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# **Boyne Chamber announces** annual award winners

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE FALLS - Several area business leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers and everyday community champions were among those who were honored at last week's annual meeting of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Held at Boyne Mountain Resort, seven awards were handed out during this year's chamber meeting in recognition of the many contributions and efforts that each of the recipients has put forth in the community in various capacities.

The awards included:

#### \*Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016-Scott MacKenzie

MacKenzie was recognized by chamber members for being a "longtime major ambassador and cheerleader" for the Boyne City area. MacKenzie has for years volunteered for a laundry list local projects and events, frequently offering his talents as an auctioneer.

#### \*Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2016-Rich Bergmann

Bergmann, of the Boyne City Tap Room, was handed this award for the investment he recently made in opening and successfully operating his new restaurant in Boyne City at a location that had foundered in the

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(Left to Right) Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ashley Cousens, Volunteer of the Year Award winner Scott MacKenzie, co-Heritage Award Winner Mark Kowalske, Young Entrepeneur of the Year Award winner Sara Manchester, Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award winner Pat O'Brien, Community Pride Award winners Elizabeth Looze and Bill Aten and co-Heritage Award winner Michael Cain. Entrepeneur of the Year Award winner Rich Bergmann is not pictured.

past.

#### \*Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2016-Sara Manchester

Manchester was honored for her work in reno vating the historic Depot building in order to open a studio and a non-profit organization called Create, a community creative space geared specifically to encouraging children to explore their artistic abilities.

\*Community Pride Award for 2016-Challenge Mountain

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Mountain, Elizabeth Looze and Bill Aten accepted this year's award, which is tailored to recognize a local non-profit organization which has made important contributions to the commu-

nity over the past year. The organization was lauded for the investment it made in the community by purchasing a largely vacant building on M-75 and significantly renovating the structure and opening a re-sale store there within eight months.

\*Heritage Award for

#### 2016—co-winners Michael Cain and Mark Kowalske

The Heritage Award is aimed to spotlight a longtime business leader who makes ongoing contributions to the community. But there was a tie for the award this year between Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain and Mark Kowalske of Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

Cain, who has been city manager in Boyne City for the past 14 years, was recognized for his work in bringing more than \$9 million in grant funding

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## Boyne City man kills cat because he thought it was Satanic

**By Michelle Medjesky** 

CHARLEVOIX - A Boyne City man is facing up to eight years

in prison after being charged with animal cruelty for allegedly killing his girlfriend's cat because



he believed the animal was "Satanic".

According to a media release issued by Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney assistant Lori Parris, Justin Scott Fazio, 30, of Boyne City, has been arrested and is being held in the Charlevoix County Jail after being charged with Animal Cruelty in connection with an incident that involved the killing of a cat that occurred on January 15.

Fazio is also being charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, which he reportedly confessed to police that he had been smoking on the day of the incident and which police said they also found in his home and believed to be his

According to a Boyne City police affidavit of probable cause that was filed in the case, police were called to an apartment on Morgan Street around 3 p.m. January 15 to investigate a report from a woman caller who claimed Fazio, her boyfriend, had killed her cat.

The woman told police she had returned from work that day to find Fazio holding her dead cat by the neck. Police stated in the affidavit that Fazio told them he had strangled the cat because "he thought it was Satanic." They later recovered the dead cat in a box in the garbage at Fazio's home.

Parris noted the killing of an animal without just cause is a felony under Michigan law, punishable by up to four years in prison. However, since Fazio has prior convictions, he is being charged as a habitual offender, third offense, which increases his possible sentencing to a maximum of eight years in prison.

Fazio's prior felonies include a 2006 conviction in Wexford County for fourth degree criminal sexual conduct and from a 2014 conviction in Barry County for failure to pay child support.

He reportedly told police he has no history of mental health issues.

A probable cause conference for Fazio is scheduled for January 31 and a preliminary examination set for February 7 in Charlevoix's 90th District Court, where he will be represented by attorney John Jarema. Fazio is being held at the Charlevoix County Jail where he will remain in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

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1/25/201669.6	KALKASKA	1/23/1795
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FEB 310°	30°	-18° (1996)	52° (1991)

#### Regina "Jean" (Kabot) Dixon, 57

(JUNE 27, 1959 - JAN. 22, 2017) Regina Dixon, a lifelong

resident of Petoskey, passed away on January 22, 2017 at Villa by the Bay sur rounded by her lov-



She was born to Helen Kabot on April 24, 1941 and graduated from St. Francis Xavier High School. On June 27, 1959, she married the love of her life, Bruce Dixon. Together they raised their children, Tina (Mark) Felton of Boyne City, Harry (Kelly) Dixon of Petoskey and Scott Dixon, who preceded her in death. Beloved grandchildren include Lorin and Molly Burch, Logan and Morgyn Felton, Mallory and Haley Dixon.

Jean is fondly remembered for her gentle voice, warm smile, compassionate heart and love of sports. She always volunteered as team Mom and never missed a sporting event for her children. She also enjoyed bowling, watching the Detroit Tigers and auto racing. Most of all she was a devoted mother and wife, always putting her family first.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the care Jean received while a resident at Villa by the Bay. The nurses and staff brought her so much comfort and joy.

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We will be forever grateful not only for the care received but the friendships established throughout her Alzheimer journey.

Visitation will be held at Stone Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 26. Father Denny Stilwell will officiate a mass celebrating Jean's life at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 27, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 513 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Brother Dan's Food Pantry, 415 State Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.

#### **Betty Lou (Friend)** McAlvey, 94

(DEC. 18, 1922 - JAN. 20, 2017) Betty Lou McAlvey, long-

time resident of Burt Lake, MI, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2017 at The Villa at the Bay Petoskey.



Betty Lou was born on December 18, 1922 to Fred and Nina Friend in Boyne City, Michigan. The family moved to Petoskey, Michigan when she was a young child. She was an active member of the First Christian Church of Petoskey as a youth and young adult.

After graduating from Petoskey High School, Betty Lou attended Michigan State

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University, majoring in music. While attending MSU she met K. Dale McAlvey and became a "War Bride" during the early months of WWII when they were married on June 14, 1942. After Dale's return from military service overseas, they resided in the Petoskey area where they raised their three children.

In the early 1950's Dale was called to serve as pastor of the Burt Lake Christian Church. Betty Lou soon herself a full-time "preachers wife" and "assistant pastor", serving the congregation in a variety of ways including teaching Sunday School, directing Bible School, organizing and directing choir, counselling at the state youth camp, and holding various offices in the local and state Christian Woman's Fellowship (CWF) groups. Betty was also active in Church Women United, an ecumenical church group.

Betty also participated in various community activities. Among other things, she was active in the Burt Lake Community Club, was President of the PTA at Inland Lakes School, played violin in community orchestras. and sang in the Bay View Choir. Betty and Dale also participated in international student exchange programs. She became an American "Mom" for two students and Pastor's wife for others, establishing many lasting international relationships.

After Dale retired, they divided their time between their home on Burt Lake and Winter Haven, FL. While in Florida she was an associate member of the First Christian Church of Winter Haven where she was an active member of the choir and CWF. She continued to spend winters in Florida for several years after Dale's death in

In recent years she resided in the Burt Lake/Petoskev area where she could enjoy her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty Lou McAlvey was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one granddaughter, Jodie Lynn Ginop. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Emshwiller, three children: Mike (Linda) McAlvey, Kathy (Len) Ginop, Ginny (Drexell) George. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the Stone Funeral Home on February 2nd from 6-8pm and at the Burt Lake

Christian Church on February 3rd beginning at 10:00am. A funeral service celebrating Betty's life will be held at the church on February 3rd at 11:00am. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

#### Mickey Allen Howard, 55

(JAN. 23, 1961 - JAN. 20, 2017)

Mickey Alan Howard of Boyne Falls died on Friday January 20, 2017 unexpectedly at his home. Mickey was a lifelong resident of his Howard family homestead in Boyne Falls and was born on January 23, 1961 to his late parents Ernest and Leona (Hoatlin) Howard. He is survived by his brother, Tom (Kathy) Howard of Boyne falls and sisters, Sally (Tony) Sevenski, Linda (Jim) Sevenski, and many nieces and nephews. His brothers, Jerry and David Howard preceded him in death.

Mickey was a valued and longtime employee of Jerry's Garage for over 30 years working side by side with his brother Jerry and nephew, Brian. He was hard working and one you could call a "jack of all trades" with prior employment at Skop Masonry and Matelski Lumber Co. He had a strong work ethic and was very dedicated to getting the job done no matter how long it took.

Mickey was an avid fisherman and hunter with ever a good story about bagging that swamp monster buck or finding the "first of the season" or biggest morel mushroom. In his younger years he enjoyed turning circles at the local racetrack in Elmira and was very much a NASCAR/Earnhardt fan. He had a fondness for vintage collections and enjoyed "a ride" around the countryside. Family was everything to him, after the passing of his father Ernest, Mickey stayed on the family homestead to care for his aging mother until she passed. Fraley Road will never be the same and he will be deeply missed by all.

A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held on Thursday January 26 from 11a-2p at the Boyne Falls Township Hall, 2489 Railroad St, Boyne Falls, MI 49713. The family welcomes you to share in this remembrance honoring "Mick's" life. In lieu of flowers the family wishes for you to come and share a story or a favorite picture with them.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

#### Samantha Hoffman, 27

**JANUARY 24, 2017** 

Samantha Hoffman died at home in Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan. Arrangements are pending.

#### Donald G. Worden, 86

(FEB. 21, 1930 - JAN. 17, 2017) Donald G. Worden died

peacefully January 17, 2017 at Georgia House of Charlevoix at the age of 86. He was born on February 21, 1930 in Detroit, to Guy H.

and Ila (Cross) Worden. Don answered his country's call during the Korean War and served as a member of the United States Army in Korea. After his honorable discharge, he returned to civilian life and eventually

found employment with the United States Postal Service. At the time of his retirement Don worked as a supervisor in the Royal Oak Post Office. For years Don kept himself active in retirement as a locksmith and as an avid gardener. He loved dancing, and for a number of years taught square dancing. He also enjoyed country music, western movies and motorcycles.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Don was preceded in death by his lifetime love, Joyce E. (Coan) worden; they were married on July 29, 1953. Her death in 2003 left a void that was never again filled. He was also preceded by his son, Eric Paul Worden. His surviving family includes his daughter Tina (John) Lamont and his son, Michel (Jacquelyn) Worden; grandchildren, Stacey Lynne (Adam) Diedrich, Megan Elyse (Luka) Bacal, Scott (Jamie) Lamont, Joe, Donald, Ali, and Shirley Worden, and 13 great grandchildren.

Don's family will miss most his jovial nature and warm sense of humor, both qualities that made him the best Santa Clause ever.

Don's family plan to remember and celebrate his life privately in the spring.

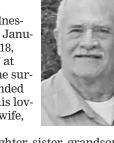
#### Wayne E. Ramsey, 74

(DEC. 3, 1942 - JAN. 18, 2017)

Wayne Edward Ramsey, 74 of Melrose Township, passed away

peacefully on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at home surroundedby his loving wife,

son.



daughter, sister, grandson, and beloved Shelties.

Born in Gary, Indiana on December 3, 1942, Wayne was the son of A. Kermit and C. Eleanor Ramsey. Wayne retired from CSX

Railroad in 1998 after 30 plus years of service. Upon retirement, he moved to Melrose Township and immediately started building his retirement home with his wife, Liz. He proudly served on the Melrose Township Fire Department, the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. Above all Wayne loved his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, boating, canoeing, walking in his woods, farming and doing woodwork. He loved his two Sheltie dogs, Jack and Ruby who comforted and watched over him to the end.

Surviving is his wife of 19 years, Liz Ramsey; his children, Terri DeTraglia of Oswego, IL., Master Gunnery Sergeant USMC Jeffery (Joanie) Ramsey of Maysville, NC; seven grandchildren, Jami (Brian), Jeffrey Jr., Nick, Anthony, Tyler, Parker and Dominic; two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Joey; his brother, Dale (Marcia) Ramsey of Kansas City, MO., and his sister, Joyce (Bob) Myers of Fishers, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his daughter, Pamela Ann Ram-

LOVE NEVER DIES Wayne's family will have a private memorial service at a later date. Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

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# **Awards**

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to improve the city's infrastructure, its buildings, to buy land and pay for a wide variety of community programs.

Kowalske was recognized for his 40 year-long involvement within the Boyne City community in various capacities, from being a founding member of the DDA/Main Street Program and sponsorship of the city's Stroll the Streets program to his creation of the Buff up Bovne initiative to "spring clean" the city each year before summer

tourist season begins.

\*Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award for 2016-Pat O'Brien Pat O'Brien of Pat

O'Brien and Associates Real Estate, was honored with this year's Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award for the many contributions he has made during his decadeslong presence in the Boyne City community. O'Brien not only continues to make generous financial and sponsorship donations to various groups and causes, but he also serves as chairman on the Main Street Board, is a member of Team Boyne and sponsor to a number of annual events, including the Chamber Expo and Fourth of July programs.

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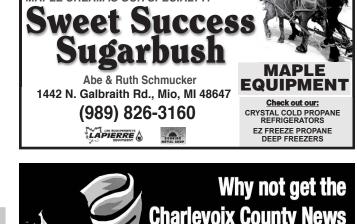
#### Sheriff warns of Scam Circulating in area

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# **Charlevoix Hospital named Top 100 Critical Access Hospital**

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, Michigan was recently named one of iVantage Health Analytics' Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the United States. Critical Access Hospitals assure that essential healthcare services are available in rural areas, such as northern Michigan.

"We are so proud of the efforts of our physicians and staff who have contributed to our achieving this designation," Lyn Jenks, President and CEO of the hospital. "For nearly a century, this hospital has lived up to the promise of our mission to provide superior quality care and promote community health. Our staff delivers a special brand of caring unsurpassed in our area and is known for personal attention to individual patient needs. We have a long history of providing the personal, friendly medical care you'd expect to find in your hometown. The doctors and staff here not only care for you, they also care about you. People are comfortable coming here and confident in the quality of care they receive. I know I speak for our entire staff when I say it is an honor to be recognized as one of the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the U.S.'



Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, Michigan was recently named one of iVantage Health Analytics' Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the United States. COURTESY PHOTO

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on iVantage's Hospital Strength INDEX®.

The INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive rating of rural and

Critical Access Hospitals. The results recognize that the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals provide a safety net to communities across rural America – measuring them across more than 70 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability, population risk and efficiency.

The list of the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and more information about the study can be found at www.iVantageINDEX.com.

"Rural healthcare deserves the same performance analysis as all provider performance. It plays a vital role for communities across America, serving more than 60 million people. The services provided in rural America are similar to those needed in any major metropolitan area, vet the volumes and economic resources provide little economies of scale, making for little benefit from scale. These top 100 Critical Access Hospitals exhibit a focused concern for their community benefits and needs, regardless of scale, reimbursement and people's ability to pay," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics.

#### Wellness Award available to Michigan Schools

Michigan schools that are taking action to promote healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco-free lifestyles are encouraged to apply for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 2017 School Wellness Award.

"Healthy school environments help students achieve their academic potential and support the development of life-long healthy habits by our children," said MDHHS Directeor Nick Lyon. "We hope that many schools will take advantage of this opportunity to be recognized for making their schools healthier."

The Michigan School Wellness Award encourages schools to establish School Health Teams, complete the Healthy School Action Tools and implementing sustainable policy and environmental changes to create healthier schools. The deadline for schools to submit applications is midnight April 19. The application and additional information about the award is at http://swa.mihealthtools.org.

MDHHS presents the award in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Action for Healthy Kids and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Schools taking exemplary steps to improve the health of students and staff will be recognized in May at an awards ceremony at the State Capitol.

# Area Community Foundations welcome grant proposals

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation announce the availability of grant dollars to support the work of area non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities. The deadline to submit a grant proposal is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Grant applications to support arts and culture, education, the environment, community and economic development, health and human services, recreation and youth are available by calling your respective community foundation office. Applicants must call to discuss their proposal to begin the application process. Eligible nonprofit organizations serve residents of Charlevoix or Emmet County and work to enrich or improve life for local residents. Applications will be reviewed by advisory committees made up of community representatives. The youth advisory committees will review proposals that benefit young people. Committee recommendations will be

The community foundations accept contributions from donors and then use a portion of the income earned from

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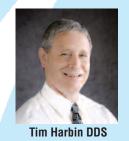
the investment of these gifts to help foster positive change in our area. In this way, our donors' contributions meet our community needs, now and in the future – For good. For ever.®

To apply for a grant or for more information, call or email your local community foundation. In Charlevoix County, contact Mishelle Shooks for youth grants at mshooks@c3f.org or Maureen Radke for all other grants at maureen@c3f.org or call 231.536.2440. In Emmet County, contact Kassia Perpich or Sarah Ford at

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## Hestia Women's Giving Circle announces funding availability

Are you part of an organization in Emmet or Charlevoix County seeking funding for a project that will make a positive difference in the lives of local women or girls? The Hestia Women's Giving Circle is welcoming applications for its annual grant cycle. Application deadline is May 1, 2017. Grants will be announced by May 31 and awarded in mid-June.

The Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (c3f), which also assists the Giving Circle in grant making and distribution. Applications are available on the Foundation's website at www.c3f.org. Click on "All About Grants" and follow the Hestia link. Organizations applying for grants must have 501(c)3 non-profit status, be a school or government agency, or have a

fiscal agent with non-profit status.

The Hestia Women's Giving Circle was formed in 2005 with the mission to promote the economic self-sufficiency and well being of women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix counties. The Circle is named for the Greek goddess Hestia, who expresses her love and concern for others through thoughtful acts. The Giving Circle provides an opportunity for women to pool their donations to make a significant impact locally, and to educate themselves about issues facing women and girls in our community. (more)

Since Hestia's founding, grants totaling more than \$340,000 have been awarded to a variety of projects specifically geared to women and girls. Past recipient organizations include the Petoskey Public Schools Robotics Pro-

gram, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Michigan, Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan, North Country Kids, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Petoskey Area Hockey Association, Petoskey Public Schools Debate Program, and First Tee of Northern Michigan, among many others. The Giving Circle is especially interested in supporting projects with creative approaches to existing issues and smaller organizations that may have limited access to other sources of funding.

For more information about grant making or becoming a member of The Hestia Women's Giving Circle, please send an email to INFO@hestiacircle.org.



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# **News Briefs**

#### EAST JORDAN

#### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

January 27, 4-6:30pm, EJHS Cafeteria. Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread sticks, drinks. Dine in or carry out. \$6 per person or \$20 per family. EJ vs Charlevoix Varsity Basketball game starts at 5:30pm.

#### BOYNE CITY

#### STIGGS BREWING COMPANY **GRAND OPENING**

January 27, 112 S. Park Street. Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. and the opening festivities will continue throughout the day and into the night. They will have a live broadcast with 106KHQ Radio at 5 p.m. You can join their Mug Club for \$55 and receive these benefits: your first beer is free, 4 oz more per pour, free birthday beer, 50 cents off all beers on Mug Club Wednesdays, discounts on growlers and refills, and exclusive invitations to Mug Club

#### 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**

#### **ONE MAN'S STAND AGAINST EVIL EXPLORED**

January 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Confronting Evil: One Man Takes a Stand," features a filmed interview with Peter Ash, founder of Under the Same Sun, an organization dedicated to helping people with the genetic condition of albinism overcome often

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deadly discrimination. During the program participants will also have the opportunity to discuss places they've seen evil in their own world and what they've done about it. This Lifetree Café Program may not be appropriate for younger viewers. Admission to the 60minute event is free.

#### **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.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST**

February 3, 7-9am, Castle Farms, catered by Grey Gables. This feature Chamber event will review the 2016 Chamber year and acknowledge and honor our Business/Member of the Year (Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center), New Business of the Year (Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop), Young Professional of the Year (Luther Kurtz), Customer Service of the Year (Cheryl Carey), Ambassador of the Year (Dennis Kusina), and Outstanding Citizen of the Year (Tim Fore). This year's featured speaker is Lyn Jenks, CEO of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. Cost is \$30 per person or \$240/Table of 8 with Sponsorship. To reserve your spot for this signature event, call the

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

Chamber office at 231.547.2101

or email info@charlevoix.org

February 9, 5:30-7:30pm, Stein Eriksen's restaurant at Boyne Mountain. There is no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres at Business After Hours, and there

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **CHOCOLATE COVERED BOYNE**

February 10 & 11. Boyne City will celebrate everything chocolate. Sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, the event includes more than 40 businesses offering chocolate treats and sales. Chocolate-Covered Boyne has a combined chocolate/Valentine theme and there are tastings (food and drink) of chocolate treats and goodies, and special chocolate desserts. For the latest schedule please events. www.bovnechamber.com

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#### **CHAR-EM UNITED WAY TOAST TO** LITERACY EVENT

February 11, 7-10pm. Castle Farms. Annual fundraiser supliteracy in childhood Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Food, beer/wine/cider/mead tastings and silent auction. Tickets are \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance and includes admission, food tastings, and a souvenir glass or drink tasting tickets. For more information, call 231-487-1006 or go to http://www.charemunitedway.org

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES**

February 17-20, downtown. Enjoy countless bargains and more on a variety of great merchandise at participating stores. Take advantage of substantial reductions on seasonal inventory that must

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#### **5TH ANNUAL DOGMAN CHALLENGE FAT BIKE RACE**

February 25. Mass start at Noon

on top of the bunny hill at Mt Mc-Sauba in Charlevoix. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.8-mile loop through the trails of Mt McSauba and North Point Nature Preserve. The riders to complete the most laps in two hours are the champions and will be awarded sweet. one-of-a kind Dogman medals and cash prizes. Medals and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the men's and women's division both Expert and Sport. Awards ceremony at 4pm at Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company. Event hosted by Revolution Bike. For more information or to register to compete, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

#### EAST JORDAN

#### **EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER**

March 4, 5:30-11pm, Castle Farms. Benefiting the East Jordan Public Schools. Dine, shop, play and dance to Brena Band. Celebrate red and black. Tickets \$50 each. Purchase tickets from the elementary or middle/high school Info Facebook.com/EJPSX

#### **PETOSKEY**

#### **PROJECT CONNECT**

March 15, 1-7pm, Ovation Hall at Odawa Casino. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need right here in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. If you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges or health concerns please join us for a day of free services. While no pre-registration is required, in order to register for assistance, agencies recommend that you bring certain documents especially if you are looking for tax preparation services. For more details or to download a brochure and get information on free transportation to and from the event go to www.Project-Connect231.com. Project Connect is a project of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **FARMERS MARKET**

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9am - Noon, Red Barn at Boyne District

#### **BOYNE CITY**

The warming house at Boyne City's Avalanche Mountain Park is now open for the season. Its hours are: Monday thru Friday 4 to 9pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am to 9pm. Free ice skates and sleds (limited quantity) are available, and the city does accept donations of sleds and tubes in good shape.

They also try to arrange extra hours on school snow days.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **BOYNE AREA GYMNASTIC FUNDRAISER AT FRIGGY'S**

Friggy's of Boyne City has teamed up to help the Boyne Area Gymnastics team in their fundraising efforts. For the Month of January, if you do any of the following, a portion of their sales will go directly to the BAG team.

1. Dine in at Friggy's and order any of their pasties.

2. Order any pasties to go from Friggy's. 3. Order pasties from one of the

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team gymnasts.

#### INTRODUCTION TO RAW FOODS **CLASS**

Join us for a fun, hands-on introduction to the benefits of a "high-raw" diet. Prepare and eat a variety of healthy, flavorful raw food dishes. Learn about the benefits of eating foods in their natural, most useful form. Leave with recipes and resources to continue your path to a healthier you. Presented by Rachel Sytsma Reed. Rachel will share her passion for eating foods in their natural and most useful forms as well as sharing her personal journey to healthier eating. Classes are held at the Munson Charlevoix Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street on February 10, March 3, April 28, May 19th, all classes are held from 5:00PM -7:00PM. Take one or more classes - cost is \$35/person per class. Call to reserve your spot for one or more class, space is limited. (231) 437-3482.

#### **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 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. 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.

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#### **WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS**

Every Wednesday from 8am-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. Walkins 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.

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#### "BURN BOOT CAMP"

The Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop presents a weekly "Burn Boot Camp" every Thursday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This class is as intense as you want it to be, what you put into it, is what you will get out of it! It's a 60-minute totalbody, high/low impact, higher intensity (your choice), fast-paced workout. The workout consists of a combination of plyometrics/cardio and compound exercises for endurance and strengthening, then finishes with a great stretch. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. Bring your energy and focus. Class held at Charlevoix Hospital's Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

#### **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.

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

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

#### Do you need help with heating costs this winter? Northwest Michi-

HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

gan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding to assist with deliverable fuels (firewood. propane, fuel oil, wood pellets, etc). You may be eligible for assistance even if you have received help through another agency this winter! To be see if you qualify, please contact the NMCAA office in your area: Kalkaska County: 632-7334; Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet Counties: (800) 443-5518; Roscommon County: (800) 443-2297.

#### 218 W. GARFIELD ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720 Phone: (231) 237-0103, Toll Free: (866) 428-5185 Fax: (231) 237-0105

#### **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY** COMMISSION ON AGING

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

#### 12 ways of overcoming Winter loneliness and isolation for seniors

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 sin-gle 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 lone-liness takes a serious toll on

physical health. To help those seniors who feel more loneliness and isolation during the winter, we would like to of-fer 12 no cost or low cost ways to help seniors, and others, better enjoy the season.

1. Understand that you are not alone. An AARP study suggests onethird 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 feel-

- 2. Connect with others, with a phone call, on line or via shared ac-3. Visit your local senior center.
- 4. Take a class, learn something new, or engage in a hobby.
- Ask for help if needed. 6. Be more physically active. Physi-
- cal activity keeps you feeling better and helps with mo-bility 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
- 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

10. Volunteer. You may find that it

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, in-creases 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 us more resil-ient, 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 net-work, increases our goal achievement, improves our decision making, increases our pro-ductivity. In his article The 31 Benefits of Gratitude You Didn't Know About: How Grati-tude Can Change Your Life, author Amit Amin cites numerous scientific research studies that identify these lifeenhancers.

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

Thursday, January 26 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program **Wii Bowling** 

Thursday, January 26

11am Chair Yoga Class

1pm Mahjong

Wii Bowling

w/Boyne City in Charlevoix

Friday, January 27 Birthday Day Ice Cream Sundae Bai After Lunch: Roger Bake Sale

Monday, January 30 Bingo• Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub

1-800-658-8854.

Tuesday, January 31 Bingo - Free Lunch Prize

Various Card Games

1pm Bingo

Wednesday, February 1

#### Wii Bowling Wednesday, February 1 Thursday, February 2

11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice

11:30am Roger Hartson

Thursday, February 2

9-10am Food Distribution

11am Arthritis Foundation

Thursday, February 2 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre **1pm Ceramics** 

**COD ALMONDINE** 

#### 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice

**BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES** 

9:30am Craft Class

11:30 Adolph Cwik Music

**CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES** Friday, January 27

Monday, January 30 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, January 31 1pm Mahjong

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

#### Wednesday, February 1 Monday, January 30 Tuesday, January 31

Thursday, January 26 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics

Thursday, January 26

**BEEF AND ALMOND RICE** 

Friday, January 27 11amMusic Bingo/Raffle Cards

Friday, January 27

PORK ROAST

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

Monday, January 30

**BREAKFAST** 

12:30pm Bingo -**Meal Ticket Prize** 1pm Paint Class

Tuesday, January 31

**CHICKEN DIVAN** 

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

#### **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU**

Wednesday, February 1 BEEF STROGANOFF

Thursday, February 2

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# News

#### Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store



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

#### **By Jim Akans**

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

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top

quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program.

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

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

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm. For additional information call (231) - 348-2980 or visit New Beginnings Thrift Resale on Facebook.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

A TOUR DOWN HYPOCRISY LANE Cops, Courts & Correc-

To the Editor,

IT'S DIFFICULT TO WRAP YOUR MIND AROUND, this acceptance of the lie being the new truth. Not that many world governments haven't used this ploy, we here in the USA grew accustomed to truth, justice and the American way via Superman early on and it tended to stick. We are aware for instance of the courtroom admonition "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". It doesn't work that way.

Alan Dershowitz, famed attorney, wrote a brief rundown on courtroom behavior entitled "Rules of the Injustice Game" which outlines the basics of how courts really operate. Cops lie, prosecutors suborn, judges often go along with it knowing full well what's happening. It's hard to swallow but the truth of the matter is that cops do lie on police report and under oath in court and most everyone except jurors - knows this. The charade is carried out for sake of the jurors who are mostly hand-picked by prosecution and defense attorneys, often in collaboration to expedite matters. That's where the plea bargain comes into focus, saves money and time, cut the guy a deal in return for his guilty admission. Sometimes it transpires that the guy is actually innocent but if he knows the system will plead guilty just to get off with a lighter sentence. People, especially from the ghetto, know this all too well.

Still, it's tortuous to encompass this oxymoron that truth itself is amorphous,

that indeed the inverse of truth is so often taken as fact even when it's obvious it's a lie. We've seen this consistently in police videos wherein cops are shown to be breaking the law and the Constitution but swear they haven't done so even though we can plainly see them doing that. It's sort of an Alice In Wonderland Mad Hatter's Tea Party at which all is reversed in logic. We're left with the incredulity that the truth is considered a lie and the lie is the truth. That doesn't make sense. Why bother interlocution dialectic if lies are prevalent? This is how cops and courts operate nonetheless. Confabulation is one psychological explanation for this anomaly, the ability to conjure stories that become believed by the protagonist, a disorder of mental processes, as in plausible brain dysfunction.

Schizophrenia enters the fray at that point, the ability to act and speak contrary to one's basic social standing. to do in fact what is contrary to spoken beliefs. This has become a rhetorical commonplace enigma yet is taken as law. Jail and prison guards are complicit. If unaware of their deviousness this would be considered a form of madness. Is our jurisprudence so infected that this is taken as the true way? That's sick yet they presumably do know what they're doing. Like kids who will lie as a matter of course to stav out of trouble, these rangers are fully grown but of similar mien to arrest, convict and sentence people that arguably may be convicted for what they got away with, often a prime motive along with adrenaline and vengeance. It's abnormal be-

havior yet oddly acceptable. In the extreme this becomes psychopathic behavior, not only the Ted Bundy Hannibal Lecter kind, the socially adept psychopath as well. As psychologist Dr. Robert Hare of Canada wrote after studying psychopaths in prisons, he'd look to Wall Street if he had his studies to do over again. Next he might look at police unions and prosecutors' personnel. Judges and politi-

It was Confucius who said,

'Words must not be arbitrary". Good idea, rarely heeded. Good luck with that in court. Though there are groups working to alleviate this, ACLU, Innocence Projects, Amnesty International &c, it's all a joke to the cops and courts and corrections folk. They get paid anyway. If you really want to flaunt the law, get into the legal business at any level. That's where the real action is. If those crooks had any sense they'd go to law school or police academy. Many do. What are we of integrity supposed to do with that? One thing sure: we can't trust what cops write, say or do; it's all prefabricated lies. Occasional nice guys are the anomaly. This is the new reality, lie as truth. It appears to have worked. All we can do is stay out of their way as much as possible but we know what we're dealing with here: a ubiquitous consortium that believes they are entitled and expected to

lie to get their job done. Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

PAY TO STAY To the Editor,

IN JAIL. That's what started the rush to grab motorists' and citizens' dollars for city and county coffers. That led to the now ubiquitous yet contested 'forfeiture" of belongings by police when investigating pretty much whatever they wanted to insinuate, usually drugs or drug money. Motorists totally innocuous – have been accosted and relieved of their funds if police brand them as criminal activity money on board. They can even confiscate vehicles and homes attached to said premise and they do this regularly although there are movements afoot to halt this process, journalism professor Jack Lessenberry and Doug Tjapkes of Humanity

for Prisoners not the least of. It all started with PAY TO STAY though, fees for being incarcerated, in itself an oxymoronic idea obviously designed to make money from arrest, conviction and sentencing. A guy gets out of jail to find a collection agency at his door - or indeed his vehicle in which he's living - with all the attendant restrictions like bad credit, denial of services, unemployable due to odd records of non-payment and so forth. Many of these guys and gals end up back in jail because they can't pay for freedom. It's a proverbial vicious cycle now being addressed here and there but with no guaranteed out-

Some counties and cities maintain their workforces by predominantly fees and fines of the public. Ferguson, Missouri is a prime example since it was investigated by federal forces and found to be gouging the public – mostly black in that case - as a natural course of business. Every county nationwide might be

guilty of this, I specify "might" because whenever such practices come to our attention there are inevitable reverberations rocking the cyber waves and even some print press. TV? Forget it, they're more interested in advertising and fake Reality Television. It's in the best interests of any county to ticket people for sake of county funding, that's a given. Above and beyond your usual yearly fees some fines are added simply because they can do that. They want to do that and they do. There's no explanation, just the usual bland expressions of banal blandishment from uniformed automatons. We are their tax base.

We already were but lately it has taken on a humpbacked perspective. We not only pay our taxes and fees, we pay for irregularities of law imposed upon us. Certainly we can fight City Hall and sometimes win if the duel is highlighted for what it is, but by and large it's geared against us in "rigged" methodology. They know what they're doing, they have the time because they're getting paid all the while but we have to take time off work to respond. That's where they get us. When a cop goes to court he's paid, defendants pay one way or another for the whole fiasco. Lawyers? Well, sure, they can be helpful but they usually don't work for

You won't find more turpitude than what goes down in your local neighborhoods and courthouses. And it's all barely legal. They can be summoned and shut down now and then, this happens, but it doesn't curb the tide of malfeasance, and lately insurrection. People are start-

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**Resale Shop** 

ing to talk back regardless consequences, even shoot back. You do that your life is up for grabs and you have to realize that, it's a dangerous game. I watched all this firsthand throughout the sixties though not as a participant, an observer. There are people out there working to thwart this movement to usurp liberties and there are some successes though intermittent. The general public doesn't comprehend the reality of how this works, not yet anyway. This new administration might provide some insights into how the public will react to governmental policies since these will probably be rather outrageous according to political rhetoric lately such as it is. We have never heard politics spoken in tongues of billionaires except for Ross Perot. He didn't last long and supposedly Trump won't either – unless he's being backed by some certain banking coalition. They rule

But that's not what we're here to talk about; we're talking about PAY TO STAY, a complete antithesis to law and order, a ploy to make money off the public for what they do every day and what the cops, lawyers, prosecutors and judges do too with impunity, a precise double standard. They know they usually get away with it and thus continue. If they get shut down occasionally, they just pick up the pieces and proceed as usual. They know how to play the game; the public doesn't; the inmates do – not so well it's true but they see all the discrepancies. As Dostovevsky said, if you want a gauge of a country look to its prisons.

this world.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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# "Toast to Literacy" promises a fun evening

Char-Em United Way's fourth Toast to Literacy fundraising event, will be held from 7 – 10pm, February 11 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Grab your Mardi Gras garb and attend the best party in February. Proceeds stay local and support childhood literacy in Charlevoix & Emmet Counties. Yes, this year's event features a Mardi Gras theme with decorations, music, magic, fortune telling and games. As always, the Toast to Literacy will include beer/wine/cider/mead tastings, food, and a silent auction.

Four local caterers: Boyne City Taproom, BJ's Restaurant, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, and The Grey Gables vie for the best Soup, Savory and Sweet selection, as judged by the crowd. Beverage tastings from the likes of Right Brain Brewery, Bee Well Meadery, Petoskey Farms Vineyard & Winery, Crooked Vine Vineyard & Winery, Lake Charlevoix Brewing, and Barefoot Wine are the highlight of the evening.

The silent auction includes the chance to bid on Avalanche Bay passes from Boyne Mountain, round



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trip for two through the Beaver Island Boat Co., Charlevoix Area Pool Passes, gift certificates from Color Wear and John Cross Fisheries, vehicle detailing package from Fletches, Mackinaw Island Carriage tours, a beautiful original painting by Jeannie Putman, and much more.

All proceeds will benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a literacy initiative sponsored by Char-Em United Way, which provides free books to children from birth to age five in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The program currently sends books monthly to 1,400 local children Tickets are \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance and includes admission, food tastings, and a souvenir glass or drink tasting tickets. For more information, call 231-487-1006 or go to http://www.charemunitedway.org

Sponsors for the event include Castle Farms, Huntington Bank, the Boyne City Kiwanis Club, and Petoskey Plastics. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, sponsoring a child or otherwise supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, call or email CharEm United Way at 231-487-1006, info@charemunitedway.org.

### Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Brass and Woodwinds concert

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is hosting, and extends an invitation for all to attend, a freewill offering recital at 4pm on Sunday, January 29 at The First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. The Chamber Orchestra's Brass and Percussion Ensemble consists of Vern Campbell and Pat Jarve on trumpet, Beverly Isenbarger on horn, Edward Bahr on trombone and Carl Hawkins on tuba.

Their concert program consists of five selections including compositions by Victor Ewald, Gustav Holst, and Robert Nagel. Ewald's music is clearly from the Romantic period of music with lyrical melodies, clear phrases, formal design, and conservative Romantic harmony. Solid craftsmanship is present in Quintet No. 3 with development of and recurrence of its themes.

This Old Man, a well-known English song from the 1870's, is first known to have been published in 1906. The words in the first of ten verses are:

This old man, he played one, He played knick-knack on my

With a knick-knack paddywhack, Give the dog a bone

This old man came rolling home. "A Paddy is still used by the English to refer to the Irish. Whack means to hit once hard and forcefully. A knickknack is a trinket or other trivial object. Knick-knack may also refer to the practice of tapping out a rhythm using spoons." In 1948 Pete Seeger and Ruth Crawford included it in their American Folksongs for Children. Seeger recorded it in 1953. In 1958 English composer Malcolm Arnold adapted it as The Children's Marching Song



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Happiness (1958).

This Old Man is arranged for brass quintet in a march style by Robert Nagel. Nagel was one of the founders of the New York Brass Quintet, one of the many prominent trumpet players in New York performing with orchestras, in recording studios, and for radio and television broadcasts, and Professor of Brass at Yale (1957-1988).

They will be followed by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet, comprised of Grace Olson on flute, John McCutcheon on oboe, Jayne Winchester on clarinet, Claire Rasmussen on tenor saxophone and Gail Baldridge on baritone saxophone. They will perform selections by Johan Joachim Quantz, Eugene Bozza, Kristi Rudd, David Warin Solomons.

Kristi Ruud's arrangements of image of the pure and simple beauty of the land and its people. In Celtic family life, music is a significant, time-honored, and much valued tradition. It is a legacy that is claimed more often by listening than by reading the printed page. A great deal of the repertoire is centuries old, and having been passed down from generation to generation, it isn't unusual to find tunes that have slight variations but go by the same name, or to find one tune that has quite a few different names. Much of the Celtic music is so old that we don't know who the original composers are.

David Warin Solomons was born in Oxford, England in 1953. He had a childhood full of cultural exploration including linguistics and music. He spent most of his career as a translator in a government department but later followed his other passionate interest and began composing music.

He has composed over 2000 works for various combinations of voices and instruments. His vocal performance experiences are rich; ten years in St. Michael's Cornhill in London and fifteen years in the Cathedral in Manchester. Currently he resides in the peaceful town of Loughborough, sings in the parish church, and composes for carillon, flute, guitar, clarinet, violin, saxophone, vocal and others with performances of his music throughout the world.

For more information, and for complete program notes please go to www.glcorchestra.org or contact Anne McDevitt at 231.487-0010.



# Study ranks Michigan in top 25 states for economic competitiveness

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce and research partner Northwood University in Midland, Michigan, released the results of the 2016 Economic Competitiveness Study. In the most recent study, Michigan has climbed from number 29 in 2015 to number 25 in 2016 on Northwood University's proprietary State Competitiveness Index.

This marks the fifth year of the exhaustive study into all aspects of Michigan's economy and how the state fares against the other 49 states. Results of the inaugural study, released in 2012, ranked Michigan number 47 based on data from 2000.

"This study offers the most detailed and honest assessment of the state's economy,' said economist and study director Timothy Nash, vice president of strategic and corporate alliances and the Director of the McNair Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at Northwood University. "The largest single factor influencing the Michigan economy was a stronger general macroeconomic environment in the state over the last five years relative to the other 49

Although Michigan showed signs of slowing in 2015, Nash noted the ranking of 25th is over a period of time, using economic data from 2000 until 2016.

"Clearly, strong progress has been made since our first study in 2012," he said.

The study also reveals Michigan is the among the top-performing Great Lakes region state, with average personal income growth increasing at an average rate of 4.0 percent over the last five years. This rate is better than the Great Lakes region's average of 3.75 percent, and equal to the U.S. average of 4.0 percent. Analysis of cities included in Great Lakes rankings included Chicago, Illinois; Cleveland and Grand Rapids and Lansing, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Milwaukee, Wiscon-

"As data from the report reveals, the overall U.S. economy has not performed as well as its historical norm, especially over the past five years since the study began," said Keith Pretty, co-author, president and CEO of Northwood University. "However, statistics also show that Michigan remains on a growth trajectory. The state's gross domestic product grew at a 2.28 percent rate over the last five years, ranking it as the best growth state in the Great Lakes Region since the study began."

In a first-time snapshot of the last five years, Michigan ranks 13th nationally in competitiveness relative to the business tax climate. This factor is critical to job creation, attraction of new businesses and investment in human capital.

The Michigan economy has recovered on a more broadbased level than many suspect, said Bob Thomas, executive director of the Michigan Chamber Foundation

"Our state has 19 Fortune 500 companies headquartered here. Of those 19, nine are non-automotive related and have been outperforming the general economy on average," Thomas said. "Michigan's relatively strong performance in terms of debt and taxation—in addition to our regulatory environment—play a strong role in our state's ongoing growth trend, as this study reveals each year."

"We are optimistic that Michigan will continue its path of strong recovery and growth to become a top ten state before 2020," he added.

The full study is available via the Northwood University McNair Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at http://www.northwood.edu/ac ademics/McNair/projects.aspx

# News

Boyne Falls Public Schools

# Student of the Week



#### **Harmony Kleinschrodt**

Student Name: Harmony Kleinschrodt

Grade: 3

Parent's Name(s): Ray Kleinschrodt and Ashley Aben

What do you want to be when you grow up?: I want to be a Mom and work at a doctor's office.

Favorite Book: My favorite book is Black Beauty

Hobbies and Interests: Harmony likes to play legos, color and

**School Activities:** At school I like to go to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Staff Comments:** "Harmony is creative and loves being with her friends in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I have enjoyed watching Harmony grow as a student. She can be helpful and giving. We have been lucky to have her in our class" – Mrs. Cosier

# Make Zika virus precautions part of winter travel plans

For many Michigan residents, the winter months often include travel to warmer climates. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging travelers to protect themselves from Zika virus while travelling to places with active Zika transmission. Zika virus is spread

to people primarily through the bite of infected Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus mosquitoes, which have not been found in Michigan, but are common in tropical areas and some parts of the United

This year, the CDC is making it possible for you to get travel updates about the Zika virus on the go. By texting PLAN to 855-255-5606, you'll receive helpful tips on how

- Pack and plan for your trip.

- Stay protected on your trip.

Stay healthy when you return home.

"Before you travel, find out if Zika virus is a risk at your planned destination," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. "Pregnant women and couples who are planning to conceive in the near future should avoid nonessential travel to areas with active Zika virus transmission because infection during pregnancy is linked to serious birth defects and miscarriage. Travelers can prevent Zika virus infection by taking precautions to avoid mosquito bites."

People who travel to an area with Zika should:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Stay and sleep in places

with air conditioning or that use window and door

- If your plans include travel to more remote areas, take along a permethrintreated bed net to use while

- Use EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or paramenthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. To date, Michigan has con-

firmed 69 cases of Zika virus disease in travelers, including three pregnant women. In the U.S., over 1,200 pregnant women have been identified with possible Zika infection, resulting in 41 Zika-affected infants to date. MDHHS is participating in the U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry, an effort to learn more about the effects of Zika virus infection during preg-

All of the Zika cases in Michigan are travel related. While the virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito, it's important that residents of reproductive age are aware of the risks associated with sexual transmission of Zika virus. Zika can be spread through sex without a condom. Most cases of sexual transmission have involved

people who had symptoms of Zika virus infection. However, recent evidence suggests that asymptomatic males may be capable of transmitting Zika virus to their sex partners. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for Zika.

Zika virus illness is typically mild. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes) lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Zika has also been linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), an uncommon condition of the nervous system following infections.

Zika virus is an emerging disease and recommendations are changing as new information becomes available. The CDC currently recommends the following for travelers:

- Pregnant women should not travel to areas with active Zika transmission. If they must travel, they should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

- For non-pregnant women who travel to areas with active Zika transmission, it is recommended they prevent pregnancy for at least eight weeks from symptom onset (if ill) or last possible exposure (if illness does not develop).

- For men who return from travel, it is recommended they use condoms and avoid conception for at least six months - regardless of whether they develop an illness consistent with Zika virus disease.

- Men who have been in an area with active Zika virus transmission and have a pregnant partner should either use condoms the right way every time they have sex, or not have sex for the duration of the pregnancy.

MDHHS is working closely with the CDC to find additional Zika cases in returning travelers or their partners, and is coordinating with local health departments to enhance mosquito surveillance programs. Additionally, the MDHHS laboratory has added capacity to test for Zika infection to help improve public health response time. For the most current information about Zika, visit www.cdc.gov/zika.

Statewide case counts and Michigan-specific information can be found on the MDHHS Zika webpage www.michigan.gov/zika. MDHHS will provide updates on the total number of cases statewide, including the number of pregnant women. Additional information about the cases will not be made available due to health privacy concerns.

National statistics about pregnancies and pregnancy outcomes are available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/pregnancy-outcomes.html.

For information about Zika in a specific Michigan county, contact the local health department.

#### **BC POLICE DEPT** INCIDENT REPORT

**MONDAY JANUARY 2. 2017** 

Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av 0938 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park

Two vehicle property 1026 damage crash at N Park and North

1044 Two car property damage crash on Boyne Ave. at E. Main. Assist EMS in the 800 1336 block of S Park St Assist sheriff Dept by dis-

patching injured deer on Thumb Lake Rd. Vehicle unlock in the 300 2142

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Report of purse stolen from the 1000 block of Boyne Av Report of subject being 0919 I in the 1000 block of Boyne harasse

1023 Property damage crash in the 900 block of Leroy St. Assist to animal control in the 400 block of State St. Report of abandoned ve-1356 hicle in the 1400 block of Leroy St.

1913 Lodged stray dog at the shelter 2039 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St

2111 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St Arrested subject on our warrant in the 1200 block of Boyne

Assist citizen at park and 2145 Assist EMS in the 800 2224 block of S Park St

block of S Park St Wednesday, January 4, 2016

Assist EMS in the 800

Civil dispute reported

0000 Suspicious vehicle parked in the 500 block of N Lake St 3 vehicles issued cita-0227 tions and towed for snow removal. 1 from Front and Water, 2 from Park and Water Alarm on M-75 S

0257

from the 300 block of E Division St Assist EMS in the 200 1318 block of E Michigan Report of 2 very large fox patrolling Lower Lake.

Report the fox on Lower Lake, now near the Landings headed toward town Report of the fox on N Lake St across from Moll Park.

Thursday, January 5, 2017 0618 0618 Private property damage crash in the 800 block of N Lake. Parking violation reported in the 100 block of E Water

1608 Possible trespass complaint reported from the 800 block of West Street. Found a vehicle off the road on Air Industrial Park Drive.

Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St Noise complaint from the 300 block of Silver St. Vehicle unlock in the 400

block of Boyne Ave. Assist Sheriff Dept with a 2245 disturbance at Boyne Mountain

Friday, January 6, 2017

Parking violation on S Lake near Main. Citation issued and vehicle towed for snow removal. Parking violation on Front near Water. Citation issued and vehicle towed for snow re-

Parking violation/warning at Front and Water. Owner came out and moved his truck while officer was on location.

0834 Property damage crash at Boyne Av and Beardsley Assist Fire Dept on M-75 1006

Assist EMS in the 500 1219 block S Park St. Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of W Morgan Civil complaint in the 100 1545 block of E Water St Report of possible stalk-

ing complaint occurring in the 300 block of E Division St Request for welfare check in the 300 block of E Division 1746

Driving complaint at East and Water. Followed as far as the Industrial Park. and witnessed no viola-

Report of a swan on W Water St. Looks like it fell off a roof, bounced off awning and landed on sidewalk. Dazed and confused, it was moved to the park, and gone when checked later. Citation issued for defec-

2232 tive headlight and turn signal at Park

Saturday, January 7, 2017
Assist to Sheriff Dept in the 200 block of W Cedar

0237 Private property damage crash in the Industrial Park. Report of a dog wimpering outside in the 600 block of Grant St.

Welfare check in the 300 block of E. Division St. 1744 Came upon a semi stuck in the ditch, blocking the road in the

Industrial park. 911 hang up from N East 3 vehicles blocking a lane

Sunday, January 8, 2017

on N. Lake at the boat launch.

0916 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Park St. Assist citizen at the air-

Motorist assist at Vogel 1607 and Park 1743 Assist EMS on Behling Rd.

1759 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St. Arrested subject for Do-1844 mestic violence in the 200 block of

Monday, January 9, 2017 0427 Assist EMS in the 700

block of Vogel St. Arrested subject for pro-0433 bation violation and domestic violence in the 300 block of E Division

1128 Received report of injured duck in travel lane in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Unable to locate. 1318 Injured duck reported in parking lot in the 1000 block of

Subject calling to make

noise complaint from New Year's

Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St Subject calling to file 1451 missing person complaint. The missing person is not missing just moved out of state.

1619 Suspicious situation reported in the 1000 block of Boyne 1822 Fraud complaint re-

ported at the PD.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 0035 Report of a disturbance

in the 300 block of E Division St. 0849 Report of vehicle running red school bus lights in the 800 block of State St

Report of an older sub-0921 ject who seems disoriented on the side of Division St near Senior Cen-

Report of possible suicidal subject out of state. Statements received via text message. Vehicle parked

E Michigan just off Lake St. 1527 Property damage crash reported. Had occurred Wednesday in the 400 block of N Lake St 2 vehicle Property damage crash at Pleasant and Morgan Civil dispute in the 700 1610

1843

block of Wenonah. subject threatening sui-cide in the 300 block of E Division. Went to hospital for voluntary evaluation

Subject at the PD with suspicious package found by child Assist BCFD with a report of a house fire on Boyne City Rd.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 0540 Vehicle in the ditch/ snowbank on Boyne Ave. at Hem-

911 hang up (X2) from 0555 the industrial Park. Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park.

Thursday, January 12, 2017 0320 Report of possible fraud and or larceny of medications from the 400 block of W Ann St. Vehicle unlock on Beardsley St.

0900 Civil complaint at PD originating from Drury Ln subject in regarding accident that occurred on Lake St last Citation issued for speed at Boyne Av and Brockway 1528 Truancy complaint at in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

Report of subject blowing snow on tractor in the 300 block of E Division. Passing vehicle was struck by the snow but no damage.

1710 Damage to mailbox in the 900 block of E Main. Suspicious situation in the 900 block of E Division St

Friday, January 13, 2017 0008 Assist EMS in the 700

block of Vogel St. Report of possible ID theft from the 300 block of E Division St Report of driver hitting

parked car in the 100 block of E Water St and leaving scene. Met Emmet County car in Bayshore to transport subject arrested on one of our warrants. Report of an intoxicated subject creating a disturbance in the 1000 block of S Lake.

Saturday, January 14, 2016 0010 Vehicle unlock in the 1200 block of Boyne Av. Disturbance in the 1000 0818

block of S Lake St. Report of a car on Douglas Street with subject slumped over the wheel. Arrested driver for OUID and an outstanding warrant.

Report a line down in the 400 block of N Park. Phone line. Health and safety check in the 100 block of N Park. Arrested subject for DWLS 2<sup>nd</sup> on W Court St Vehicle unlock in the 300 1630 block of E Division

Report of low hanging 1659 limb on s Park St. Report of possible suici-1723 dal subject in the 300

block of E Division St. 1740 Report of kids throwing ice/snow in the road at cars on Lake St near West Michigan. 1758 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St

Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of N Lake St Assist EMS in the 500 2203 Arrested subject for Do-

mestic that had occurred in the 300 block of E Division St. Suspicious situation at

Sunday, January 15, 2017

O119 Assist Sheriff Dept with a domestic at Boyne Mountain. Assist Sheriff Dept with investigation of sledding accident at Boyne Mountain. 1518 Arrest Arrested subject for animal cruelty after strangling a cat on

Morgan St Located a new suitcase 2040 laying in the roadway in the 900 block of W Division. Returned to owner.

2134 Vehicle unlock in the 300

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204 WATER STREET • EAST JORDAN

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**5924 ZIMKLEY ROAD • HARBOR SPRINGS** 

This home sits North of Petoskey, this 3 bedroom 2 bath homes 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



#2 APPLE LANE • EAST JORDAN

Lake Charlevoix building site with 700' of shared sandy beach frontage on Lake Charlevoix. There are boat slips available based on when your home is started. Great location with all the amenities that waterfront property has to offer without the high cost. MLS#447084 \$45,000. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



2452 MARTINSON ROAD • EAST JORDAN

Rare opportunity! Almost 200 feet of river frontage on the amazing Jordan River. This 4 bedrooms 2 bath home with newer roof and a 2 car garage. The home is located on a private road with very little traffic. There is a nice path that has been mowed to the rivers edge. MLS #449029. \$159,900. Ask for Mike Stark or Holly Nierman



4524 SUMNER • MANCELONA

This is a hunters paradise! Close to Satterly Lake and just a couple minutes to all of the acreage the Jordan River valley offers. 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. MLS#449553 \$94,900. Chris Oliver



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