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Charlevoix Chamber recognizes business and community leaders

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - Numerous community and business leaders were recently recognized for their efforts during the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast.

Chamber president Alison Hubbard said she was "thrilled" to welcome 250 attendees at this year's event, which was held at Castle Farms on February 3 and featured a breakfast buffet catered by Grey Gables.

The Board of Directors and staff at the Charlevoix Area Chamber hold their annual meeting to review its accomplishments from the year prior and recognize the successes and contributions of the city, its Chamber member businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals.

"The event celebrates the accomplishments of individuals and businesses that have exemplified leadership, community spirit and civic involvement; recognizing those that have gone above and beyond to help make Charlevoix a better place to live, work and play," Hubbard stated in a media release.



Tim Fore, winner of the Outstanding Citizen Award is photographed with award sponsor Maureen Owens, Bickersteth, Brown and Associates Wealth Advisors. PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL MURPHY IV.

This year's award winners included:

- *OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
Tim Fore, owner of Drawbridge Ventures, LLC
- *BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**
Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center of Charlevoix
- *NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**
Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop
- *YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**
Luther Kurtz, Charlevoix Mayor
- *CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD**
Cheryl Carey, with Central Drug Store
- *CHAMBER AMBASSADOR AWARD**
Dennis Kusina, owner of w.p.k. & d.w.k.



Cheryl Carey, winner of the Customer Service Award is photographed with award sponsor David Prael, Fox Charlevoix and Fox Charlevoix Ford. PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL MURPHY IV.



Dennis Kusina, winner of the Ambassador of the Year is photographed with award sponsor Suzanne Miller Allen, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL MURPHY IV.

it's not necessary to be a Chamber member to nominate for an award, however, winners themselves must be members in order to receive it.

"Congratulations to the nominees

and award winners," Hubbard said, "I am honored each year to celebrate our awards winners' achievements and recognize business success in Charlevoix."

Barrel Back Restaurant scheduled to re-open this weekend

By Michelle Medjesky

WALLOON LAKE - The Barrel Back Restaurant that has been closed since a fire broke out there late last month is slated to re-open this weekend.

Firefighters were called to the restaurant, which is situated along M-75 and the Walloon Lake shoreline, around midday January 31

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Live from Charlevoix

Live From Charlevoix, a new performing arts venue, planned to bring people to downtown Charlevoix year around, made its debut in November at the Charlevoix Cinema III, featuring three comedians who played to a full house. In January, Josh Davis performed to another sold out audience. Live from Charlevoix is the brain child of co-chair Tim Fore who had the idea for the new and growing Groundhog Shadowfest held the first weekend of February.

"My plan was to continue to increase the number of visitors to Charlevoix during the winter and spring months," Fore said.

Live from Charlevoix partnered with Cinema III, using one of the theaters once a month for the performances. There is a full cash bar and complimentary appetizers for each performance furnished by local restaurants. In addition, many of the local downtown businesses have "specials" on the day/evening of the performances. The participating businesses are listed on the back of the tickets.

Due to the success of the first two performances, Live from Charlevoix has two performances scheduled for February. On February 18 at 8 pm, Ben Whiting - A Different Kind of Magician will perform. Ben Whiting has performed all over the country including MGM Resorts, Hard Rock Cafes, Children's Memorial Hospital, cruise lines, from the Magic Castle in LA to New York's Off Broadway playhouses. He has been rated as "10 out of 10", Five Star performer ... Ben is an award winning actor, having received three NYC Critic's Choice Awards, playwright and magician and to quote many "you won't be disappointed."

On February 25, Drew Hale, award winning singer and songwriter from Traverse City will perform for the Charlevoix audience. In addition to accolades from local radio and TV personalities, Drew has had the opportunity to play along-

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2/8/2016	82.2	2/6/17	143
2/8/2016	88.2	2/6/17	115
2/8/2016	37.4	2/6/17	41.5
2/8/2016	87.6	2/6/17	94.7

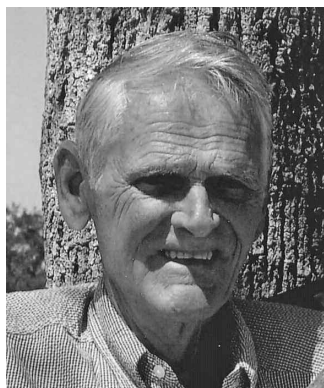
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FEB 10	11°	31°	-31° (1994)	52° (1984)
FEB 11	11°	31°	-20° (1958)	52° (1984)
FEB 12	11°	31°	-23° (1968)	56° (1999)
FEB 13	11°	31°	-22° (1982)	49° (1990)
FEB 14	11°	32°	-27° (1971)	48° (2002)
FEB 15	11°	32°	-25° (1963)	56° (1999)
FEB 16	11°	32°	-28° (1963)	50° (1981)

OBITUARIES

Floyd "Oachie" Hausler, 86

(FEB. 8, 1930 - FEB. 1, 2017)



Floyd "Oachie" Hausler of Boyne Falls passed away at home on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Born in Petoskey on February 8, 1930, he was the son of Floyd P. Sr. and Myrtle M. (Towns) Hausler. Other than a brief time living in Flint, Floyd was a lifelong area resident and a graduate of Boyne Falls High School.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Floyd was a well-known area builder and former president of Boyne Falls Log Homes, now known as Town & Country Log Homes.

On October 18, 1952, Floyd married Irene Matelski at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls where he has been a longtime parishioner.

He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He and Irene enjoyed traveling, having been to most of the 48 continental states. They enjoyed spending winters in Las Vegas and

Florida.

Floyd is survived by Irene, his wife of 64 years; their children, Susan (Dale) Conklin, Cynthia (Thomas) Johnson and Eric Hausler all of Boyne City; grandchildren, Stephen (Michelle), Brian, Staci (Clyde), Amanda, Monica (Jason), Heidi (Santi), Justin, Jordyn and Jared; 13 great grandchildren; and his devoted dog, Hannah. The oldest of six children, he is survived by his brother, Norman (Mary) Hausler of Boyne Falls and sisters, Marjorie (Dan) Goldsmith of Petoskey, Phyllis Case of Kingsley, Midge Follette of Petoskey and Katie Hausler of Boyne Falls; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a beloved daughter, Karen Seelye and a son-in-law, Timothy Seelye.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

REV. William P. Cook, 89

(JAN. 15, 1928 - FEB. 5, 2017)

Rev. William P. Cook went to be with his Lord on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at his home in Holt, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 11:00 AM at the Holt

Christian Church, 2424 S. Washington Road, Holt, MI 48911. Rev Conrad Gonzalez will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday from 9:00 AM until service time.

Dorothea E. (Clark) Arnott, nee Eggers, 74

(APRIL 10, 1942 - JAN. 31, 2017)

Dorothea E. (Clark) Arnott, nee Eggers passed away Tues-



day, January 31, 2017, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. She was born April 10, 1942, in Petoskey. She worked for Boyne USA for twenty years before retiring. Following retirement, she traveled abroad with her brother, and throughout the United States.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan, and the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City.

Dorothea is survived by her children, Dennis (Cindi) Clark of East Jordan, Julie (Rick) Karlskin of Boyne City, Jake (Charlene) Clark of Kenosha, Wisc.; five grand-

children; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucille (Glen) Wilson, and Velma (Joe) Johnston all of East Jordan; brother, Jerry (Pat) Sweet of Boyne City.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Arnott; mother and father, Ethel and Frank Sweet; brothers, Ralph Eggers, and Larry Sweet; sisters, Sharon Hankins, and Hazel Johnson.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00PM, Friday, February 17, at the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church, 3055 W Old State Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727. A luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall. Interment will take place at the Advance Cemetery.

Dorothea loved animals; therefore, in lieu of flowers, please make monetary donations to Julie Karlskin, (for spaying and neutering feral cats at the Jordan Valley Animal Clinic under the direction of Dr. Powers).

Please visit Dorothea's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com to share your memories or condolences with her family.

Bruce Lauren Kinsley, 80

(OCT. 9, 1936 - JAN. 28, 2017)

Bruce Lauren Kinsley of Beaver Island died Saturday, January 28, 2017, at his home. He was born October 9, 1936, in Ann Arbor to Lauren and Mildred (Stoll) Kinsley. He grew up in Ann Arbor, and served in the US Navy from 1955-57, stationed in Hawaii.

Returning home from the Navy, he made his home in Saline, Mich. and for a short time lived in Florida, returning to Saline. On April 30, 1977, he married Jean L. Welke in Saline. For the past sixteen years, they have made their home on Beaver Island.

Bruce worked as a self-employed General Contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; stepsons, Tim Tubbs, and Greg Purzenski; grandchildren, Matt Kinsley, Shelbi (Tracey) Kinsley, Travis Tubbs, Shana Tubbs, Kevin Purzenski; great-grandchildren, Levi and Mia.

Cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaver Island Rural Health Center, or to Beaver Island Friends of Veterans.

Marian "Jean" V. (Finstrom) Hoag, 97

(SEPT. 27, 1919 - JAN. 30, 2017)



Marian "Jean" V. Hoag passed away peacefully on January 29, 2017, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Jean was born September 27, 1919, to Carl and Beatrice Finstrom in Detroit.

She married James Hoag on February 27, 1937, in Detroit. They made their home in Detroit, and Skidway Lake. James passed away in October 1994, and Jean later moved to Charlevoix.

She is survived by four children, Judy Melke of Charlevoix, Janet Krupski of Plymouth, Jim Hoag of East Jordan, and Jerry Hoag of Newport. Also surviving are seventeen grandchildren; thirty-one great grandchildren; three great, great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers, two son-in-laws, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

Jean's family requests any memorials or donations be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 Peninsula Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727; or to Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 US 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" event this Saturday

By Jim Akans

Featuring a festive Mardi Gras theme, this year's annual Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" promises to provide a fun-filled evening while helping to support childhood literacy. The event will take place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix this Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 10pm.

This will be the fourth year Char-Em United Way has held this event, and pro-

ceeds will as benefit the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which provides a free book each month to over 1,400 children under the age of five in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Attendees can look forward to enjoying a night of music, magic, games and even some fortune telling in a Castle Farms setting transformed to reflect a colorful, festive Mardi Gras décor. Be sure to wear your Mardi Gras outfit!

Of course, the Toast to Lit-

eracy event will also offer some fabulous food, wine, beer, cider and even mead tastings. Four local area caterers will be on hand, including Boyne City Taproom, BJ's Restaurant, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, and The Grey Gables. They will compete for the honor of being selected for award including: Best Soup, Savory and Sweet selection, as judged by the crowd. Among those serving beverage tastings will be Right Brain Brewery, Bee Well Meadery, Petoskey Farms Vineyard & Winery, Crooked Vine Vineyard & Winery, Lake Charlevoix Brewing, and Barefoot Wine.

There will be a silent auction during the event as well. The silent auction includes the chance to bid on Avalanche Bay passes from Boyne Mountain, round 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.

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 Char-Em United Way at 231-487-1006, info@charemunitedway.org.



Toast to Literacy will include beer/wine/cider/mead tastings, food, and a silent auction. COURTESY PHOTO



Char-Em United Way's fourth annual Toast to Literacy fundraising event will take place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix this Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 10pm. COURTESY PHOT

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for February 2017 is Edward Kamradt. Born on March 30th, 1892 on the family farm in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Kamradt walked to a one-room schoolhouse in Advance, Michigan, which was about a mile and a half east of the Kamradt farm and only attended school through the sixth grade. When 18 years old he became a hired farm hand at the Charlevoix County operated poor farm and when he was 20 or 21 years old he took employment with the East Jordan Lumber Company becoming a re-sawyer in Mill B. On July 14th, 1915 Kamradt enlisted in the Michigan National Guard at Company Rendezvous, East Jordan, Michigan and took the oath on June 3rd, 1916. Kamradt was promoted to Sergeant in Headquarters Company I, 125th Infantry Regiment of the 32nd Division. His unit was called to serve in El Paso, Texas during the Pancho Villa uprising in 1915, and later his unit was stationed in Waco, Texas for further training before returning to Michigan where the unit was assigned to guard the railroad tunnel connecting Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. From Port

Huron his unit was mustered into the regular U.S. Army and sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces departing the USA on Feb. 10th, 1918 arriving in Brest, France on Feb. 24th, 1918. Kamradt was engaged in trench warfare during World War I in the battles of Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood and the 2nd Battle of the Marne. Kamradt departed Europe on Aug. 19th, 1918 arriving in the USA on Sept. 10th, 1918 and was reassigned to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio to assist in training new troops in trench warfare. On Dec. 12th, 1918, one month after the Armistice ending WW I was signed, Kamradt received an Honorable Discharge. Returning home to East Jordan, and his job in the saw mill, on May 2nd, 1922 Kamradt married Martha Lorraine in Chicago, Ill., as she was returning home from a visit with her maternal grandmother and sister in Palo Alto, Cal., and they returned to East Jordan where they spent the remainder of their lives. The sawmills closed in East Jordan in 1928 and Kamradt worked for Motor Wheel in Lansing, Michigan for about a year and was able to buy a 1930 Model A Ford truck and worked with the truck for the Charlevoix



EDWARD KAMRADT

County Road Commission until 1938 when he became the manager of the Albert Miller Potato Warehouse in East Jordan. In 1942 he became the manger of the Golden Rule Service Station in East Jordan from which he retired in 1959. He was an active member of the East Jordan American Legion Post, served for 23 years as a volunteer fireman with the East Jordan Fire Department, served for many years as the Constable of East Jordan's Third Ward and drove a school bus for the East Jordan School system for several years. On Sept. 21st, 1961 Edward Kamradt answered the final call and is being honored by his son Bill, his grandson Michael and their families.

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

that their different musical backgrounds and approaches were very complimentary. They have been performing together throughout Michigan and the Midwest and do approximately 150 performances dates a year.

April 22 brings Sam Cerniglia to Charlevoix. Sam is a young voice with an old soul. Sam is the oldest boy in a large Italian family and early on, he was introduced to the sounds of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and a menagerie of

the soulful 70's. Presently he sings with the Eden Orchestra in Chicago and is elated to have been a part of Season 5 of NBC's "The Voice." Memorial Day Weekend will conclude the spring performances with a Kick-off to Summer 2017. Details to follow.

All performances are at 8 p.m. on scheduled Saturdays at Cinema III in downtown Charlevoix. For further information, check our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased at www.livefrom-charlevoix.com. Season tickets are also available.

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side national recording artists including Tim McGraw, Dierks Bentley, Casadee Pope, Raelynn and Adam Sanders.

On March 25, Live from Charlevoix will present Yancey Guitarr Duo. In 2009, Ryan and Jerry, father and son, joined forces and found

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February 10, Potluck from 5-7pm. EJ Varsity Girls vs Grayling game at 5:30pm, EJ Varsity Boys vs Grayling at 7pm. Additional activities include paper airplane contest for prizes (\$1 participation), heads/tails half-time game for elementary students, free pizza coupons. Admission: \$3 student, \$5 adult, EJ senior citizens free. Potluck dinner by donation. Event sponsored by Rotary Club of East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY DANCE

February 10, 7-9:30pm, East Jordan Civic Center Gym. Presented by the Jordan Valley All-Stars Band. \$10 per person at the door. Snacks and water available for purchase. If East Jordan schools are closed due to weather, the dance is cancelled.

BOYNE CITY

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February 10 & 11. Boyne City will celebrate everything chocolate.

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CHARLEVOIX

CHAR-EM UNITED WAY TOAST TO LITERACY EVENT

February 11, 7-10pm. Castle Farms. Annual fundraiser with Mardi Gras theme. Proceeds benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, providing a free book each month to over 1300 registered children ages 0-5 in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Food, beer/wine/cider/mead tastings and silent auction. Tickets are \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance and include admission, food tastings, and a souvenir glass or drink tasting tickets. Wear your best Mardi Gras outfit. For more information, call 231-487-1006 or go to <http://www.charemunitedway.org>

EAST JORDAN

ALL YOU CAN EAT SWISS STEAK DINNER

February 11, 5-7pm, EJ United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth Street. Presented by the East Jordan United Methodist Women. Swiss steak, potatoes, vegetables, salads and homemade pies. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 ages 5-12, under 5 free. Proceeds from the dinner support local EJ mission giving.

WALLOON LAKE

WINTER FEST

February 11, Noon to 4pm. The Walloon Village event features free bean soup, free ice skating, winter putt-putt disk golf, designated snowmobile parking, food and drink specials at Barrel Back, and Ice Drink Luge. Donations to the Petoskey Snowmobile Club will be accepted. For information, call Tommy's at 231-535-6039.

BOYNE CITY

ORIGIN OF CROP CIRCLES EXPLORED

February 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled, "Crop Circles: They're Not What You Think," features a filmed interview Nancy Talbott, a leading international crop circle researcher. During the interview, Talbott describes witnessing the formation of a crop circle firsthand. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the cause of crop circles. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

CHARLEVOIX

ARMCHAIR THEATRE PRESENTS "DARK LADY OF THE SONNETS"

February 12, 6pm, Charlevoix Circle of the Arts. In this film, the lives of William Shakespeare and fellow playwright Christopher Marlowe meet the Dark Lady in this comedy/drama, which is full of passion, and intrigue personal, political and artistic. Hugh Hansen, the chairman of the Sunday evening program, and the audience will have the opportunity to write their own sonnets just in time for Valentine's Day. Refreshments will be served and a \$5 donation is encouraged to help support the Armchair Theatre. For additional information you may call the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 231-547-3554 or visit the website www.charlevoixcircle.org.

CHARLEVOIX

CHILI COOKOFF TO BENEFIT CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL

February 12, 4-6pm, Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Avenue. Enjoy a casual afternoon with friends and vote on your favorite chili. Pool Board Members are excited to compete for the best chili award. Fun giveaways. Tickets \$10 at the door (cash or check only). Proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Renovation Project.

BOYNE CITY

NON-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

February 14, 5:30-7pm, Boyne District Library. All teens and tweens are invited to come and hang out at the Boyne District Library and NOT celebrate Valentine's Day. There will be games, food, and fun at this non-event.

BOYNE CITY

ONLINE DATING WORKSHOP

February 16, 6pm, Boyne District Library. The technology department is sponsoring an Online Dating Workshop featuring information about how to access online programs, how they work, and, hopefully, a few success stories will be shared. Free event.

BOYNE CITY

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM FESTIVAL

February 17, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library Community Room. "Young Victoria" (2009) PG-13, with Emily Blunt & Rupert Friend will be shown. This film explores the unexpected elevation of Victoria to the British throne in 1827. Free admission, refreshments available for a small donation.

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 go.

BOYNE CITY

"THE SHACK" AUTHOR SPIRITUALITY PRESENTATION

February 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree

Café, 401 S. Park Street. William Paul Young, best known as the author of "The Shack," will discuss the difference between being spiritual and being religious in a filmed interview. Nearly 30 percent of Americans identify themselves as spiritual but not religious, and the trend is growing. Young's best-seller has prompted a national discussion of the difference between spirituality and religion. The Lifetree event, titled "Spiritual but Not Religious," offers participants the opportunity to explore the issue in a safe, open environment. Admission to the 60-minute event is free

CHARLEVOIX

5TH ANNUAL DOGMAN CHALLENGE FAT BIKE RACE

February 25. Mass start at Noon on top of the bunny hill at Mt McSaubia in Charlevoix. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.8-mile loop through the trails of Mt McSaubia 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.

CHARLEVOIX

NORTHERN MI BRASS BAND CONCERT

February 26, First Congregational Church, 101 State Street. The 28-piece, British-style brass ensemble will perform a wide range of music that is sure to brighten a winter afternoon. Several rousing marches, selections from the opera Carmen and a medley of tunes from Bourbon Street will warm up all who venture out to listen. A highlight of the program will be when outstanding members of the Charlevoix High School Band join the NMIBB in John Philip Sousa's George Washington Bicentennial March. Please visit www.northernmichiganbrassband.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

THE ART OF RAW FOOD

March 3, 5-7pm, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Dreaming of Heat. Menu: Vegan Curry Dinner with raw high-lights\$35/class (includes dining on your handiwork with your class). Pre-registration is required. Register by calling (231) 437-3482 (Class size is limited to 10).

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 office. Info at Facebook.com/EJPSX.

CHARLEVOIX

BUSINESS EXPO

March 15, 4-7pm, Castle Farms.

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.ProjectConnect231.com. Project Connect is a project of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

BOYNE CITY

LINDSAY'S 2ND ANNUAL BOYNE BEE

March 22, 7pm, Boyne City Tap Room at Pine Lake Lodge. This adults-only spelling bee will involve teams of two vying for bragging rights to be the biggest Queen (or King) BEE in Boyne City. This is a fundraiser for The Third Annual Walkabout Sculpture Show. A plaque with the winners' names will be prominently displayed downtown for one year until they are unseated by next year's winners. Register at City Hall or online at www.walkaboutsculptureshow.com.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX

INTRO 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 classes, 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@boyneligionpost228.org for information.

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"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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. To help those seniors who feel more loneliness and isolation during the winter, we would like to offer 12 no cost or low cost ways to help seniors, and others, better enjoy the season.
4. 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.
5. Connect with others, with a phone call, on line or via shared activities.
6. Visit your local senior center.
7. Take a class, learn something new, or engage in a hobby.
8. Ask for help if needed.
9. Be more physically active. Physical activity keeps you feeling better and helps with mobility issues.
10. Participate in your local faith community, local community organization, club or group.
11. Consider attending group lunches in your community.
12. Sign up for a Senior Companion through Catholic Human Services at 1-800-658-8854.
13. Volunteer. You may find that it is a gift to you to give to others in greater need.
14. Use stress management techniques: be good to yourself, relax, and replace self-defeating thoughts with more positive thoughts.
15. 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 us 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.


BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES					
Thursday, February 2 FOOT CLINIC 9-10am Food Distribution 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, February 3 11:30-12:30 Dollar in a Jukebox 12:30pm Rep Triston Cole Raffle	Monday, February 6 Bingo- Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, February 7 Bingo- Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, February 8 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	Thursday, February 9 FOOT CLINIC 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES					
Thursday, February 2 11:30am Roger Hartson Music 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice	Friday, February 3 9:30am Craft Class	Monday, February 6 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, February 7 FOOT CLINIC Wii Bowling in Petoskey 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, February 8 10am—1953 Class Coffee Hour 1pm Bingo	Thursday, February 9 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES					
Thursday, February 2 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics	Friday, February 3 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Barry Loper Bingo/Raffle Cards	Monday, February 6 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Exercise 12:30pm Wii Bowling	Tuesday, February 7 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker	Wednesday, February 8 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Texas Hold-Em	Thursday, February 9 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics


CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU					
Thursday, February 2 COD ALMONDINE	Friday, February 3 APPLE BBQ CHICKEN	Monday, February 6 SPANISH RICE	Tuesday, February 7 CHICKEN TENDERS	Wednesday, February 8 HAMBURGER w/BUN	Thursday, February 9 HOT TURKEY SANDWICH

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2017 Boyne Falls Public School Homecoming Court



FRESHMEN: Morriah Connin & Kevin DeNise. **SOPHOMORE:** Maddie Daneff & Hunter Sparks. **JUNIOR:** Naomi Johnson & Ben Wheeler. **Senior:** Amber Leinonen & Tim Gasco, Heather Patton & Cory Kauska, Hailey Ronan & Neall Perron, Kayla Willson & Leszek Wasylewski. Boyne Falls School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, February 10, 2017 with a basketball game against Harbor Light at 6:00 p.m. Crowning of the king and queen will occur between the JV and Varsity Basketball games on Friday.

Boyne Falls Public Schools Students of the Week



Michael Whennen

Student Name: Michael Whennen
Grade: 11th Grade
Parent's Name(s): Michael and Alice Whennen
Future Plans: NCMC for Pre-Reqs then Radiology
Favorite Book: Name of the Wind
Hobbies and Interests: Reading, Writing, Gaming
School Activities: Robotics
Staff Comments: "Michael has proven himself a gentleman with his demeanor, manners and willingness, to be helpful. He is thankful and expresses that sentiment daily. I wish him success in all of his endeavors." – Nathan Bates



Nyla Angerer

Grade: Preschool – Little Loggers
Parent's Name(s): Jake and Alecia Angerer
What do you want to be when you grow up? "I want to be a Vet because I want to fix animals."
Favorite Book: "It's Christmas David!" By David Shannon
Hobbies and Interests: "I like to play with my momma, I like to go on my four-wheeler and I like to play inside with my mom."
School Activities: Nyla enjoyed going to the father-daughter dance with her father, Jake.
Staff Comments: "This is Nyla's second year in the Little Loggers Classroom. She loves drawing pictures and she is very creative. She can recognize letters and their sounds. She loves to spell and sound out new words. She comes to school every morning with a smile on her face and she is always eager to learn. She loves the color pink and wears it daily! Nyla makes our hearts happy in the preschool classrooms and she has been a wonderful student." – Miss "Monica" Halbert

Antiques, Art, Consignment and New at The Brickery in Grayling

By Jim Akans

Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea.



Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling. COURTESY PHOTO

Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still not see it all."

The stately brick building that is now home to The Brickery was originally the International Order of Odd Fellows building, constructed in 1908. The downstairs held a theater that

would put on plays for loggers and for Camp Grayling. The building has gone through many incarnations over the years, but shoppers at The Brickery can still see the original tin ceiling and

hardwood floors. Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her daughter; "We were trying to think of a name. Since there are so many bricks both inside and out; the walls are three bricks thick, my daughter suggested calling it The Brickery."

It's the perfect name, reflecting solidity and tradition; an apt representation of the enduring quality of the wide variety of items offered at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Friday from 10am-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Visit www.the-brickery.com or call 989-348-8999 for additional information.

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Zonta Club of Charlevoix steadfast supporter of Women's Resource Center



Zonta Club of Charlevoix's recent donation to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) reflects their ongoing support of local survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault since the club was chartered in 1989.

PICTURED: Zonta Club of Charlevoix continued a long history of supporting local domestic abuse and sexual assault survivors with a recent non-perishable donation and a financial contribution to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). Pictured receiving the donations are (from left) Gail Kloss, WRCNM executive director; Joan Budy of Zonta Club of Charlevoix; Jamie Winters Safe Home coordinator; and Judith Schneider of Zonta Club of Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

Zonta Club of Charlevoix members donated a variety of nonperishable items to help fill pantry shelves at the WRCNM Safe Home; the shelter utilized by women and their children facing the perils of domestic abuse.

They also presented a financial donation of \$1,500 to serve as a needs-based scholarship to help women advance their educational goals. The scholarship, directed to the WRCNM's Educational and Employment Services program, is intended to offset expenses such as textbooks, gas and childcare for women who are seeking educational opportunities to help them enter or reenter the workforce.

"Zonta Club of Charlevoix

has been a solid WRCNM partner over the years," explained Gail Kloss, WRCNM executive director. "Both of us strive for the same goals of promoting and protecting the human rights of all women and girls and reducing the incidences of violence against them."

Zonta International seeks to advance the status of women worldwide by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy.

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Shadowfest in Charlevoix



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A group of happy revelers are seen hugging the groundhog mascot as he holds up a T-shirt for sale during the 3rd annual Shadowfest at East Park in Charlevoix. The weekend was filled with activities including: pancake breakfast; kids games, horse-drawn wagon rides, disc golf, live entertainment by the Galactic Sherpas, chili cook-off won by Grey Gables and more. Mild weather and strong community involvement contributed to the great success of the event sponsored by TV 7&4; Spartan Nash and Bickersteth Brown Wealth Advisors and several others.



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BARRELBACK

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after passersby and staff reported seeing flames and smoke coming from the rear of the restaurant.

An investigation later determined a fire had started in the hood and ventilation system that is stationed over the restaurant's grill.

While firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze and no injuries were reported, the Melrose Township restaurant sustained significant smoke and water damage and has been closed to allow time for clean-up.

A statement from Barrel Back management recently released via social media announced plans for the restaurant to possibly re-open for business the week-end of February 10.

"Efforts are ongoing to get Barrel Back open as soon as possible. Contractors are working around the clock to get our space back 100 percent...we are working diligently to be open by next weekend (February 10)," the statement continued,

"We are thankful for the outreach of the community and of our loyal customers who are so anxious for us to open our doors again. Blessed by a patient staff and contractors working the hours to get this project finished!"

Wellness Wednesday:

Every Wednesday from 8am-11am. 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. Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

The Michigan Community Service Commission is pleased to announce that nominations are being sought for the 2017 Governor's Service Awards. The Governor's Service Awards are given annually by the governor to individuals, organizations and businesses to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism. This marks the 25th year of the awards, which will be presented at a celebration organized by the Michigan Community Service Commission. The celebration will be held Aug. 21 in Detroit.

The 2017 Governor's Service Awards Nomination is an online application available at www.michigan.gov/governorsserviceawards. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. March 20.

"The comeback of Michigan isn't because of one person, it's the fact that we work together," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "Many Michiganders give their time to volunteer and put their heart

and soul into doing something special for someone else, and that deserves recognition. Please help me honor these wonderful individuals, organizations and businesses by nominating them for a Governor's Service Award."

In 2017, awards will be presented in 11 categories which reflect the diverse nature of volunteers throughout the state. The categories are:

- Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award: honors an individual who has shown a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteerism.
- Lifetime Humanitarian Award: honors individuals or families that have demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding civic and charitable responsibility to a community or organization.
- Senior Volunteer of the Year Award: honors individuals age 65 and older who have taken action to make their community a better place to live through service.

- Volunteer of the Year Award: honors an individual who strives to improve the lives of neighbors, friends, community or congregation through volunteerism.

- Youth Volunteer of the Year Award: honors individuals who are age 25 or younger who have already begun making a significant difference in their community through service.

- Mentor of the Year Award: honors an individual who provides youth (25 and under) with the confidence and assets to be successful.

- Outstanding Volunteer Organization Award: honors service clubs, non-profit, faith-based, veteran, disaster preparedness and other organizations that make a demonstrated difference in their community.

- Education Service Leader Award: honors schools, colleges, universities and other organizations that support youth making a difference in their communities.

- Outstanding National Service Program Award: honors organizations that provide a high-quality national service program that yields a significant impact in a Michigan community.

- Corporate Community Leader Award: honors corporations and businesses that excel in community involvement and demonstrate excellent corporate citizenship by giving back to their community in a variety of ways.

- Small Business Community Leader: honors businesses making a difference in their communities and supporting employee-driven volunteer service.

This will be Gov. Snyder's seventh year of involvement in the Governor's Service Awards, which were launched by Gov. John Engler in 1992 and maintained by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm during her terms in office.

For additional information or questions, please contact the MCSC at 517-335-4295 or gsa@michigan.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

FIX THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

To the Editor

The Kaiser Family Foundation reported in December 2016 that 47% of Americans do not want ACA repealed and 28% do not want repeal without replacement. Thus, 75% of Americans want affordable care—so fix it! Keep what is working. Twenty million more Americans now have health insurance. As of January 2017, thirty two states including Michigan implemented ACA Medicaid expansion where federal monies were provided to cover more low-income uninsured individuals. A University of Michigan study, found that the Michigan Medicaid Plan expansion created 30,000 jobs and increased revenues to hospitals, physicians, decreased uncompensated care and generated savings in behavioral health, etc. Approximately fifty-two million adults under 65 with preexisting conditions are now insured with no annual or lifetime limits on coverage. Women no longer pay more than men, maternal and newborn care is covered and women have better preventive care with no copay. Other preventive services include cancer, diabetes, cholesterol screenings, vaccinations, etc. with no copay. Seniors have lower prescription drug costs. Adults under 26 are covered on their parent's insurance.

A major problem with ACA is the high insurance premium for nearly 34% of Americans in which insurance companies play a role. Many states are working on solutions such as a consumer-driven premiums where the state determines which insurers can operate, negotiates prices and benefits. Other proposed solutions are enforcing special enrollment periods, shrinking provider networks and pushing ER costs onto consumers. Additionally, there needs to be some assistance to

small employers in providing insurance packages and benefits for their employees

Under ACA, 20 million more Americans have insurance coverage, consumer protections, benefits and preventive services. Insurance executives, legislators, health professionals, and consumers should fix it don't re-invent it so all citizens have quality, affordable care.

*Catherine Hunter
Boyer City*

STRANGE POLITICS

To the Editor,

From Dylann Roof to Donald Trump, Trayvon Martin to Darren Wilson, acquitted cops that were seen on their own videos breaking the law, these constitutional violations and anomalies are now taken to be the way of life.

Roof wanted to start a race war, not unlike Charles Manson decades ago. Article after article lately has tried to explain that this is the new reality. Donald Trump gives the classes what they want, blunt talk regardless the lies inherent, the bigotry, misogyny, narcissism, because that's how they think too if not overtly declared. People are tired of politics as usual, even in the face of Charleston, Flint, Sandy Hook, popular vote etc. from which more political activism would seem high.

Police responding to protests now arrest members of the press covering the demonstrations, charge them with outlandish crimes not at all related to the circumstance, and the public, prosecutors, judges and juries often go along with it. Why - this is everything always thought to be un-American?

The Legislature in general blocked the nomination of Obama's pick for The US Supreme Court, a

direct violation of the Constitution's imperative. They obviously stalled until Obama was out of office. That's not only unethical; it's against the law. But there is a certain logic behind this if tweaked, that is, the ill feeling about political matters by the general public. They don't like politics or most politicians. Therefore the enigma of so many white women voting for Trump who castigates them remorselessly. It doesn't matter if he's a chauvinist pig; it only matters that he's anti-government.

But there's the irony: Trump is now involved in government. He's right there where he maintains he doesn't want to be. He's happy as a pig in slop in his Trump Tower. Why he wanted politics at his age I can't comprehend. Of course, as oft iterated, he might not be in the White House for long, this for several reasons. He might just quit if he doesn't get his pouty way. Dylann Roof can hardly do that, he's stuck there now till death. Malfeasant cops still go to work every day. Prosecutors still prosecute often wrongfully. Judges still acquiesce to improper courtroom tactics. Juries still convict even with false evidence and testimony. The general public, though, doesn't seem to mind any of this. Granted the Women's March reportedly drew more crowds worldwide than any other civil protest before, and that's saying a good deal, even besting the March on Washington in the 1960s. It does not appear that the US Supreme Court will decide to discuss any of these civil rights issues. All in all, it seems that the US Constitution and Bill of Rights is passé, if not quite dead yet certainly moribund.

They all go through the motions of surveillance, monitoring, adjudicating, guarding, but that's for pay, perks and pensions. Upholding the official line of conduct is no longer the impetus for such work. And this

is as true in small town communities as much as big cities. Every time a cop gets away with murder the system is further eroded and, as is said about "broken window policing", the breakdown is exacerbated with moral turpitude incrementally. As it appears there is no attempt to halt that breakdown so it creeps and catapults across the nation expedited by internet communications. Corruption is just a vaccination, which multiplies tolerance as New Yorker writer James Surowiecki implied.

This naturally brings about the hypocrisy issue. Confabulation, as discussed elsewhere enters the psychological fray. Schizophrenia is inherent. Psychopathic behavior is noted, not so much the Ted Bundy kind or Hannibal Lecter as it were, but this cannot be ruled out either. Psychopathy usually infers deceit but in a permissive society - which seemingly is emerging albeit in negativity - may become the law of the land, the norm.

Many groups and individuals are laboring mightily and dedicatedly to halt this tidal wave. It might be a losing battle but losing battles tend to be fought for long times. Only when one becomes personally involved somehow does expression turn to action. A staffer in the GW Bush administration quipped "We're an empire now, we make our own reality". The lie is the new truth. That's what we've not been getting. It's not the US of America I adopted as a child but it is the one looming now. We might not beat them but we don't have to join them. As to Trump, voters sent him to Washington to represent them. If he can't get their job done, they'll revolt. Again. The unthinkable, as many have said, is now common fare.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan*

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, January 23, 2017
0323 Alarm in the 200 block of S. Lake St.
0644 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Pleasant
1145 Served No Trespass order in the 300 block of Vogel St
1429 Report of ongoing harassment on S Lake St
1545 Assist Sheriff Dept on Korthase Rd
1739 Dump truck on its side on Division near Contractor Dr.
1842 Assisted Sheriff Dept on

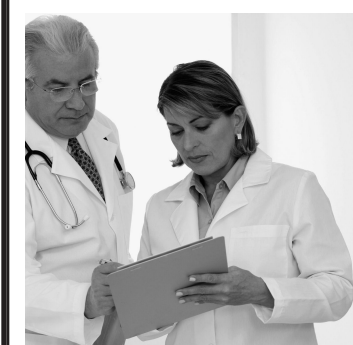
Addis Rd. N,
1917 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter.
1926 Domestic dispute in the 500 block of Boyne Ave.
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
0416 Suspicious situation in the 800 block of S Park St.
1428 Report of possible drug activity in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
1622 Assisted EMS in the 300 block of E Division St.
2111 Arrested subject on warrant in the 200 block of E Lincoln with assistance from Sheriff Dept K-9.
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
0838 Report of a found wallet.
0941 Report of a young couple

physically fighting in a vehicle on Pine St. 1
Subject arrested for Domestic Violence
Thursday, January 26, 2017
1018 Assist to JOLT
1406 Assist JOLT on Adams St
1434 911 hang up from the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
1623 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1724 Civil issue in the 300 block of E Division St.
2110 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 N.
Friday, January 27, 2017
0932 Civil custody issues originating in the 300 block of E Division St
1324 Assisted Fire Dept with

lines on fire in the 700 block of S Lake.
1336 Assisted EMS in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
1419 911 check at 550 N East St. All OK, just trying to access her voicemail.
1421 DHS referral in the 700 block of Vogel St
1442 Assisted EMS in the Industrial Park.
1747 Assist Sheriff Dept at domestic in Boyne Falls.
1834 Report of a suspicious subject walking NB on Pleasant near Timber Lane.
1853 Report of child abuse in the 400 block of N Park St.
2114 Assist Sheriff Dept on M

75 S.
Saturday, January 28, 2017
0030 Assist Sheriff Dept on Boyne Ave at Brockway.
0735 Assist motorist on N Lake at Lower Lake.
1126 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N. Lake St.
1152 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S. Park St.
1559 Report of subject begging for money in the 100 block of E Water St.
1633 Larceny in the 100 block of E Water St.
1731 Abandon Vehicle on W Court.
1744 Subject harassing people in the 100 block of E Water St
1810 Assist EMS in the 100

block of Ann St.
1859 Arrested subject for OWI at S Park and Water.
Sunday, January 29, 2017
0055 Assist Sheriff Dept with an OWI arrest at Boyne Mountain.
0339 Complaint of loud music in the 300 block of Silver St.
0508 Assist CXSH, Fire and EMS with a house fire on Pincherry Rd.
1307 Civil complaint originating in the 300 block of E Division St.
1625 Driving complaint on a vehicle that ran a stop sign.
1829 Report of intoxicated subject in the 400 block of Boyne Av
2358 Assist Sheriff Dept on Townhouse Tr.



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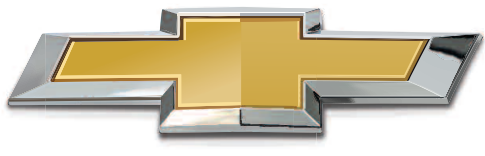
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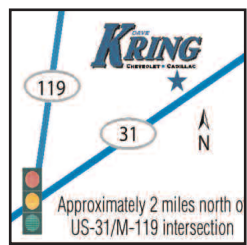
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