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## Retired Veterinarian found dead in Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky



Robert McGarva

**BOYNE CITY** - Police have identified the body of a man found dead in the yard outside a home in Boyne City last week and believe the death was accidental.

Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither said an individual called 911 around 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 7 to report finding a deceased man with what appeared to be a gunshot wound in the yard of a home at 408 S. Park Street in Boyne City.

Officers arrived and determined the body to be that of 79-year-old Robert McGarva, who lived a few blocks from the scene. He was said to have been wearing no clothes or shoes and had numerous cuts and bruises.

Investigators from the Boyne City Police Department, Michigan State Police and Charlevoix County medical examiner Kathy Wonski determined there was no gunshot wound on McGarva's body and that his death was likely

the result of a head injury he suffered after a fall.

"We are no longer calling this suspicious as it appears to be an accidental death," Gaither said.

However, according to a press release from the Boyne City Police Department, the investigation into McGarva's death is ongoing and his body was taken to Grand Rapids for an autopsy.

McGarva was well-known in Boyne City as its long-time local veterinarian. After retiring, he lived in a senior community and was often seen walking along Park Street where his body was found.

He was also often seen walking to First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, where he was a member and ordained elder, said Reverend Elizabeth Brochart.

"He played a strong role in the worship life of the community but I think most importantly he was a good friend to many," she said.

## 2016 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest winner

Congratulations to That French Place, the winner of the 2016 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Holiday Merchant Open House on Saturday, December 3rd. It was a tight race with Scovie's Gourmet taking a close 2nd and The Landing Restaurant taking 3rd place.

Over 500 votes were cast between the 8 restaurants competing for the Cocoa Championship. The competitors were Bridge Street Tap Room, Cherry Republic, Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, Scovie's Gourmet, That French Place, Smoke On The Water, and The Landing Restaurant.

"We are so thrilled to hear that we won the hot cocoa contest," said Emily Freund, proprietor of That French Place. "We were really happy as we simply served our European hot cocoa that's on our menu everyday with the addition of vanilla mint whipped cream. The event was great and we loved to see the town bustling with people going from door to door to visit all of our fellow merchants."

The 2016 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest offered a wonderful variety of delicious cocoa for all to sample and enjoy. Those that followed the Cocoa



Congratulations to That French Place, the winner of the 2016 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Holiday Merchant Open House on Saturday, December 3rd. COURTESY PHOTO

Trail were treated to traditional deep rich chocolate, peanut butter, mint cocoa recipes, and more.

"Thank you to everyone that shopped local and supported our local businesses during the Merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest," said Alison Hubbard, President of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. "The community really came together this year to help us offer a great event. We are looking forward to next year's festivities."

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org).

## Boyne City awarded grants

Continued work by the City of Boyne City has literally paid off with several grants that have recently been awarded to it.

Before sunrise, at around 5:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, December 7th, six members of the Boyne community left to appear before the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board at their annual grant award deciding meeting in Lansing. Traveling to Lansing were Boyne City Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Commissioner Hugh Conklin, City Manager Michael Cain, Boyne City School Board President Ken Schrader, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Board President and Boyne Mountain Food and Beverage Manager Michael Doumanian and Chamber Executive Director Ashley Cousins. They were joined at the meeting by State Senator Wayne Schmidt and Little Traverse Conservancy Executive Director Tom Bailey who joined Mayor Neidhamer in expressing their support of a grant to help purchase the Lake Charlevoix Open Space property located at 475 North Lake Street.

After presentations to the MNRTF Board, it approved a motion making additional income they had received thru the year available to help fund both property acquisition and site development grants. In doing so the board was able to fund all active property acquisition requests statewide and many more site development projects.

The MNRTF, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016, is primarily funded by gas and oil lease revenue generated on State of Michigan lands. Two projects applied for by Boyne City were funded. Up to \$2.4 million dollars was approved to help purchase the Open Space property



Boyne City Mayor Tom Neidhamer addresses the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in Lansing on Wednesday, December 7. COURTESY PHOTO

and another \$300,000 was approved to help build the first phase of the Boyne Valley non-motorized Trailway from the Boyne City Airport to Boyne Falls.

Funding for the MNRTF Board's recommended projects next goes before the State legislature for final approval. Much additional local work such as providing appraisals and developing more detailed plans for the trails will be taking place well into 2017 in the months ahead.

In addition to those sizable awards, Boyne City received a check for \$35,218 for improvements funded by the mParks recreation program at Waterworks and Avalanche Parks. Some of those improvements, such as a new trail linking the two properties have been fully completed while others will be finalized in the spring.

On Monday of this week Boyne City was notified that it received a \$47,500

grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust to help Catt Development develop a new proposed public fishing pier at the west end of the Water Street walkway. The pier is expected to be constructed in 2017.

In addition the City of Boyne City appears to be in line for an additional \$4,000 tree planting grant from DTE Energy. Paperwork has been submitted and is awaiting final approval.

In a little over two weeks just over up to 2.8 million dollars in grant funds have been received, awarded or pledged to the City of Boyne City. These five grants have taken months and in some cases years to get to these points and while much work remains to bring them to final completion the efforts to date will bring long term benefits to residents and visitors to the region for years to come.

## Boyne City man found guilty of voluntary manslaughter, but mentally ill

By Michelle Medjesky

**CHARLEVOIX** - After seven hours of deliberation, a jury in Charlevoix County Circuit Court last week found a Bay Township man guilty but mentally ill of voluntary manslaughter for killing his childhood friend in 2015.



Matthew Mark Fruge

Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said Matthew Mark Fruge, 35, of Boyne City was found guilty but mentally ill of voluntary manslaughter on December 8 after a seven day-long trial that began November 28 before Judge Roy C. Hayes.

Fruge had been charged with open murder in the stabbing of death his friend, 34-year-old Jacob Daniel Conklin who he had known since middle school in an incident that occurred outside Fruge's home on October 1, 2015 at the Villa de Charlevoix near Horton Bay.

According to a police affidavit, witnesses told police they found Fruge outside the home on top of Conklin and pushed him off to find Conklin bleeding heavily from the neck with a knife on the ground next to him.

Telgenhof said the nine man, five woman jury heard testimony from 15 witnesses during Fruge's trial, including experts in forensic pathology, forensic psychology and toxicology.

The prosecutor explained in a press release how he presented 13 of those witnesses in effort to lay out a case "that

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 17 LOW: 11	HIGH: 19 LOW: 14	HIGH: 25 LOW: 12	HIGH: 13 LOW: 7	HIGH: 20 LOW: 15

## snowfall

DATE	2015-16	DATE	2016-17	
12/12/2015.....	1.8	ATLANTA	12/12/2016.....	12.8
12/12/2015.....	5.5	BOYNE FALLS	12/12/2016.....	14
12/12/2015.....	0	CHARLEVOIX	12/12/2016.....	8.2
12/12/2015.....	7	EAST JORDAN	12/12/2016.....	21.9
12/12/2015.....	9.7	GAYLORD	12/12/2016.....	39
12/12/2015.....	5.5	KALKASKA	12/12/2016.....	46.3
12/12/2015.....	2.5	MIO	12/12/2016.....	11.1
12/12/2015.....	7.5	PETOSKEY	12/12/2016.....	24.5

## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 15	...19°	.....34°	.....7°	(2007)	...51°	(1997)
DEC 16	...19°	.....33°	.....4°	(1961)	...56°	(1984)
DEC 17	...19°	.....33°	.....11°	(1973)	...54°	(1984)
DEC 18	...19°	.....33°	.....1°	(1973)	...47°	(1949)
DEC 19	...18°	.....32°	.....13°	(2004)	...50°	(2002)
DEC 20	...18°	.....32°	.....20°	(1983)	...48°	(1988)
DEC 21	...18°	.....32°	.....14°	(1975)	...53°	(1967)
DEC 22	...18°	.....32°	.....0°	(1989)	...55°	(1957)

## OBITUARIES

### Kayla Rose Clark, 17

(APRIL 14, 1999 - DEC. 9, 2016)

Kayla Rose Clark of East Jordan, a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, cousin, niece and friend, passed away on Friday, December 9, 2016, in Petoskey.

She was born on April 14, 1999, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Ryan and Danielle (Hamlin) Clark of East Jordan.

She was a senior at East Jordan High School. Kayla had worked as a specialist at Andy's Deli/Party Store in Charlevoix for five years, assistant caterer at Pigs Eating Ribs and had started a new job at the new restaurant in East Jordan, named "Blue Smoke".

She was a volunteer at Boulder Park Terrace. Kayla loved all sorts of animals, especially her dog, "Xena". She also enjoyed dog sitting for folks, baking and doing arts & crafts.

Kayla had been active with the East Jordan Elementary School Girl Scouts, Pop Warner Cheerleading, East Jordan Middle School Volleyball Team, 4-H Club and East Jordan High School Soccer. Kayla was also an active member of the East Jordan High School Prom Committee and Float Building Committee.

She enjoyed dirt bike riding, ORV, Jeeping, skiing, ice fishing and camping.

She is survived by her parents, Ryan and Danielle Clark of East Jordan; sister, Maddie Clark of

East Jordan; grandfathers, Jim Clark of East Jordan and Marty (Sue) Hamlin of Traverse City; step grandfather, Robert Bishoff of Charlevoix; several aunts, uncles, cousins; and her U.S. Marine, Eli Emmanuel Schmidt. She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Betty Clark on August 6, 2002, and Virginia Bishoff on December 16, 2015.

The Clark family would like to thank the "Gift of Life" organization for helping their daughter to live on in others.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Jason Richey of the East Jordan Community Church in East Jordan will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be directed to the Kayla Clark Memorial Fund, c/o 4Front Credit Union, 220 S. Lake Street, East Jordan, MI 49727.

### Marjorie Pauline McDonald, 97

(APRIL 30, 1919 - DECEMBER 12, 2016)

Marjorie Pauline McDonald of East Jordan died Monday, December 12, 2016 at Haven Crest AFC in East Jordan.

She was born April 30, 1919 in Belding, Michigan to George



and Mina (Lake) Packard.

On October 25, 1947 she married Wilbur F. McDonald in Walkerville, and they made their home in the Barnard area. They moved to East Jordan in 1954.

Mrs. McDonald was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, crocheting, coloring and entertaining the residents and staff at Haven Crest.

Surviving are her children Nancy Bradley of East Jordan, Gordon (Carolyn) McDonald of Battle Creek, William (Gloria) McDonald of Gaylord; grandchildren Travis McDonald, Amy Avery, Adam McDonald, John Bradley, Ryan McDonald, Todd McDonald; step-grandchildren Joy Miller and Steve Walter; great-grandchildren Travis McDonald, Joseph McDonald, Jacob McDonald, Jackson Avery, Rylee Bradley.

Visitation will be Friday, December 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth. The funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 17, at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St., East Jordan, 49727 with the Rev. Glenn Bearss officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan in the springtime.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at [www.hastingsfuneral.com](http://www.hastingsfuneral.com).

### Melisa Kae Hickerty (Sobleski), 43

(MARCH 4, 1973 - DEC. 12, 2016)

With her family at her side, Melisa Kae (Sobleski) Hickerty of Boyne City passed away on Monday, December 12, 2016 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey after a courageous battle with a rare brain disorder known as AVM.

She was born on March 4th, 1973 in Petoskey to Wayne and Angie (Spezia) Sobleski. Melisa grew up in Boyne City. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1991. After high school Melisa joined the Air Force and proudly served her country for 8 years. After serving in the Air Force, she attended college where she pursued her passion and received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education. After obtaining her degree she began teaching the 3 year old class at Early Learners in Boyne.

A true independent and determined woman Melisa was loved by so many and will be missed for her outgoing personality and her ever infectious smile that would light up any room she walked into. She filled every room with life, love and laughter. She was an avid Detroit Red Wing fan and loved her Detroit Tigers. Melisa loved music of any genre, the Boyne City Ramblers sports teams, sunsets over Lake Charlevoix and walks up Boyne Mountain.

But the love of her life were her two kids, Devin and Nik. Melisa is survived by her parents, Wayne and Angie Sobleski, her two kids, daughter Devin and son Nik Hickerty. Also her snuggle bug fur baby Chance. She is also survived by her brother Brion (Sarah) Sobieski, nieces Maddy and Laney and nephew Logan Sobieski.

A gathering of family and friends will be 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, December 16th at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City with a Vigil service being held at 7:00 PM.

A memorial mass honoring Melisa's life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, December 17th at St. Matthews Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be sent to Angie Sobleski to further Devin and Nik's college education at 2866 Behling Road, Boyne City, MI 49712.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank Aunt Linda K. and Aunt Cathy for all their help taking care of Melisa. We would also like to thank the doctors and nurses in the neuro ICU at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The staff at Highland Cottage in Petoskey who were so caring, loving and compassionate. They treated Melisa like she was one of their own family members. Melisa, momma, and Aunt Lissi will forever be in our hearts. We love you and will miss your smile forever.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Melisa are encouraged to do so online at

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

### Edward Francis Kelenske, 75

(JUNE 21, 1941 - DEC. 10, 2016)

Edward "Skip" Francis Kelenske Jr. of Boyne Falls passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Skip was born on June 21, 1941 in Muskegon, MI the son of Edward, Sr. and Irene (Wolgot) Kelenske. He grew up in Muskegon and on June 30, 1962 he married his high school sweetheart Marie Hahn. After moving to Boyne Falls he worked at Allied Signal for several years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and working with his Ford 9N tractor. Skip was a member of the St. Augustine Church and was an active member of the Gaylord Color Core; he was a Fourth Degree Knight and served as the district deputy for four years. Skip was also a member of the Boyne Valley Council 6314. Skip had a servant's heart and was passionate about serving others in and around the community.

Skip is survived by his wife Marie; children Brian (Cathryn); daughter Tamara Willard; grandchildren Aaron, Caitlyn, Emma, Benjamin, Sebastian and Chloe; three great grandchildren and brother James Kelenske.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 14 at the church with Fr. Frank Partridge serving as celebrant.

### Gerald Allen "Jerry" Carney, 77

(JAN. 18, 1939 - DEC. 8, 2016)

Gerald Allen "Jerry" Carney of Gaylord passed away at home on Thursday, December 8, 2016 with his family by his side.

Born in East Jordan on January 18, 1939, Jerry was the son of Clarence and Louise (Florenski) Carney. He was a 1957 graduate of East Jordan High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

On November 8, 1958, Jerry married the love of his life, Carol R. Johnson, in Boyne City. They lived for a time in East Jordan where Jerry worked at East Jordan Iron Works. Later they lived in Traverse City, Horton Bay and Atlanta, MI before moving to Dearborn Heights for many years where Jerry worked as a mechanical engineer in the auto industry. They also lived in Oxford and Saginaw, MI and Bedford, IN. After retiring, Jerry and Carol spent the summer months in Gaylord and wintered in Avon Park, FL.

Jerry was a former member of the Moose Lodge. He was an avid fisherman and golfer and he enjoyed playing pool. A lifelong musician, he played guitar, piano, banjo and accordion. Jerry had played in bands in his younger years and enjoyed recording his own music throughout his life.

Surviving are Carol, his wife of 58 years; three sons, Gerald C. "Jay" (Amanda) Carney of Gaylord, Kevin F. (Asimina) Carney of Clearwater, FL and Michael A. Carney of Westland; grandchildren, Jessie, Angela, Robert and Lily; great grandchildren, Landen and Addisyn and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles Carney and a sister, Patricia Whitaker.

A gathering to remember Jerry will be held from 1-5 PM Sunday, December 18, 2016 at the home of his son Jay, at 430 Murner Road in Gaylord. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at [www.gaylordfuneralhome.com](http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.com).

### JoAnn Elzinga (Liston), 79

(AUG. 17, 1937 - DEC. 13, 2016)

JoAnn Elzinga of Charlevoix passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at Munson Healthcare

Charlevoix.

She was born August 17, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio to Joseph and Lydia (Salisbury) Liston. JoAnn moved to Charlevoix as a young girl and grew up there. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1955, and on September 3, 1955, she married Richard L. Elzinga, Sr., and he preceded her in death on March 3, 2007.

JoAnn worked as a secretary and in bookkeeping for area businesses: Pet Gas, Charlevoix Courier, Charlevoix Federal Credit Union, and Chip Counseling. She served as Charlevoix Township Clerk. She was an accomplished musician and played organ for the Christian Science Society, Bethany Lutheran Church, and Greensky Hill United Methodist Church.

JoAnn was a member of Greensky Hill United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Pam) Elzinga, Kim (Michael) Marchewitz, Joseph Martin Elzinga, Sr. (Rocky) all of Charlevoix, Karen Funk of Redford; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3:00-6:00 PM, Thursday, December 15, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Memorial service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, December 16, at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. Interment will take place in the spring at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Please share memories of JoAnn or your condolences at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com)

### Annette Leona Nesburg (Früge), 57

(SEPT. 26, 1959 - DEC. 11, 2016)

Annette Leona Nesburg, devoted wife, mother and dear friend to all, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2016 at her home in Charlevoix surrounded by family, after a courageous 3 year battle with breast cancer. She was born in Detroit, MI on September 26, 1959 to Orville and Elizabeth Früge.

Annette graduated from Petoskey High School and went on to receive an Associate of Business at North Central Michigan College. Annette's first job was as a sailmaker for Gleason's Spinnaker City. She was an active member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club and had a lifelong passion for sailing.

Together, Annette and her husband, Roger, built and operated a small family business, Charlevoix Screen Masters, Inc. for over 30 years. A mother of four, which included a set of triplets, her family was her life. Annette was a regular and continuous volunteer for many organizations, including youth activity programs at the Charlevoix Montessori School, St. Mary's School, Girl Scouts, and was the backbone of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Kid's Day. If you ever needed something done, Annette was the first one to volunteer. Annette defied all odds and sought all treatment possible to enjoy every moment with her children, who were her greatest joy in life.

Annette is survived by her husband of 36 years, Roger Nesburg, their children Michael, Rachel, Daniel and Natalie, her parents Orville and Elizabeth Früge, her brothers Mark (Kathy) Früge, Adam Früge, and Paul Früge, her sisters Deborah (Richard) Titus, Cynthia Früge, Cathy (John) Johnson, and Amy (Charles) Cloyd, numerous relatives, special friends and faithful lab Otto.

A memorial service celebrating her wonderful spirit, joy and talents will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and Family Center in Charlevoix at 11:00am on Saturday, December 17, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in her memory to St. Mary School Endowment Fund, c/o St. Mary Church, 1003 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.



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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherrilyn Ruth Haggard was born Wednesday, December 7th at 05:45 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. She weighed 6lb.10oz., 18.5" long to Jessica Walker & John Earl Haggard Jr. from Wasilla, Alaska. She joins siblings Dillion Scott Hughes of

Fort Campbell, KY, Marlene Evan of Kalskag, AK., Jade, Shaylee, John Earl III Haggard of Wasilla, AK, Marcie Gregory of Dillingham, AK. Grandparents are John & Phyllis Haggard of Charlevoix, Sharon Clark of Clarks Point, AK and Michael Walker of Pahrump, NV.

## East Jordan teen dies in car crash on M-66

By Michelle Medjesky

An East Jordan teenager has died from injuries she sustained in a two-car crash along M-66 last week after spending time on life support to allow for organ donation.

Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider said the accident occurred around 9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 9, as Kayla Clark, 17, of East Jordan was traveling northbound on M-66 and lost control of her 1994 Jeep Wrangler under icy conditions near Lord Road next to Elm Pointe. She crashed into a 2014 Dodge Caravan driven by David Schwab, 46, of Holt, who was headed southbound.

Clark was transported to Northern McLaren Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, where her family said she was later put on life support to allow time for organ donation.

"I'm proud that this is what she would want," said Danielle Clark, Kayla's mother, in a media statement, "But it's the hardest thing that a parent has to go through."

Kayla's mother and father, Ryan Clark, said signing up to be an organ donor was true to their daughter's generous spirit and kind and loving nature.

Danielle Clark said she doesn't know how many people, exactly, will benefit in the long run from



Icy road conditions along M-66 are believed to have caused a two-car crash that killed East Jordan High School Senior Kayla Clark, 17, last week. Clark's family said she was an organ donor who will now live on through improving and saving the lives of others.

Kayla's organ donations, but she was assured of at least two already.

"I know two people will see because of her," Clark said, adding that along with Kayla's corneas, her heart, lungs, liver and pancreas were also donated.

A senior at East Jordan High School, students and staff agreed that Kayla was a fun and kind girl who "always had a smile on her face." She was also a very active young woman, both

See Kayla -7A

## Reserve space now for 2017 Community Cartoon/Caricature Map

By Jim Akans

A colorful, fun and informative cartoon/caricature map depicting the Charlevoix/Boyerne City/Boyerne Falls and East Jordan area is currently being created. Space reservations for placing a drawing of your business on the map are now being accepted.

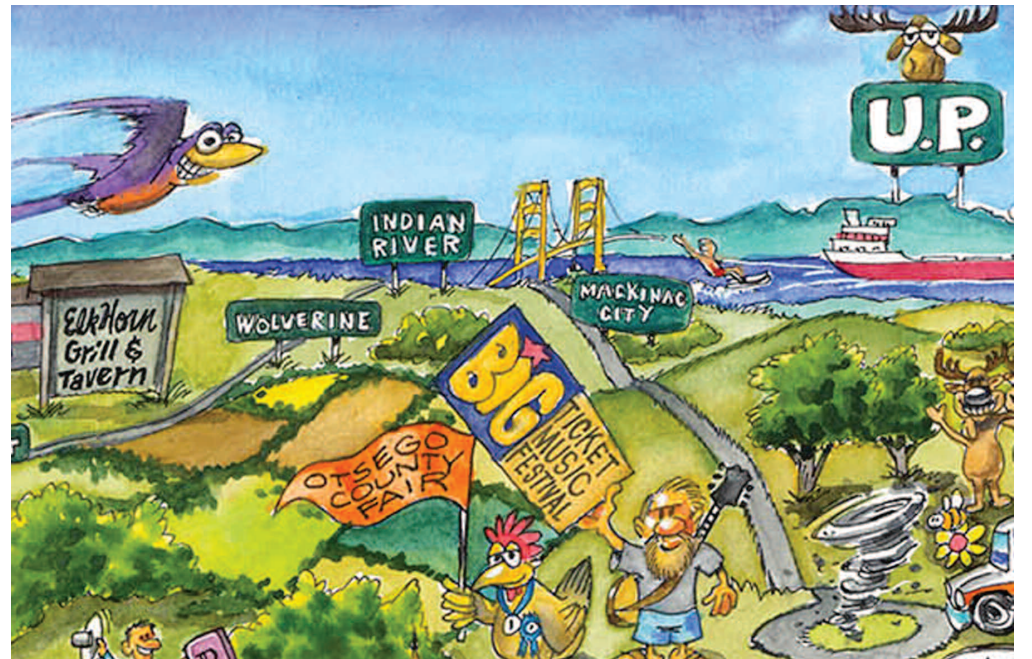
Expected to be released in the spring or early summer of 2017, the map is being created by artist Craig Friend of Friends Cartoonography (a term blending cartooning and cartography).

Friend states, "The map is a lighthearted overview of the community and shows the area as a fun place to be. All the images on the map are hand drawn, inked and painted... nothing is computer generated. It is a time consuming process. I logged between 500 to 600 hours creating the map project for the Gaylord community."

A portion of the proceeds from sales for the maps will benefit an area non-profit. As of press time businesses that have reserved space include:

- Boyerne City
  - Bergmann Marine
  - Big E's Smoke Shack
  - Boyerne City Chamber
  - Boyerne Country Propane
  - Boyerne City Tap Room
  - FO Barden
  - Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club

- Charlevoix
  - Beaver Island Boat Company
  - Bridge Street Tap Room
  - Center Point Assembly
  - Charlevoix Cinema
  - Charlevoix Foot Clinic
  - Charlevoix Golf and Country Club
  - Deer Creek Junk
  - Haggards Plumbing & Heating
  - Lake Charlevoix Brewing



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- The Landings
- Roadhouse 757
- Round Lake Gallery
- Round Lake Gallery

- East Jordan
  - East Jordan Chamber
  - Mallard Golf Club
  - Murrays Body Shop
  - Swan Valley Marina
  - The Barn
  - The Tilted Skillet
  - True Value - EJ

Participating businesses will be provided with copies of the completed map to sell,

providing an opportunity to recoup some or all of their participation cost. There will also be black and white versions available that purchasers can color in themselves.

Friend relates, "The big picture of the map project is to promote the community. As a fundraiser for an area non-profit it is a win, win, win for the community; promoting a cohesive representation of businesses, promoting the community as a whole and helping to fund a school athletic program."

He adds, "I would like to see everyone have one of these hanging on the wall. There are so many fun and humorous details someone can look at it for hours and not see it all."

To join the businesses that have already signed up to be part of the 2017 Charlevoix/Boyerne City/Boyerne Falls and East Jordan area Cartoon/Caricature Map, contact Karen

Driver at kmorrison345@hotmail.com. For additional information about Friends Cartoonography, visit www.friendscartoonography.com

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## List locally! List with us!



### 4524 SUMMER • MANCELONA

This is a hunters paradise! Modern living in this completely "off grid" property. No monthly utility bills to pay! Property is operational with solar power and has a generator if/when needed. Modern 4" well(run by generator), 1000 gal. septic, LP for the fridge, hot water, range and wall heater. High efficiency wood stove makes the home very cozy. MLS #449553. \$94,900. Ask for Chris Oliver.



### 407 THIRD STREET, EAST JORDAN

Solid brick home that has been converted into 3 units. Very good tenant history. There is also a 2 car insulated finished garage. This also offers a shared laundry room in a very quiet neighborhood close to schools. MLS #444858. \$99,900 Ask for Holly Nierman or Mike Stark.



### 10950 N US 31 • ELLSWORTH

What a great opportunity. 11.60 Acres on US 31 with 2 Buildings 1) 48x50 3 Bays, 12x13, 10x 12, 9x11 has an office and 1/2 bath 2) 24x36 Bay 14x9. 1999 16x80 mobile home over looking large pond, a Greenhouse plus 2 wells and 2 septic tanks The Business is not part of this listing, but the current owner is open to negotiation. MLS #448231. \$106,959. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



### 5654 RIDGE • BOYERNE CITY

LOCATION!!! Property has beautiful views of Lake Charlevoix. This would make an ideal location for a golf course or even a beautiful vineyard with a tasting room looking over Lake Charlevoix. Rolling terrain and fertile soils. Wildlife is all around, build that dream home and make it a family estate. Endless options with this property. County property across the road, enjoy the walking trails through the property and the beach! MLS #448094. \$410,000. Chris Oliver.



### 4563 MURRAY LANE • EAST JORDAN

Rare find on Six Mile Lake boasts 3 bedrooms. An amazing deck with beautiful views of not only Six Mile Lake but of Scott's Creek too. Abundant wild life, over 300 feet of lake frontage, creek frontage and all this on over 8 acres of land with a barn. Great open floor plan for entertaining or cozy nights in front of the fireplace. MLS #445956. \$199,900. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



### 5924 ZIMKLEY ROAD • HARBOR SPRINGS

This home sits North of Petoskey, this 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on nearly 2 acres. Located in the Harbor Springs school district. This home is ready to move in with a possible lease option with 10% down. MLS #449856. \$59,900. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



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## 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 glcoorchestra.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.

## CHARLEVOIX

**ROTARY CANNED FOOD DRIVE**  
December 17, 2-4pm. The Charlevoix Rotary Club will be sponsoring a canned food drive in the Oleson's parking lot. Please come out and support our local food pantry.

## 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, Lifetree 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.

## ELLSWORTH

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM**  
December 19, 6pm, High School Gym.

## ELLSWORTH

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT**  
December 20, 6pm. High School Gym.

## 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.

## IRONTON

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
December 24, 7pm, Ironton Congregation Church, 3805 Washington Street. Please come and join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service with hymns, candlelight sharing and more. All this followed by scrumptious homemade goodies before you step out again into the softness of Christmas Eve.

## BOYNE CITY

**EXTRATERRESTRIAL LANDINGS DISCUSSED**  
December 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park St. The program—titled "The Aliens Are Coming: What If It's True?"—features filmed interviews with UFO researcher Stanton Friedman and Mutual UFO Network director Clifford Clift. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their belief or lack of belief in extraterrestrial life. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
December 29, Charlevoix Elks Club, Basement, 104 Mason St, Charlevoix, 1 to 6pm.

## CHARLEVOIX

**ANNUAL BRIDGE DROP**  
December 31, Downtown. Noon-4pm; Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Hot Cocoa in East Park, Snowman Contest in East Park, Arts and Crafts at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Free kids movie Finding Dory at Charlevoix Cinema III from 4:30-6:15pm. Tommy Tropic's One Man Circus show will entertain the crowd a half hour prior to each of the fireworks shows in East Park. Spectacular fireworks will be displayed at 9pm and midnight. This year, the best place to view them will be from East Park. The Bridge Drop will be in East Park at midnight. Count down to the New Year with a replica bridge that will drop from a crane near the marina.

## CHARLEVOIX

**CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**  
January 17, 5-7pm, Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company

## BOYNE CITY

**CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY**  
January 19, 5-8:30pm, Boyne Mountain Resort. It's the "can't miss" event of the year and typically sells out with 300 people attending. The program is an upbeat gathering with great food and drink, live and silent auctions, live music and the introduction of our Chamber Board members. We will also be announcing six

awards for business leadership, volunteer of the year, nonprofit of the year, entrepreneur and heritage award. Tickets are \$45 per person by Jan. 6 and \$50 after. Table sponsorships are \$420, including 8 seats, a table sign, program listing, listing on overhead screens and introduction at the event. Call the Chamber at (231) 582-6222 for ordering information.

## EAST JORDAN

**CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER/MEETING/AUCTION**  
January 28, 5:30-9pm. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us for our annual Dinner/Meeting/Auction held at Castle Farms. This is a wonderful time to network with local businesses and community leaders. The Chamber will announce the 2016 award winners, as well as, hold the annual auction that is the Chamber's largest fundraising event next to the annual dues. Ticket information: 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

## BOYNE CITY

**GLCO SUNDAY SERIES CONCERT**  
January 29, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church. Join us for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Woodwinds & Brass ensemble performing music from Gustav Holst, Suite No. 2 in F and Victor Ewald's Quintet No. 3. Performances by Vern Campbell, trumpet; Pat Jarve, trumpet; Bev Isenbarger, horn; Ed Bahr, trombone; and Carl Hawkins, tuba. A free will donation will be taken at the door.

## BOYNE CITY

**FARMERS MARKET**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9am - Noon, Red Barn at Boyne District Library.

## EAST JORDAN

**LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREES**  
The East Jordan Lions Club is holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the EJ True Value Hardware now through Dec. 24. This

year we are offering Scotch Pine, Blue and Norway Spruce, and Fraser Fir. Prices start at \$25. All proceeds from the sale remain in the community and support the local Lions Club programs and projects.

## 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.



## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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## SHIP/MMAP Provides Critical Services to Medicare Beneficiaries in Michigan

### Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)

SHIP/MMAP in Michigan provides a network of free, unbiased, reliable, and personalized health bene-fit information specifically to Medicare beneficiaries.

In Michigan, SHIP/MMAP helps Medicare beneficiaries make choices among a vast array of insurance options that include:

- 25 prescription drug plans
- An average of 16 Medicare Advantage plans available in each Michigan county
- Up to 10 different Medigap supplemental insurance policies sold by 50 companies that are licensed to market them in Michigan!

Having all these options is great, but the decision process for seniors is terribly confusing! In Michigan, SHIP/MMAP also provides assistance with Medicare fraud and abuse issues,

billing problems, appeal rights, and enrollment in low-income assistance programs and much more.

In Michigan, client contacts have increased by 189% in the last five years. In 2015, the Michigan SHIP/MMAP had 125,524 contacts with Medicare beneficiaries.

SHIP/MMAP in Michigan provides community educational efforts and enrollment events.

In Michigan, SHIP/MMAP hosted 239 enrollment events and 2,499 outreach events to assist and educate Medicare beneficiaries and their families in 2015.

SHIP/MMAP in Michigan provided assistance to beneficiaries in greatest need, including those with disabilities and those facing language and cultural barriers.

In Michigan, 47% of

SHIP/MMAP contacts served beneficiaries with incomes below 150% of the federal poverty level.

In Michigan, 23% of SHIP/MMAP contacts served beneficiaries with disabilities.

In Michigan, over 6% of SHIP/MMAP contacts served beneficiaries that speak English as a second language.

SHIP/MMAP provides critical resources and expertise to federal partners.

The Social Security Administration, CMS, 1-800-Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, local and state agencies and Congressional representatives and staff refer beneficiaries to SHIP/MMAP. They include MMAP in their websites, publications and correspondence to beneficiaries as the source of help when

individuals need one-on-one counseling.

In Michigan, 42% of the SHIP/MMAP client contacts were referred from federal partners.

How can you help?

Contact the Michigan Congressional delegation serving our local 10 county MMAP Region and let them know the importance of SHIP/MMAP and urge them to maintain the current level of funding for 2017. They are:

- U.S. Senators
- Gary Peters: (202) 224-6221
- Debbie Stabenow: (202) 224-4822
- U.S. Representatives
- Dan Benishek: (202) 225-4735 or
- John Moolenaar (202) 225-3561

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, December 15</b> Foot Clinic (by Appt) 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	<b>Friday, December 16</b> BIRTHDAY DAY! CHRISTMAS PARTY! American House Ice Cream Sundae Bar After Lunch: OJ Adkins	<b>Monday, December 19</b> Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> Petoskey Lunch & Wii Bowling here Mexican Train	<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	<b>Thursday, December 22</b> Foot Clinic (by Appt) 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, December 15</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice	<b>Friday, December 16</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY! Chx Men's Choir 9:30am Craft Class	<b>Monday, December 19</b> 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> FOOT CLINIC 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> 1pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Kevin Johnson Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, December 15</b> 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics	<b>Friday, December 16</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY! 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone	<b>Monday, December 19</b> 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30 Exercise 12:30pm Wii Bowling	<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker	<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm Veteran Affairs 1pm Texas Hold-Em	<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

<b>Thursday, December 15</b> BAKED MEATBALL CASSE- ROLE	<b>Friday, December 16</b> COOK'S CHOICE	<b>Monday, December 19</b> CHICKEN CASSEROLE	<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> GARLIC CHICKEN	<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> HAMBURGER w/BUN	<b>Thursday, December 22</b> BEEF PASTY & GRAVY
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## Groundbreaking at Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop new facility

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop continues fundraising for a new, expanded facility located in the former VFW Post 7580 building, at 6710 M-32 in East Jordan, Michigan.

The center will include expanded space for Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop and the East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry. These organizations serve the community by providing access to food, grocery items, quality used clothing and household items at affordable prices or no cost. In addition, satellite offices for both the East Jordan Ministerial Association and Salvation Army will be located in the same building to serve clients in this area.

Rounding out the expanded facility is a community room that will be open to local organizations for meetings, classes, and small events. The expanded facility will provide over 10,000 square feet of multi-purpose space. Groundbreaking for the construction of the new center occurred on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

During the last 10 months, the Crossroads project has received financial donations for the acquisition and construction project from many donors and businesses in the community, including a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF). "We are so grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for their support of the expansion."

sion." said Laura Kenny, Crossroads Board President. "Additionally, we would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Crossroads building fund. Their generous support will help to ensure our success."

Crossroads and the Care and Share Food Pantry will continue to serve customers at their current location, 205 West Water Street, East Jordan MI, until the construction is completed.

Anyone interested in assisting Crossroads Resale Shop with this project can help by: 1) Donating new and gently used items, including furniture, housewares, tools, toys, and clothes. 2) Becoming a volunteer. 3) Making a financial contribution to the building fund (mailing address is PO Box 937, East Jordan MI 49727). For additional information, please contact Rose Hines at 231.590.4681 or rosehines@msn.com.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grant-making, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org) or by calling 231.536.2440.

# WOODEN SHOE FESTIVAL in Ellsworth, Michigan



Ruby Pletcher visits with Santa



Elise Cebulski visits with Santa



Luke and Hannah Essenberg visit with Santa Claus



Makenzie, Meghan, Makayla and Troy Harmon and Michael Henry enjoy pizza, Christmas carols and crafts at the ...

## Top quality, vintage items at Lewiston's Antique Depot

By Jim Akans

Specializing in a wide selection of top quality antiques, jewelry, fine porcelain, primitive pottery, dollies, linens and furniture, the Antique Depot in Lewiston is a "must stop" location for shoppers who love vintage items. Owned and operated by Debbie Kinzie, the amazing showroom at the Antique Depot has been meticulously organized into several themed display areas showcasing specific types of items. Be prepared to spend some time when visiting the store...there are a lot of top quality items to browse!

The Antique Depot has been a landmark on the east side of Lewiston for over 30 years. Kinzie rented space in the store for ten years before purchasing it in 2001. She is very particular about the products she offers and attends countless estate sales in search of quality items. Her purchases that do not become part of her store inventory are donated to area animal shelters, Goodwill, the Red Cross, the Gold Mine in Petoskey...all of



The Antique Depot is located at 5030 County Road 612 in Lewiston (across from Family Fare) and is open Monday through Saturday from 11am to 6pm and Sunday from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

which are organizations that also provide assistance services for individuals.

While there is a wide assortment of beautiful vintage items at the Antique Depot, glassware, fine porcelain and jewelry are a prime focus. Themed vignettes throughout the store showcase wares such

as Cranberry Glass, Roseville Pottery, Art Pottery, Hall Company China, Depression Era Glass, Carnival Glass, Hand-Painted Porcelain and more. Near the front of the store a huge variety of estate jewelry on display includes rings, bracelets, necklaces and more, made of gold, sterling and platinum



(l) Antique Depot owner, Debbie Kinzie, stands before an amazing selection of jewelry items offered at the store. (r) Beautiful glassware (such as these fine cranberry glass and pink depression glass items) and pottery, organized in themed areas throughout the store, are among the many top-quality vintage items on display. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



set with diamonds and other precious gemstones. Kinzie works with a certified gemologist who inspects the jewelry she sells.

Kinzie knows antiques well. She relates that she "started when I was about 12 years old. I would ride my bike to garage sales to find items to sell at my grandfather's antique store." She grew up in Oshtemo and moved to northern Michigan in 1993.

For the antique's buff, aficionado of things vintage, or the casual

shopper looking for an opportunity to browse a variety of unique, top quality items, be sure to make a stop at the Antique Depot the next time you visit the Lewiston area.

The Antique Depot is located at 5030 County Road 612 in Lewiston (across from Family Fare) and is open Monday through Saturday from 11am to 6pm and Sunday from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. For additional information call (989) 786-4897.

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## Boyne City officials attend Lansing DDA meeting



From left to right; State Representative Tristen Cole, Boyne City Commissioner Hugh Conklin, Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain, Boyne City Mayor Tom Neidhamer and State Senator Wayne Schmidt met just outside the Senate Chambers in the State Capital in Lansing Wednesday afternoon to discuss ways to keep successful Downtown Development Authority programs like Boyne City's strong and producing jobs and value for all. COURTESY PHOTO

## Navigating the Arts performance Dec. 15 at the Charlevoix Public Library

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts proudly presents its 5th Bi-annual Navigating the Arts Performance on December, 15 from 6 to 7:30pm. in the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. The program features dance and theatre that integrate core academic subjects with the performing arts.

A culmination of Charlevoix Montessori Academy's study of North America, the program offers Native American stories and various dances performed by the high school, middle school, and lower grades. Donations will be greatly appreciated, with a suggestion of \$5.00. All ages are welcomed. Come see Charlevoix Montessori Academy students of all ages in a performance that promises to entertain and inspire.



Junior Freyah Sizemore displays her hoops. COURTESY PHOTO

## Kirtland Regional Police Academy recognizes 43rd graduating class

The Kirtland Regional Policy Academy (KRPA) recently recognized its 43rd graduating class. The 18 academy cadets were joined by family, friends and staff at the Kirtland Center for Performing Arts to honor both group and individual accomplishments.

Before receiving individual awards and diplomas, cadets and guests listened to speakers Tom Grace, KRPA Director; Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post Commander Josh Lator and Class 43 cadet Lindy Waite.

"This recruit class is sharp," said Commander Lator. "You are now in a position to break down barriers and connect the people you serve with the resources they need. Be intentional in your choices and always remember to pursue success, not credit."

Following the speaker addresses, cadets were recognized for a variety of accomplishments and awards.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Outstanding Performance Award was given to Robert Sayles. James Garrett received top honor for Physical Fitness and Cassandra Kuemin was recognized as most improved. Coalton Huff received first in class and Robert Cameron was recognized as most improved for Defensive Tactics.



Kirtland Regional Police Academy 43rd Class Cadets. Front row (L-R): Cassandra Kuemin, Lindy Waite, Carlee Robbins, Jason Dellar, James Garrett. Middle Row (L-R): Robert Cameron, Kurt Kierpaul, Brandon Durst, Ethan Passalacqua, Elliot Hausler, Coalton Huff. Back Row (L-R): Robert Sayles, Brad Cameron, Peter DeKryger, Jackson Bradley, Chad Wilson. COURTESY PHOTO

Cadet Brad Cameron received Top Shooter recognition for marksmanship and Chad Wilson was recognized as Most Improved Shooter. Brad Cameron and James Garrett were honored for Patrol Tactics. For academic excellence, cadets Jackson Bradley, Peter DeKryger, Brandon Durst, James Garrett and Kurt Kierpaul all received recognition from Academy Director Grace.

In closing, Grace congratulated cadets, sharing, "Welcome to the Kirtland alumni family. We will always be here for you."

Members of the KRPA Class 43 are: Robert Cameron (Bay Mills, MI), Peter DeKryger (Fremont, MI), Jason Dellar (Lincoln, MI), Brandon Durst (Waterford, MI), James Garrett (Houghton Lake, MI), Elliot Hausler (Boyne City, MI), Coalton Huff (Johannesburg, MI), Kurt Kierpaul (Marine City, MI), Cassandra Kuemin (Sault Ste. Marie, MI), Ethan Passalacqua (Harbor Springs, MI), Carlee Robbins (Prudenville, MI), Robert Sayles (Moran, MI), Lindy Waite (Lakeview, MI), Chad Wilson (Cadillac, MI).

The KRPA can be contacted at 989-275-5000, ext. 348, or by visiting our website at [www.kirtland.edu](http://www.kirtland.edu).

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## KAYLA

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in school and community activities.

Among those, Kayla had been involved in East Jordan Elementary Girl Scouts, Pop Warner Cheerleading, East Jordan Middle School Volleyball team and the East Jordan High School Soccer team. She also served on the East Jordan High School Prom and Float Building Committees.

East Jordan Schools school superintendent Matt Stevens said in a media release that counselors were available at the high school to help students through the tragedy of Kayla's death.

"We are very supportive of all of our students and staff during this difficult time—both today and into the long term," Stevens said, "We will also do our best to be of service to

Kayla's family. Our heart goes out to the family and her friends."

Kayla's family said she had many interests and enjoyed baking, arts and crafts, riding dirt bikes and ORVs, skiing and ice fishing. But she deeply loved animals, especially her dog, Xena.

Kayla also volunteered at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Charlevoix.

She had worked five years as a specialist at Andy's Deli/Party Store in Charlevoix and as an assistant caterer at Pigs Eatin' Ribs and had recently started a job at East Jordan's newly opened Blue Smoke Restaurant.

Kayla is survived by her parents, Ryan and Danielle Clark and sister Maddie of East Jordan, along with grandparents Jim Clark of East Jordan and Marty (Sue) Hamlin of Traverse City. Her services were held December 14.

## Overcoming holiday and winter loneliness and isolation for seniors

Submitted by Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan

Great advances in medicine have extended our average life expectancy to a record high of nearly 79 years. Couple longevity with the fact that over 10,000 Baby Boomers reach the age of 65 every single day and you can see why seniors represent the fastest growing populations segment in the US.

As one ages, it is often accompanied by a sense of loss: loss of a job due to retirement, loss of a spouse and friends due to illness, or loss of family members due to geographic mobility. Some may also sense a loss of independence due to health or mobility issues. Many studies suggest that loneliness takes a serious toll on physical health.

To help those seniors who feel less joy and more isolation during the holidays, we would

like to offer 12 no cost or low cost ways to help seniors, and others, better enjoy the season and the New Year ahead.

- 1 - Understand that you are not alone. An AARP study suggests one-third of Adults 45+ are lonely; an American Psychological Association study indicates 1 in 4 Americans are lonely. Other studies suggest you should honor and share your feelings.
- 2 - Connect with others, with a phone call, on line or via shared activities.
- 3 - Visit your local senior center.
- 4 - Take a class, learn something new, or engage in a hobby.
- 5 - Ask for help if needed.
- 6 - Be more physically active. Physical activity keeps you feeling better and helps with mobility issues.
- 7 - Participate in your local faith community, local community organization, club or

group.

8 - Consider attending group luncheons in your community.

9 - Sign up for a Senior Companion through Catholic Human Services at 1-800-658-8854.

10 - Volunteer. You may find that it is a gift to you to give to others in greater need.

11 - Use stress management techniques: be good to yourself, relax, and replace self-defeating thoughts with more positive thoughts.

12 - Be grateful. Gratitude: makes us happier, makes people like us, makes us healthier, boosts our career, strengthens our emotions, develops our personality, makes us more optimistic, reduces materialism, increases spiritualism, makes us less self-centered, increases self-esteem, improves our sleep, keeps us away from the doctor, lengthens our lives, increases our energy levels, makes us more likely to exercise, makes more resilient,

makes us feel good, makes our memories happier, reduces feelings of envy, helps us relax, makes us friendlier, helps our marriages, leads others to respect us, helps us make friends, deepens friendships, makes us more effective managers, helps us network, increases our goal achievement, improves our decision making, increases our productivity.

In his article The 31 Benefits of Gratitude You Didn't Know About: How Gratitude Can Change Your Life, author Amit Amin cites numerous scientific research studies that identify these life-enhancers.

Contact your local Commission or Council on Aging or the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM) at 1-800-442-1713 for more information about programs, services and classes for older adults.

## MDOT plow data drives faster snow and ice removal

Connected vehicle technology is helping MDOT clear snow and ice from roadways faster — making winter a little easier for drivers and saving taxpayers money. MDOT started installing GPS-based automatic vehicle location (AVL) devices on its winter road maintenance equipment in 2013. These systems report where each truck is, and they gather data from other sensors to report details like atmospheric conditions, camera images, and speed and salt application rates for each vehicle.

MDOT feeds that information, plus additional pavement and weather data and forecasts, into its maintenance decision support system (MDSS), which it uses to better plan for winter storms. It's a powerful combination for managing plowing and salting operations.

"Monitoring snowplow speeds and material application helps us apply efficient salting practices," said Melissa Howe, region support engineer for MDOT's Maintenance Field Services Section.

"Maintenance supervisors can also easily adjust shifts based on the timing of a storm so we have plows on the roads precisely when they're needed, adding people proactively rather than reactively."

MDOT has installed AVL/GPS on all of its plows and some county road commissions are also using the technology. With multiple systems in use, MDOT and counties are collectively researching how to expand the deployment of this technology while coordinating and standardizing its use.

AVL and MDSS have helped MDOT reduce salt consumption, contributing to an estimated 2.2 percent increase in efficiency. MDOT spends about \$30 million on salt in an average year, so even modest reductions in salt use save a lot of money. There's more to come: MDOT operations and maintenance engineers have improved the system interface to show more detail and more accurate locations, and they expect even greater efficiencies as MDOT gains experience with the system.

With cost-savings and safety in mind, MDOT promotes a number of best practices to boost salt use efficiency during winter maintenance. The department is encouraging its drivers to drive slower when possible while applying salt so more stays on the road. MDOT is also investigating new application systems to keep the salt from bouncing out of driving lanes. Other "sensible salting" solutions include setting application guidelines for winter conditions, using weather stations to better target areas that will benefit most from salt, and pre-wetting the salt so it sticks to the road and starts working faster.

In the interest of safety, there are some times when MDOT and its contract county road commissions and municipal public works departments will hold off on the salt. During normal winter conditions, when temperatures are between 20 and 30 degrees, salt works great for melting snow and ice so plows can more easily blade it from the roadway. Below 20 degrees, however, and salt takes longer to work,

and may increase the speed at which roads refreeze. Below 10 degrees, the roads refreeze even faster, making them icier and slipperier than if salt hadn't been applied in the first place. In those conditions, it's safer to use sand instead.

Working together with its county road commission partners on a number of fronts, MDOT will continue to improve the way it responds to winter's annual snowy, icy attack on Michigan roads. The goal is safer driving and cost-savings for Michigan taxpayers.

MDOT's SnowPlowsPhoto; Nate Fisher operates an MDOT tow plow during a winter storm in February 2016. MDOT now has automatic vehicle location (AVL) devices on all of its winter road maintenance equipment. These systems report where each truck is, and they gather data from other sensors in order to help better plan for winter storms. (MDOT Photo)

## Boyne Falls Public Schools

# Student of the Week



Rylee Smith

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Heather and Wade Smith

Future Plans: Rylee would like to be a nail manicurist

Favorite Book: Little Rabbit Foo Foo

Hobbies and Interests: Rylee really enjoys reading.

School Activities: Rylee has fun being on our Logger Spirit team.

Staff Comments: "Rylee is a pleasure to have in class. She is a hard worker. When she finishes her work, Rylee can be found reading or helping her fellow classmates. She is a kind and caring young lady and a good example to her class." - Mrs. Powers

## GUILTY

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showed Conklin was a friend of Fruge's who had just arrived in Charlevoix County, from his Florida home, a day earlier, on September 30.

"The two stayed up all night abusing drugs and the next day, Fruge took a butcher knife from his kitchen, went

to his driveway and stabbed Conklin ten times in the neck, shoulder and head, severing both carotid arteries and the jugular vein."

A pathologist testified that Conklin died within minutes, Telgenhof said.

Fruge's defense attorney, Bryan Klawuhn of Petoskey, argued his client had been ruled mentally insane in the past and was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder

from experiences he had during two tours of deployment in Iraq.

"This was a very difficult case for all concerned," Telgenhof said, "These men were friends and their families knew each other. The jury had a lot of testimony to digest and a lot of options as far as verdict, I thank them for their service. Hopefully this verdict will provide some closure for the families involved."

Telgenhof also praised the professionalism of those in the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State and the Boyne City Police Department for their work on the case.

Fruge will now face a maximum of 15 years in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced January 13, 2017 in Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court.

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# News

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## Knights of Columbus Christmas party benefits those with special needs

On Wednesday, December 7, a very special Christmas Party was celebrated for the physically and intellectually challenged. The event was sponsored by the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus Council #6314 at the St. Matthew's Hall in Boyne City.

This event was attended by over 200 guests and their caregivers that included dancing to a live band, a great lunch served by members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, followed by Santa Claus passing out presents and baskets of fruit. The huge smiles and excitement was shared by all in attendance.

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The Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus Council #6314 have

sponsored this Christmas Event for over 30 years.

## Boyne City Schools Amends Budget After Enrollment Increase

The Board of Education of Boyne City Public Schools (BCPS) passed an improved, revised 2016-17 budget at the December 14th, 2016 regular meeting, attributable to an increase in enrollment this fall. The budget revision was made on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, chaired by Treasurer Ross McLane. The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

The revised budget was based on an increase of fifty-five (55) students since last fall. Currently, 1,390 students attend BCPS. The new fund balance will be projected at 13.93%. In passing the revised budget, the Board set aside funding for future: bus purchases, investment in ex-

panded programming in preschool education and increased support for teachers using technology effectively in the classroom. For more detailed information go to our transparency page on the Boyne City Public School web-page: <http://boync.k12.mi.us/>

Superintendent Patrick Little summarized the reason for the increased enrollment as, "Boyne City continues to provide a progressive, well-rounded education to all our students preschool through 12th grade. We are thankful that our students work hard alongside our dedicated staff to have outcomes which we can be proud of each year."

## NCCM holiday hours

North Central Michigan College's gym and fitness center at the Petoskey campus will be open over the holiday break with limited hours. The center will be closed from Wednesday, December 21 at 7pm through Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day and again December 31-January 2. Call (231) 439-6370 for more information. The hours are as follows:

- Open Monday - Tuesday, December 19-20, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Open Wednesday, December 21, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Closed December 22 - 25.
- Open Monday - Friday, December 26-30, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Closed December 31-January 2.
- Open Tuesday-Friday, January 3-6, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Open regular hours Saturday-Sunday, January 7-8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Regular hours resume on January 9

Gym and Fitness Center hours for Winter 2017 semester, starting January 9:

- Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
  - Friday, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- The walking track is free to all and open on the same days and times as the courts. Court fees for non-students

are:

- No charge for ages 6 and below.
- \$2 per person each day for ages 7-18.
- \$3 per person each day for ages 19 and above.

The college administrative offices and Student Services close Wednesday, December 21 at 5 p.m. These offices will reopen Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

The College Store will close Wednesday, December 21 and reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m. It will have limited hours Tuesday - Friday, January 3-6, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Regular hours will resume on January 9. Regular hours:

- Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- The Library will be open with limited hours Monday - Wednesday, December 19-21, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Library will be closed December 22 - January 2, reopening January 3 at 8:15 a.m. Limited hours of 8:15 a.m. - 5 p.m. will continue January 3-6. Regular hours will resume January 9.
- Monday - Thursday, 8:15 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## E.J. Citizen of the Year Nomination forms available

It's that time of the year to nominate the people in East Jordan who are making a difference in the community for Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are now available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office or on the Chamber's website [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org).

Nominators are asked to describe the nominee's outstanding community involvement (both past and present), civic contributions, special community contributions and any other pertinent information. A committee comprised of community representatives review the nominations and vote by secret ballot.

The Citizen of the Year is announced annually at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction. The 2016 Annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 28 at Castle Farms.

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

# Men's Night 2016

## Tuesday, December 20

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