilling Life: Making the Most of Whatever Comes Your Way," features a filmed interview with Dennis Drake. Drake is the founder of the International Deaf Education Association, a Philippines-based program dedicated to providing education and training to the island's deaf population. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to tell about times they've felt fulfillment in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

BOYNE CITY

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE & DINNER

December 24. Caroling begins at 6:30 and service at 7:00. Christmas Day: Service at 11 followed by the Community Christmas Dinner 12:00-2:00. All are invited to join us for a Christmas Dinner as we celebrate the birth of Christ and join our hands in fellowship. If you would prefer not to eat alone, please join us. Life-tree Café at 6:30. First Presbyterian Church

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, 1-3pm. The East Jordan United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to join them at a Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day.

ects. The Mitten Tree project is a collaborative effort between the Garden Club and Care and Share.

BOYNE CITY

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Three American Legion scholarships of \$500 each available to graduating seniors for the Class of 2017. These three scholarships come from funds raised with the 2015 motorcycle raffle and additional donations from Gaylord Middle School and others. Other opportunities include the The Guy M. Wilson Scholarship can be awarded to high school students planning on attending any Michigan college. The student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be a child or grandchild of a wartime veteran. Last year, ten \$500 awards were granted. Due by 1/9/17. The Michigan State Police sponsored Student Trooper program has opportunities for students entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades to win \$1,000 as Student Trooper of the Year, or \$500 for winning as Orator, Marksman, or Academic achievement. Deadline of 5/26/17. Eagle Scout of the Year for the Department of Michigan gets \$1,000. At the National level, there is a chance for \$10,000 or one of three \$2,500 scholarships. March 1, 2017 is the Department deadline. Boys State and Girls State delegates who are descendants of wartime service veterans are eligible to compete for \$1,000 or \$20,000 Samsung Scholarships. Due by May 26, 2017. Constitution-based Oratory Competition, open to grades 9 through 12 students, \$18,000 first prize, many other prizes. Applications due by November 18. Contact Boyne American Legion Post, (231) 330-4990 or adjutant@boynelegionpost228.org for information.

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.

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

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

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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



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Upcoming December Happenings!

12/1, Thursday, 5pm - 8pm

EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

A night with family & friends as we enjoy a lighted pa-rade, indulge in a Soup Cook-off, and light the Community Christmas Tree. Santa will be in town to visit with all the kids while handing out homemade stockings stuffed with treats. (Downtown East Jordan.)

12/1/16, 7:00pm - 1/4/17, 5:00pm

EAST JORDAN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Take a drive thru the Lighted Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park. Free admission. Santa will be visiting at the Tourist Park log building on Saturday, Dec 17 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Come and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with Santa.

12/2, Friday, 6pm - 9pm

PETOSKEY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (DOWNTOWN)

Santa flies into town to light the giant Christmas Tree in Pennsylvania Park. Merchants open their doors to offer warm holiday greetings. The streets are filled with merry entertainment by carolers and the Petoskey High School Steel Drum Band.

12/3, Saturday, All Day

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

Merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, re-freshments, special sales, raffles and more. Santa will arrive downtown on the City Fire Truck at 11:30am to spread holiday cheer. Santa will be at Charlevoix Cinema III

from 11:30am to 1:30pm, followed by a free movie at 2:00pm. Please bring a canned good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Don't forget the Hot Cocoa Contest. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote for your favorite cocoa.

12/3, Saturday, 9am - 3pm

ST. MARY'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

@ St. Mary's Gym, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix
Crafters from all over the State will be on hand. Wooden clocks, jewelry, polished Petoskey stones, and everything in between will be displayed. A concession stand will be available, sponsored by the Senior High Youth Group. For more information, please call Beth Egler @ 231-547-2269.

12/3, Saturday, 9am - 3pm

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The Holiday Hobby Craft Show will be held at the Boyne City High School. Admission is \$2 for adults/no charge for students or seniors. Refreshments will be available. Drawings will be held for \$20 Boyne Bucks giveaways.

12/3, Saturday, 5pm, (East Park)

1ST ANNUAL CHARLEVOIX LIGHTS OF LOVE

Join us for a tree lighting and celebration of life. Please help to light the "Lights of Love" Holiday Tree in memory of, or in tribute to your loved ones, sing Christmas Carols and have a family night out on the town. Benefits Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Call 231-547-7659 for more info.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 8
11am Arthritis Foundation
Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, December 9
After Lunch:
Backwoods Maestros
Raffle

Monday, December 12
Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize
Rummikub

Tuesday, December 13
Bingo—Free Lunch prize
Mexican Train

Wednesday, December 14
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
5—7pm POTLUCK
Monti Loper

Thursday, December 15
Foot Clinic (by Appt)
11am Arthritis Foundation
Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 8
FOOT CLINIC
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Mahjong
1pm Wii Bowling Practice

Friday, December 9
BIRTHDAY DAY
9:30am Craft Class
Dessert by American House
Swanee Alden Music

Monday, December 12
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13
1pm Paint Class
1pm Mahjong
Turtle Creek Casino Trip

Wednesday, December 14
1pm Bingo

Thursday, December 15
11am Chair Yoga Class
11:30am Back Porch Music
1pm Mahjong
1pm Wii Bowling Practice

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 8
10am Advisory Bd Mtg
11am KARAOKE DAY!
12:30pm Euchre
1pm Ceramics

Friday, December 9
11am Sidekicks
Bingo/Raffle Cards

Monday, December 12
8am-1 pm Walking M-F
10:30 Exercise
12:30pm Wii Bowling

Tuesday, December 13
Foot Clinic
12:30pm Bingo -
Meal Ticket Prize
1pm Paint Class
Mexican Poker

Wednesday, December 14
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Texas Hold-Em

Thursday, December 15
11am KARAOKE DAY!
12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, December 8
CRUNCHY CHICKEN

Friday, December 9
SWEDISH MEATBALLS

Monday, December 12
BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 13
BEEF STEW

Wednesday, December 14
COD ALMONDINE

Thursday, December 15
BAKED MEATBALL CASSEROLE

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DEC. 5, 2016

Next Door Store & Food Pantry launch Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser

December 1, 2016 – Next Door Store & Food Pantry owned by GPM Investments, the largest privately-owned company in the convenience store business throughout the East Coast and Midwest, has launched a holiday pinup campaign to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help kids fighting muscular dystrophy and related life-threatening diseases here in the state of Michigan.

“The MDA Holiday pinup program is a simple and effective way for our store employees and customers to make a real difference in the lives of individuals living with muscle-debilitating diseases in this community,” said Robert Lynn GPM Investments Regional Manager. “We’re grateful to everyone who opens their hearts and makes a donation at Next Door Store & Food Pantry this season. With our collective strength, we will help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger through MDA’s research and support programs.”

From December 1 to 31 Next Door Store & Food Pantry convenience stores will participate in the campaign in which customers and associates buy and sell paper pinups for \$1 to help fund treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and other neuromuscular diseases, plus help kids with disabilities attend a barrier-free summer camp in each area. Along Northern Michigan area locations are; Charlevoix, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City and Kalkaska.

Since first teaming up with MDA in 2011, GPM and its customers have raised more than \$550,000 in support of MDA’s shared mission to support people whose abilities to move have been compromised by neuromuscular disease - including everyday abilities like walking, running, hugging, talking and even breathing.

East Jordan to offer developer incentives at Air Industrial Park

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan commissioners tidied business up in a quick meeting Monday, December 5, awarding a bid for snow removal at the EMS facility and discussing a sale proposal for the Industrial Park.

City commissioner and city representative for the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, John Doebel, said the authority received two bids for snow removal at the EMS facility. Both bids were for \$135 per

snow removal; however, the City of East Jordan offered additional services with their bid, such as pushing back snow banks. Commissioners approved the recommendation that the bid be awarded to the City of East Jordan.

Commissioners also began discussing ways to bring in business to the Air Industrial Park Monday evening. With interest in Lot #2 for a startup sock company, the city is hoping to firm up a possible sale price. The commission is currently considering incentives to help recruit potential developers, includ-

ing either a low cost purchase price or a possible tax abatement program.

In closing remarks of the night, Cannon announced that Parks and Recreation Director Trina Vander-Ark recently turned in her resignation, as she has accepted a new position in the metro Detroit area. While in this transitory state, Cannon said that active parks employees, the DPW, and he will continue to maintain all park operations.

“We don’t have immediate plans for the director position, as we will be reviewing the entire depart-

ment’s duties over the next few weeks,” Cannon said.

Cannon also noted that the new teen center, The Depot, plans to begin operating in the new year. Making use of both front and side rooms of the Civic Center, The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. beginning some time in January.

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

Year-end tax preparation tips

As 2017 rapidly approaches, Leon LaBrecque, CEO and managing partner of LJPR Financial Advisors, has important tips to end this specific year on a financial high note. With a brand new, unprecedented administration taking office in just under two months, and a Republican-controlled House and Senate, President-elect Trump’s proposed tax plan just may come to fruition.

For many of us, that means big change. LaBrecque summarizes expected changes for individuals if the proposal is adopted in its entirety:

- Brackets: There will be three instead of seven: 12%, 25% and 33%.

- Reduced taxes: Most individuals will pay less in taxes. The higher your income, the greater the cut. The Net investment Income Tax (NIIT) is eliminated. The Alternative Minimum tax (AMT) is eliminated.

- Deductions: Parents with childcare expenses will be able to deduct childcare from their income, with income limitations. The Standard deductions will in-

crease to \$15,000 for single taxpayers and \$30,000 for joint taxpayers. Itemized deductions will generally be limited to mortgage interest and charitable contributions, and would be capped at \$100,000 for single and \$200,000 for joint filers.

- Exemptions: Personal exemptions are eliminated.

Solid year-end tax planning is always good advice, but given the climate, this year it is imperative to take advantage of opportunities in your 2016 return that will likely be going away forever.

- Harvest the losses in taxable accounts. We usually advise tax-loss harvesting (taking a loss on a stock or fund before year-end), but if taxes go down next year and the NIIT is eliminated, you may save more by using the losses and keeping the gains until 2017.

- Don’t buy a gain. Be careful on purchasing a mutual fund in a taxable account before its distribution date. Mutual funds can build up taxable gain, including short-term capital gains that are taxed as ordinary income. If your rate goes down next year, the last thing you want to do is buy in-

come at a higher tax rate this year. Check the fund before you buy into any taxable account. This doesn’t apply to regular or Roth IRAs.

- Tuition and college. We don’t know where these will fall on the new plan, but taking advantage of the deductions now makes sense if tax rates are going down and your income is staying the same. Subject to income limits, you can deduct student loan interest and tuition for yourself and dependents.

- Defer income. If your income is a paycheck, this doesn’t work. So not cashing your last paycheck doesn’t pass the income into 2017: Your wages are taxed based on your W-2. However, if you own your business, receive commissions or are self-employed, you do have some control over billing and receipts. Monitor your income for FICA and self-employment; you could goof this up and pay a lot of FICA taxes.

- 401(k). We normally suggest maximizing your 401(k), but this potential opportunity really makes it worthwhile. When you

contribute to the pre-tax portion of the 401(k), you are taking it off your income at today’s rates. You might be deferring today at 15%, when next year your rate might be 12%. With higher incomes the difference is more dramatic. If you are in the top tax bracket (congrats), your earned income is taxed at 40.5%. If the law changes, you may be taxed at 33%. That’s a saving of 7.5% on every extra dollar. Max it out.

“Every year, over 80 million Americans get an income tax refund and are delighted, and after reading these tips, hopefully you can see the value of pre-planning your taxes and making the most of your money,” said LaBrecque. “This year we’re in a situation that we haven’t seen in about 40 years when the tax code was significantly changed. The time to take advantage of these tips is now, before it’s gone forever.”

For more information on tax planning tips and services, visit <http://ljpr.com/tax-planning-preparation/>.

A blend of old, new and homemade too at Gaylord’s Homespun Antiques & Crafts

By Jim Akans

For shoppers seeking at spot to find antique, vintage, new as well as homemade craft items, look no further than the wide array of fascinating goods offered at downtown Gaylord’s Homespun Antiques & Crafts, located right next to the historic Sugar Bowl Restaurant. Established by Sue Nowak in May of 2010, the shop has a wide array of items conveniently organized by product type.

“Customer’s regularly comment how nicely organized the store is,” affirms Sue Nowak. “Many people also tell us that we have a lot of inventory so I keep wondering if I should change our name to the “lots of stuff” store!”

Nowak originally started out renting booth space at downtown craft shows. She opened a store lo-

cation on South Otsego Avenue in Gaylord and relocated to Elmira in 2009. Pursuing an interest to have a store in downtown Gaylord she surveyed the space connected to the Sugar Bowl and was motivated by the idea people might browse her store while waiting to enjoy a meal at the restaurant. She decided to make the move in 2010.

She recalls, “On opening day we did more business than we did in several months combined at the Elmira location. This is a great spot.”

Items on display at Homespun Antiques & Crafts represent several vendors, many of which are local, who rent space in the store as well as items Nowak and her husband Larry find at auctions and estate sales. Among the items customers can find are dishware, glassware, tons of books, CD’s, DVD’s, vinyl

records and home décor products and accessories. They have American Doll clothing, handmade knit sweaters, socks and mittens, hand woven rugs, crochet top dish towels have recently added brand new and collectible Christmas decorations.

“We will also be introducing craft supplies in the near future,” notes Nowak. “We truly do offer a blend of the old, the new and the handmade too at Homespun Antiques & Crafts.”

Homespun Antiques & Crafts is located at 230 West Main Street in downtown Gaylord. Winter hours are 11 am until 5 pm Monday through Saturday and Summer hours are 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and 12 pm to 4 pm on Sunday. They can be reached by calling (989) 731-4305.



Established by Sue Nowak in May of 2010, downtown Gaylord’s Homespun Antiques & Crafts is a must see destination for shoppers seeking antique, vintage, new as well as homemade craft items. Homespun Antiques & Crafts is located right next to the historic Sugar Bowl Restaurant in downtown Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for Dec. 2016 is Cecil Dorton Gibbard. Born on June 3rd, 1917 in East Jordan, Mich., where he resided most of his life, Gibbard attended Central Lake, Mich. Public Schools where he completed the 10th Grade. Leaving school in 1933, at the age of 16, he went by train to St. Anthony, Idaho to work as a farm hand on various farms assisting in planting, cultivating and harvesting crops of potatoes, peas, wheat, hay and he tended livestock, drove horses and wheeled tractors. In 1937 Gibbard attended Michigan State College taking a 13-week course in dairy testing and herd improvement. Gibbard went to work for C. W. Daw in Saint Anthony, Idaho on a potato farm. On October 22nd, 1942 Gibbard enlisted in the Army in Detroit, Mich. Following Basic Training at Fort Lewis, Wash. he attended Parachute Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., Tank Destroyer School for Orientation Basic, at Camp Hood, Tex., Parachute Jump School at Fort Benning, Ga. and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, after graduation from Officer Candidate School, and was assigned to the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, Air Borne Unit, as its Commander. On Feb. 18th, 1943, while home on leave, Gibbard married Dorothy Purdy in Central Lake and on April 29th, 1943 Gibbard departed the USA, shipping out of New York, arriving in The European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Of Operations on June 3rd, 1943 landing in Casablanca in Morocco and participating in the Sicilian Campaign. While on an assignment his jeep driver lost control on a rain drenched slippery road just as a duce and a half rounded a corner and hit them head on and Gibbard broke his right femur. After spending time in field hospitals, on March 7th, 1944 he departed The African-Middle Eastern Theater arriving in the USA on March 18th, 1944 and was hospitalized in Charleston, S.C. After six months Gibbard received orders to report to the Advanced Paratrooper Training Regiment at Fort Benning for limited duty as the Supply Officer of a training company. Gibbard put in for a promotion to 1st Lieutenant that was approved and he went before a retirement board for a disability dis-



CECIL DORTON GIBBARD

charge. On Sept. 7th, 1945 at Headquarters & Service Company, 2nd Parachute Training Regiment, Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga, Gibbard was relieved from active duty and was awarded a Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Battle Star, America Defense Service Medal. Returning home he moved his family to the Clarence Daw farm in Idaho as Daw had offered Gibbard year around work and a house for his family. Returning to the Mich. family farm, Gibbard raised Herford cattle, built the Pleasant Valley Ski Tow in the late 50s with a warming cabin, snack bar, three rope tows with weekly slalom races and an ice skating rink. Gibbard served as president of Beef Breeders Association, director of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the American Legion and was awarded the Father of the Year in 1961 by the Rotary Club. In 1989 he and Dorothy retired to Las Vegas, Nev. and on June 2nd, 1994 Cecil Dorton Gibbard answered the final call and was interred in Fort Logan Veterans Cemetery in Denver, Colo. and is being honored by his children Carol, James and their families.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

Boyne Arts Collective December Family Promotion



As a December family oriented activity, the Boyne Arts Collective will be hiding rocks this coming weekend in the downtown area. They are asking people to try finding the rocks and bring them to the gallery to be entered into a drawing for a larger painted rock that has a holiday theme. The small rock can be kept by whoever finds one. COURTESY PHOTO

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BRIDGE DETOUR

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that time.

EMS director and assistant fire chief Bob Roloff said an ambulance and police vehicle are also planned to be stationed on the north side during the overnight closures.

Gailatis said while the overnight closure date remains tentative, once it is decided, the public will be notified two weeks prior.

While preliminary work is slated to begin December 12, the project will commence December 26 and will result in a significant repairs and improvements to the bascule bridge, according to MDOT's most recently updated website: "This 1.9 million investment will include substructure and steel repairs, as well as electrical and mechanical upgrades. The project also includes replacing the traffic warning gates and the electrical switches needed to ensure the bridge operates smoothly and properly, reconstructing the bridge roadway approaches and painting the steel superstructure."

Following is a link to a map of the 67 mile-long detour that will be necessary during the overnight closure of the downtown Charlevoix bridge, tentatively slated for 12 consecutive nights starting March 17. <https://goo.gl/8XXD2W>

SENTENCING

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he served in the Charlevoix County Jail but he will not be eligible for parole until 2054, when he is 92 years-old, Telgenhof said.

Officers from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Boyne City Police Department and Michigan State Police were involved in the May, 2016 shootout with Cook, which resulted in permanent injury to Corporal Hasty, who is recovering from his injury and has since returned to his post.

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HEAD ON ACCIDENT COLLISION INJURES TWO.

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports a head on collision on M-66 approximately a quarter of a mile south of Loeb Rd., Marion Township, occurred today 12/01/16 at 2:54pm. Preliminary investigation indicates a 2015 GMC pickup truck driven by Bradley Waldron, age 56, of Charlevoix crossed the centerline and hit a 2003 Kia driven by Jeremy VanLoo, age 43, of Charlevoix head on.

The Charlevoix Township Fire Department had to use the jaws of life to free VanLoo from his vehicle due to his entrapment. VanLoo was subsequently transported to the Charlevoix Airport where he was airlifted by North Flight helicopter to Munson Hospital in Traverse City. Waldron was transported by Charlevoix Ambulance to Charlevoix Munson Hospital with non-threaten-

ing injuries. Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Charlevoix EMS and the Charlevoix Police Department along with Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

This accident investigation continues.

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

0757 Vehicle unlock in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
0852 Private property damage crash 300 block of State St
1630 Property damage crash at State St near Lake St

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

0302 Alarm in the 300 block of Bay St.
1038 Request for welfare check on Boyne Av for possible suicidal subject.

1044 Report of branch that looks like it is about to fall on Marshall between LacVue and Anderson.

1144 Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
1301 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of State St
1440 Civil issue on West St
1651 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
1816 Assisted Sheriff Department on M 75 N
2113 Arrested subject on Wilson St for an outstanding warrant

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

0826 Received false report of subject with a warrant in the 500 block of N Lake St. No warrant.
1230 Report of lost cash from the 300 block of N Lake St.
1237 Report of damage to fence and BBQ stolen from the 400 block of State St.
1250 Private property dam-

age crash in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1336 Report of possible domestic dispute in the 700 block of Wenonah St
1635 911 Hang Up Check in the 400 block of High St.
1817 Assisted Fire with Fire Alarm call on Timber Ridge Tr
2224 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of S Lake St.
2344 Alarm in the 100 block of E Water St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

0835 Assist with traffic for the Turkey Trot.
0954 Report of a missing dementia patient. Was located on Vogel St.
1504 Report of lost wallet on M-75 S
2125 Assist EMS on Addis Rd.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

0632 Assist sheriff Dept with disturbance on M-75 S.

0915 Assisted EMS in the 400 block of Boyne Ave
1050 Gasoline drive off from the 1300block of Boyne Av
1101 Assisted EMS on Lower Lake St.
1258 Assisted Sheriff Dept with alarm on M-75 S
1408 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Returned and paid
1730 Escorted the Santa Parade.
1807 Damage to mailboxes in the 800 block of Boyne Ave.
1841 Disturbance on W Main St
1944 Report of attempted B&E in the 600 block of E Lincoln.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

0126 Report of juveniles throwing snowballs at cars at Water and East.
0455 MDOP to vehicle on W

Main St
1216 Recovered stolen vehicle from Antrim County and arrested suspect in the 300 block of E Division St
2242 Suspicious situation in the 600 block of E Lincoln.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

0605 Arrested subject for DWLS at N. Park and River.
1124 Assisted EMS in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
1245 Citation issued for expired registration plate at Lake and Vogel.
1312 Vehicle unlock on Deer Run Dr.
1603 Civil dispute in the 200 block of State St.
1640 Juvenile complaint of in the 400 block of S Park St
1735 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1939 Driving complaint in the 100 Block of Front St.
2045 Civil standby on Haven Ct.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Dear Editor,

The Committee on behalf of the Charlevoix Community Thanksgiving Dinner would like to thank the Charlevoix Ministerial Association for sponsoring another wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Thank you also to St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church for hosting the event, Screen Masters for display of the banners, and the wonderful donors and volunteers who contribute so much to the success of the dinner. Special thanks to Terry Left and Bob Muneio for generously donating their time to prepare the turkeys, without their contribution the dinner would not be possible.

Gay Kiteley, Charlevoix

To the Editor

FALSE ARREST, TRUMPED UP CHARGES, pun intended. Sound familiar? Felony Friday is Charlevoix County's term for Circuit Court which handles felony cases every Friday as opposed to Civil cases which is District Court on different days. In the past thirty years there has been an expansion of this court system but harkening back some fifty years the present system has taken on an uber transformation. They've added on to that Charlevoix County Building like a beehive. You can feel it when you walk inside, all that buzzing and threat of sting – official oppression is palpable, mundane yet threatening.

Okay, cases in point, and it's all on video that I personally have watched all 5-6 hours of, and yes this is a reiteration of past letters, Kyle Aldrich was convicted of assault in that court against jail guards Curtis and Hocquard – since censured and demoted as the rumor goes - in the Charlevoix County Jail. But wait, there's more. Okay, get ready: Kyle was arrested for whatever, probation violation but that wasn't true but only fabricated due to the time of night; state troopers called his mother,

Barb Mathews and father, Tim Aldrich, who came to rescue him as any parents would do. Trouble was mom had gotten off work that night, had a few beers, went to bed but when the cops called her she was still, um, under the influence. In other words enticement and entrapment, a setup.

We interrupt this story to inform the public that Kyle had cerebral palsy at birth due apparently to hospital irregularities 27 years ago. Kyle has had hence a trust fund which is how he is able to pay for defense attorneys now. That didn't help, even with a good lawyer from Flint, Michigan. Charlevoix County – not unlike sister county Emmet – has a saying: "We do things differently up here", an allusion to how things are done downstate where many of us come from looking for Utopia. Wrong: Dystopia even with our starry, starry nights and Northern Lights so bright. You get inside that County Building you enter a different world. Kyle had been a troubled child and dealt with drugs and so on, the usual prognosis that begets police and prosecutorial scrutiny. He undoubtedly got sentenced for all that he had gotten away with in past, not an uncommon syndrome as I can attest to having spent the past decade and more investigating journalistically these travesties wrong from both sides.

Now, the next phase: Kyle was taken to jail after having yelled at cops who were arresting his mother in handcuffs. His mother went to the jail to explain to the constabulary that her son has cerebral palsy and needs to be considered a bit fragile. The jail commission – guards - thereby decided that Kyle was "suicidal" for whatever reason, proceeded to wake him up from a sound sleep and inform him that they could "do this the easy way or the hard way". The intent was to wrap him in a strait jacket in a chair for hours untold, yea, a bit draconian and sadistic to be sure, and he resisted being stripped of his jail attire. The charges

thereafter accumulated to some potential 40 years in prison, thereby inculcating a plea bargain which Kyle signed – who wouldn't? So he got ninety days in jail at that time. This was one of the many videos Kyle's father and I watched for many hours. We know what had been denied.

But there were the following charges of assaulting jail guards who had assaulted him initially. For that the prosecutor and judge managed an 18-month sentence, which of course means prison time because jail is limited to one year. Judges invariably go right along with this syndrome; prosecutors too.

Okay, truth time. Kyle was sentenced for what he got away with, everybody knows that. Kyle's still a kid although 27. We're lucky if we grow up by age 50 the rest of us in this permissive society. Kids sometimes need wake-up calls and one would suppose this is the big one – eighteen months in state prison. But he has cerebral palsy – what on Earth are they gonna do with that? Answer: nothing, you don't get much health care in prison. Constitution? C'mon, get real. So what we have here is a kid who did nothing and got busted for his reputation, everybody lied and tweaked the system to convict him; they go to the swanky bar, he goes to prison. Cops, prosecutors and judges resent those who manipulate the system and they DON'T FORGET EVER. Frankly it doesn't even matter if they get THE WRONG MAN because they figure they've got the right man somehow anyway through natural selection, reverse Darwinianism we might suppose - devolution.

It is distressing to think of a CP victim going to prison but in truth prison is less unnerving than the county jail. In prison you're out and about every day doing whatever, in jail you're in lockdown every day, every minute. The truth of the matter is that there really is no constitutional protection, the Bill of Rights is dead on the

beach. The best you can hope for – beyond dying in your sleep – is to stay in low profile mode and that is what Kyle has yet to learn. They're always out there looking for us, those guardians of malfeasance. Charlevoix County jurisprudence is Riker's Island Midwest. It feels like Nazi Germany here in the USA. With Trump, look out now! Kyle will get out sometime. How will the rest of us? There's only one other way, death.

Okay, why would cops conspire to arrest both Kyle and his mother? They'd known about Kyle's activities for years and also his mother's proclivity toward imbibing but not while driving. They wanted to get Kyle and his mother while they were about it to teach them all a lesson in "because we said so". The letter of the law has a double standard yet knows no scruples toward the public, only camaraderie within those ranks. They wanted to make a lasting impression on the Aldrich/Mathews family in the worst kind of way. And they did. It is disheartening to realize that law enforcement can conspire to send anyone to prison at their discretion but that's the way it is here in Charlevoix County and many another locale in this country. There are many books and video presentations pertaining to this syndrome. And the public? They mostly go along with it in complacent "That could never happen to me" ideology. That may well be for the most part but it's not the way of Jesus, all ye reverent church-goers. That building, the Charlevoix County, is a deathtrap. All they do is collect money, keep records, send people to jail and prison. Nothing else. That's not work: they don't DO anything: payments, power, prison. Meanwhile a young man with cerebral palsy awaits transport to prison and he did nothing illegal, nothing. Except what he got away with before. That's how the justice department works, believe it, I've seen it.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan*

Char-Em United Way office is moving location

Char-Em United Way is moving its office. The organization has been leasing space in the Red Cross building on E. Mitchell Park Drive for over seven years.

"We have enjoyed having space in the Red Cross building, where Big Brothers Big Sisters is also located, say's Lorraine Manary, CEO of Char-Em United Way, but feel the move will help us be more visible in the community. We plan to have an open house early next year to invite the public to visit the new location"

The new location is at 480 W. Mitchell St. in Petoskey, above the H&R Block offices. Volunteers will be assisting with the move on December 12 and United Way staff hopes to be settled the next day. With a small staff of three,

Char-Em United Way is grateful for the volunteer help. Board members, individuals from Harbor Hall and others will be on hand at the Red Cross building the morning of December 12 for the move. Any community members wishing to assist are welcomed to call the United Way office at 231-487-1006 for details.

Char-Em United Way conducts worksite and other fundraising campaigns to raise funds to support many local health and human service agencies. If you are interested in helping with the Campaign, would like a presentation to your business or organization, or would like to help Char-Em United Way as a donor or volunteer, contact Ms. Manary at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

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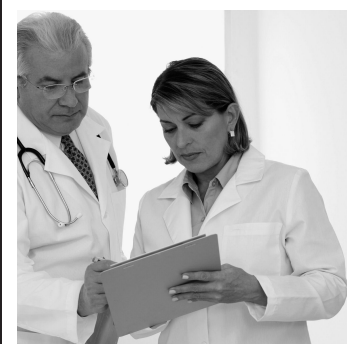
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