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Charlevoix Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix

Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix at Castle Farms

On Wednesday, March 15th, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 7th Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Castle Farms. The Expo is one of the largest business and public trade show events in northern Michigan. Now in its 7th year, the must-attend event for small business owners & executives who want to gain a competitive advantage, network with other business owners from throughout the area, and develop new business and client contacts. Join us for one day only and take your company to the next level.

The Expo is not just for businesses! The public is welcome to come out and explore the 70 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of the Castle to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. If you're looking for a new banking institution, pharmacist, insurance agent or health care provider, this is it. Don't miss the opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you.

The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes and culinary specialties for the opportunity to win the title of 2017 Best In Taste.

Admission is just \$5 and includes 9 tastes, Happy Snappy Photo Booth, exciting give-a-ways, a cash bar and more. For more information call 231-547-2101 or e-mail info@charlevoix.org.

During the Boyne City Commission's most recent meeting, city manager Michael Cain announced that Glen Catt of Catt Development in Gaylord last month purchased two neighboring buildings along South Lake Street that he plans to either rehabilitate or re-develop.

The buildings, located at 116 and 118 South Lake Street, formerly housed Lena's Wine Cellar and the Sportsman Bar but have been vacant for some time.

Cain pointed out how the building at 116 South Lake Street has stood as a historically pertinent structure to the city's downtown.

Built in the early 1900s, Cain said the two-story building first played out as the Princess Theater, a name he said the building was still being called long after the theater closed in 1926.

Catt told the commission

Catt Development purchases two more buildings in downtown Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky

he aims to rehabilitate the Princess Theater building with a keen eye on preserving its historical integrity and significance. He noted that he plans to utilize specific grants offered specifically to developers who are dedicated to preserving historic properties like this.

Catt pointed out his experience with that kind of grant funding came from what he learned while renovating buildings at 202 South Lake Street, a project just finished up this year which transformed the historical structures into space now featuring 7 Monks Taproom and room for additional businesses.

In the end, Catt said the Princess Theater building will likely resurface as a restaurant or retail business on its first floor and remain a residential living space as a second story apartment.

Most recently used as the Sportsman Bar, the building also was sold with its liquor license, the transfer of which is currently under review by state officials, Catt added, noting it's still undecided if such a license will even be used after the building is rehabilitated.

In terms of plans for the neighboring building at 118

South Lake Street, Catt said since that structure is not as historically relevant, there's a chance it could be demolished and re-built, possibly resulting in a mixed-use development with space for retail businesses or offices and possibly workforce housing.

Catt said it's too late in the year already for either project to commence with the possibility of completion in 2017, but he expects work to begin before this fall with a target finish date sometime by summer, 2018.

He added that in the meantime, his firm will take measures to assure both buildings don't become eyesores or hazardous during the busy summer season when foot traffic is most heavy along South Lake Street.

Along with these two newest projects and the recently completed work at 7 Monks Taproom at 220 South Lake Street, Catt Development is also lauded for its One Water Street development, one of the most notable improvements made in downtown Boyne City in recent years.

That project resulted in a visually impressive, block of buildings facing Lake Charlevoix that house its signature business, Cafe Sante, along with other retail and office spaces and waterfront condominiums.

Catt told the commission he welcomes input from the community on his most recently announced project to revitalize the two buildings on South Lake Street.

March came in like a lion this year, surprising many northern Michigan residents.



This semi truck stops traffic midday as he is unable to make it up the hill on Bridge Street at Antrim Street recently. A Charlevoix City plow and sand truck backed in to help while others were routed about the intersection.

Charlevoix Country Club will remain closed through 2017 for repairs following fire

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - The owner of The Charlevoix Country Club is hoping that a decision to close nearly all of the facility for the rest of the 2017 season will allow more time to repair and re-group after a devastating fire seriously damaged the club last summer.

Alana Haley marketing, events and members manager at Charlevoix Country Club and its sister corporation, Somerset Pointe Yacht Club and Marina in Boyne City, said members of the Charlevoix club were notified by mail on March 2 that it will be closing for the rest of 2017. Membership fees will be refunded to those

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MAR 1319°41°-9° (1960)68° (1990)
MAR 1419°41°-7° (1963)72° (1995)
MAR 1520°42°-7° (1956)79° (1990)
MAR 1620°42°-8° (1998)67° (2003)

OBITUARIES

Gloria M Grunow, 92

(AUG. 10, 2017 - MARCH 6, 2017)

Gloria M Grunow of Boyne City passed away on Monday, March 6, 2017 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Gloria was born on August 10, 1924 the daughter of Elmer and Elizabeth (Davis) Grunow in Detroit, MI. In 1942 she moved with her parents to Boyne City. Gloria worked as a secretary for many years including the Michigan Secretary of State. She loved playing cards and hunting for rocks.

Gloria is survived by her brothers Robert (Marilyn) Grunow and Elmer (Wanda) Grunow along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Frank Grunow.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, March 9th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Pastor David Behling will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be donated to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

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

Ronald Ward Inman, 65

(JAN. 11, 1952 - MARCH 3, 2017)

Ronald Ward Inman, age 65 passed peacefully at home surrounded by family and

friends on March 3, 2017.

Ron joins his father and mother, Charles William and Betty Arlene Inman, his brother, Paul Inman, and nieces Shannon Rice and Angie Seldon, in heaven.

He leaves behind his beloved soul mate, Anida L Inman, his sisters and brother, Dorothy (Verlin) Thompson, Kathy (Jim) Rice, and Pete (Beth) Inman. He was a wonderful and loving stepfather to Jessie Tison, Dan Tison, Shannon Coonrod, Justin Coonrod, Sierra Coultres, Mark Coultres, Shayler Coultres and Doug Coultres. His nieces and nephews, Darryl, Sharon, Lisa, Suzanne, Jeremy, Pete, Angela, Hope, Michelle and Amy will miss him dearly. He was a very proud grandpa to 17 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild that thought the world of him.

Ron worked at Honeywell in Boyne City for 38 years and retired 5 years ago, as a tool and gauge inspector. He was honored with the Greatest Dad Award. He loved feeding and watching his birds every day. He had a green thumb and so he loved gardening and making the yard picture perfect. He enjoyed riding around and working with his ford tractor. He was an avid sports fan and time stopped when 'his boys' were on TV (Around the Horn, Pardon the Interruption, Collin Cowherd and Mike and Mike). He was a great adventurer to casinos and usually had the best of luck.

A viewing for friends and family will be held at the 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City

Sunday March.

The funeral was held Tuesday, March 7th at Stackus Funeral Home on Tuesday.

Charitable donations can be made directly to his wife, Anida Inman at PO Box 416 East Jordan, MI 49727 "Say not in grief 'he is no more' but live in thankfulness that he was"

Mike Handy, 66

(AUG. 31, 1950 - MARCH 2, 2017)

Mike Handy of Boyne City passed away on March 2, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Born on August 31, 1950 to Bud and Ruth (Kelts) Handy. Mike delivered papers for the Petoskey News Review for the last 30 years.

On December 31, 1976 he married the love of his life Kathie (Garlock) Handy. They made their home in Boyne City for the last 40 years where they raised their four children Jerry Matelski, Beth (Rich Kwiatkowski) Handy, Molly Handy, Cory (Clarissa) Handy along with five grandchildren Sophia, Reece, Masin, Mathilda and Scarlett. Mike also leaves behind his sister Pam (Terry) Crumpler, special nephew Bowdie Crumpler, brother Pat Handy, In-Laws Debbie (Barry) Riddle, Patti (Perry) Hausler, Libbie (Steve) Talboys, Connie (Joe) Dzedzie, Pennie Garlock, Tommie (Diana) Garlock, many nieces and nephews, good neighbors Jim and Darlene

Lockery and their girls Jennifer (Lockery) Houghton and Ashley Lockery.

Mike led an amazing life. You could always find him either coaching and umpiring little league baseball, flag football, or attending metal concerts with his children and good friend Jim Lockery. He was a huge Civil War buff and went to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania as often as he could. If he wasn't sitting on the front porch of the house enjoying the weather, he would be with his grandkids whom were the light of his life or making plans with Jim for their tunnel.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents Bud and Ruth Handy, Tom and Bunny Garlock, Son Jerry and Granddaughter Sophia.

A get together to celebrate his life was held on Tuesday, March 7th at the Boyne Area Senior Center. At this time the family asks that donations be given to the family to purchase a memorial for Mike at a later date.

"Now I ain't one for saying long goodbyes..." Aerosmith

Morris Wayne Hall, 66

(NOV. 6, 1950 - MARCH 2, 2017)

Morris Wayne Hall of Boyne Falls passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017.



Morris was born to Morris and Elwilda (Davie) Hall on November 6, 1950. On June 6, 1975, he married his wife of 41 years, Virginia.

Above all, Morris loved

spending time with his family who considered him a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Following his service in the army in Vietnam in the 25th infantry, he was a home builder for many years, a job he greatly enjoyed. Morris also liked to draw and appreciated the outdoors, his favorite hobbies being fishing and hunting.

Morris is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Morris (Anne Marie) Hall, Heather (Bill) Seigh, and Jennifer (Dave) Aurand; grandchildren Jada, Nathaniel, Lily, Charlie, Brady, Landon, Tyler, Amanda, Emily, Aiden, and Gabriel; and great-grandchild Axel Daniels. He is preceded in death by his son, Wayne Morris Hall; daughter Heidi May Hall; and grandson Cole Wayne Hall.

Funeral services for Morris will be held Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Nelson Funeral Home at 4pm. Visitation will begin at 11am that morning and will continue until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Mary A. Brennan, 76

(MAY 23, 1940 - MARCH 1, 2017)

Mary A. Brennan of East Jordan died Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.



She was born

on May 23, 1940, in East Jordan, the daughter of Joseph and Lillian (Scott) Martinek. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1958.

On April 27, 1961, in East Jordan, Mary married Mike Brennan. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

Mary is survived by her husband of 56 years, Mike Brennan; five children, Michael (Laura) Brennan of Traverse City, Thomas (Tina) Brennan of East Jordan, Timothy (Wendy) Brennan of Wendell, North Carolina, Theresa (Brian) Radde of South Lyon and Joseph (Jamie) Brennan of Dyer, Indiana; sixteen grandchildren; her mother, Lillian L. Martinek of East Jordan; brother, Anthony "Tony" (Velma) Martinek of Bellaire; and sister, Gertrude "Trudy" (Kenneth) Hilla of Alpena; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father.

The family wishes to thank the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Grandvue Medical Care Facility, St. Joseph Catholic Church of East Jordan, as well as extended family and friends for all of their support.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor,

The Internet has much of this, far more than the established press. There are naysayers on both sides certainly, but one doesn't have to look far to find the reality of this discrepancy. The implication is of course the established press, newspapers, magazines, other periodicals, fliers, pamphlets, books, but by and large the established press is mostly reliable despite its reputation for prevarication.

I saw even as a young person the inclination toward false and invented reportage just for sake of headlines and deadlines. It might or might not be worse now. But we must not allow ourselves to be beguiled by the Trumpian accusations of whatever he doesn't like being fake news. Not true, not at all. This is a madman, a blithering idiot in diapers and temper tantrum as off portrayed. Established presses such as some newspapers and some magazines hold the line as to integrity. Not all, 'tis true, but many enough to continue the tradition of genuine news. The internet is another question thus far. This wide open territory is rife with false news and opinions taken as fact and indeed forwarded by protagonists who supply their own additions to manufactured facts. It has gotten rather out of hand. My sense is that one can trust The New Yorker, The USA Today, the Detroit Free Press, both Gannett publications, and, and, beyond that I don't know as yet.

As we grow skeptical in

our old age, we naturally scrutinize more thoroughly the input we encounter every day. I find that the conservative element is more prone to distortion than the liberal but not by that much, hard to differentiate sometimes. Conservative media tends toward separating the whole into them and us whereas liberal outlets display righteous indignation to lead their followers into angst. In most issues there is some quotient of falsified reporting whether outright lies or prevarication respectively.

It was indeed Trump himself who coined this term "fake news". This was immediately taken up as a cause celebre by his supporters. They like those kinds of absolute negative statements. Like Trump they like the shock effect of manufactured facts. James Surowiecki in The New Yorker Financial Page outlines the misconceptions of economics in America that Trump utilizes so effectively in his speechifying. In this sense, yes, news is fake. Oddly or not, though, those claiming fake news are usually the very ones purveying it. Many news presses will still maintain a semblance of fact-checking, whereas radio talk shows and internet sites have less responsibility to truth telling. Sensationalist headlines nonetheless are endemic to conservative and liberal broadcasts alike to draw their audiences in as that now known as "click bait", formerly tabloid shock and awe wherein you don't even get the story promised but more come-on jargon de-

signed to garner more followers in Hitlerian bullhorn mode, the opposing liberal element likewise promising results they can't produce in foregone conclusion rhetoric.

To be fair, the established press is mostly guilty of hasty reporting for sake of deadline on a daily basis and naturally there will be typos and unchecked facts. The internet is rife with random supposed facts that are mostly unverified, thus anyone is able to insert "facts" to his/her desire. There are many who, like Donald Trump, come to believe their own lies, a psychological process known as confabulation. Add to that the ability to change such facts at will and we find what is known as schizophrenia usually accompanied by hypocrisy. If anyone accuse media of fake news, it behooves to have proof in hand to disprove. This is the measure of responsible reporting and journalism. In journalistic archives it is imperative, or was, to be accurate in one's dissertations. Otherwise we be hacks and sellouts. Mr. Trump, ostensibly, seems to want to take the USA to a

semblance of Russian or Chinese government controlled media in which all reportage is slanted toward state benefit. They don't care if facts are verified or not; the horse follows the carriage.

Newsman Dan Rather has seemingly taken a stand for legitimate news. The US government can do nothing, not even uphold freedom of the press and speech, right to gather and seek redress of grievances. If it weren't for the 2nd Amendment and hunters, NRA and armed homeowners, guns would be confiscated and in the hands solely of government troops, terrorists, madmen and criminals. The US Constitution is indeed sorely challenged. Donald Trump is its latest provocateur. If those in seats of power don't reverse this action soon we'll see the official demise of Democracy. I think we may concur that we don't want Nazism here in the USA. The Trump coalition reverses this notion which in turn tells us what we need to know: fake news.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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Good Samaritan Family Services host volunteer dinner



Good Samaritan Family Services hosted a volunteer dinner at Banks Township Hall on February 27. Seventy-five volunteers enjoyed a belated holiday meal and a fun evening among friends. Good Sam has 100 active volunteers. To find out about volunteering at Good Sam, call 588-2208. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix County Dems present Citizen Advocacy Strategies

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold a General Membership meeting on Wednesday March 22 from 6:30 to 8pm in Community Rooms A and B of the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton Street in Charlevoix. The focus of the meeting is to give attendees the information and skills to organize, take action and create change through citizen advocacy. The meeting is open to all Democratic or independent voters who want to become citizen advocates and those who are already involved in or want to join local citizen action groups.

The first part of the meeting will discuss how to distinguish "real news" from "fake news". Social media, partisan web sites and online "news" sites are full of dubious news items and increasing amounts of deliberate misinformation. Talia Hofacker, Adult Services Supervisor at the Charlevoix Public Library, will present trustworthy web sites and on line resources to discern what is factual.

The next part of the meeting will introduce attendees to web based and local action groups. Information will include how to join an existing action

group or to start a new group. There are also several on line resources that recommend Federal and State current issues, Executive Office and agency directives and upcoming votes on legislation about which to contact legislators. The meeting will address specific ways to contact your elected officials at all levels and discuss which actions have the most impact. Attendees will be asked to share successful actions and experiences. Handouts containing on line resource web addresses and contact information for Federal and State elected officials will

be distributed. The last part of the meeting will inform attendees which Federal and State officials will be up for re-election and what elected positions will be open to be filled in the 2018 election. In preparation for the 2018 election, Charlevoix County Dems' summer election preparation activities will be shared and discussed.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by March 20 to assist in planning for seating and refreshments. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411.

Ribbon cutting held at The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center



The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce conducted a ribbon cutting on Friday, February 24 at the Grand Opening Celebration of The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center. The teen center is located at 110 Main Street in downtown East Jordan. Shown here are members of The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center Board, students and community members cutting the ribbon on The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center. The Depot is currently open on Friday's from 3 to 7pm for teen's grades 6th - 12th. For more information on the Depot or to volunteer please contact depotjvteencenter@gmail.com. COURTESY PHOTO

Daylight Saving Time returns this Sunday

By Jim Akans

Get ready to move time again. While it doesn't seem that long ago when we "fell back" Daylight Saving Time is returning at 2am this coming Sunday, March 12. If you don't want to be late for a date on Sunday or Monday, don't forget to set your car, stove, microwave, coffee maker, wall,



Big out those digital clock setting instructions and don't forget to roll clocks ahead one full hour before going to bed this coming Saturday night, or you might show up late for Sunday. COURTESY PHOTO

alarm (you will find them all eventually) clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

Body clocks, aka circadian rhythms, are a bit more finicky. A rule of thumb noted on the webmd web site states that is can take a day or two to readjust to losing that hour of sleep. A BMC Biology study found that some people never completely adjust to the DST time hop. Reported effects include an increase in workplace and traffic accidents on the Monday following the time change, and even an increase in heart attacks the first three weekdays after DST Sunday. Exposure to bright light after waking, and keeping lights off at night has been shown to help with readjustment. Going to bed an hour earlier isn't a good idea, as the body prefers going to bed and rising at the same time each day.

Daylight Saving Time was an idea hatched by Benjamin Franklin, who proposed in a 1784 essay that moving the clock ahead an hour each spring would save candle wax. Still, it took awhile for the idea to take hold, with the first Daylight Saving Time being imposed in the United States during World War I to help alleviate the effects of wartime coal shortages and nightly air raid blackouts. Congress reinstated the concept from 1942 until 1945 to, once again, save energy during wartime. Some states continued this ritual after World War II, and some did not. When Congress made this seasonal time warp official by the passing of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, only Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana decided to opt out.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) period now extends from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November, or nearly nine months. If that seems like a longer stint than it was a few years ago, those instincts are right on target. Prior to the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October, so the duration was about a month less than it is now.

Regardless, don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour this coming Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Lower costs by filing for Home Heating Tax Credit

With tax season in full swing, Consumers Energy is encouraging eligible Michigan residents to claim thousands of dollars in assistance by filing for the Michigan Home Heating Credit and federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

"We want the people we serve to know that help is available now. You shouldn't wait to fall behind," said Chad Miller, Consumers Energy's manager of energy assistance programs. "This is an ideal time to file for Michigan's Home Heating Credit and the federal Earned Income Tax Credit since free tax preparation services are available statewide by dialing 2-1-1."

Consumers Energy, its charitable foundation and Michigan non-profit organizations have worked to provide access to assistance for heating bills this winter. The Consumers Energy Foundation is also a strong supporter of free tax preparation services through

Michigan 2-1-1 and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan. Learn more at www.michiganfreetaxhelp.org.

The average Home Heating Credit that Consumers Energy customers received in 2015 was nearly \$150. The credit:

- Is the only heating assistance that does not require applicants to fall behind on paying their energy bill.
- Can be used for all types of primary heating fuels, including natural gas, electricity, propane and other deliverable fuels such as oil and purchased firewood.
- Bases credit amounts on household income and size.
- Is available to households whose income does not require them to file traditional income taxes.
- May be available to renters who pay their own heating bills.
- Can be submitted beyond tax season since it has a Sept 30, 2017,

filing deadline.

Customers can find their 2016 total heat cost on December, January and February Consumers Energy billing statements. This information is required to complete the form. It is also available by calling Consumers Energy toll-free at 800-477-5050.

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is another benefit for working people with low to moderate income. For income guidelines, contact your employers, call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-3676, or visit www.irs.gov.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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Find the Home Heating Credit Form (MI-1040CR-7):

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 - Internal Revenue Service, 800-829-3676
- Apply to the State Emergency Relief Program, in which you may receive up to \$1,700 in energy assistance for those that qualify. Apply online at www.Michigan.gov/mibridges or contact your local DHHS office.

Country Club

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who are due, she said.

Haley explained that club owner Fred Taylor made the decision to close because the club thus far has been unable to recover up to par and employees have been unable to meet service standards working in conditions resulting from a devastating fire that broke out there last summer.

Firefighters were called to the Charlevoix Country Club grounds last June 18 and a kitchen fire which spread, destroying the dining room and half of the clubhouse facility.

Haley said Taylor had been facing some challenges with the insurance company in recent months when it came to the rebuilding process, and decided it

was best to close the club and resolve those issues so they can ultimately provide the best service possible to club members.

"Our plan had been that we would be ready to re-open by Memorial Day," Haley said, "But when we saw there was no progress being made, and it was getting more difficult to keep things going, we decided it was in the best interests of our members and our staff just to close for the season so we can focus on getting back on track. It was a good call."

Haley said last year's fire completely destroyed the clubhouse, dining room, office and storage areas and the re-building process has since stalled. She said there are also currently no proper on-site restroom facilities available and that staff offices and the golf course pro-shop have been operating out of a trailer parked on the Country Club's tennis courts



FILE PHOTO

since the fire.

She said closure at the Country Club will include its Heatherwoods Golf Course and Charlevoix Fitness Center, which was not damaged in the fire but is scheduled to close Friday, March 10.

Haley noted that while the golf course will not be open, it will also not be abandoned and that crews will be on task for its continuing upkeep as well as making improvements.

"You can't just let a golf course

sit or you lose it," she said.

During the closure, improvements will be made to golf cart paths and repairs made on some of the wooden bridges along those paths, Haley said. She said work is also planned to upgrade the back nine holes.

Haley noted that while nearly all of the Charlevoix Country Club's amenities will be closed throughout the 2017 season, the club's event venue, Shanahan's Barn, will remain open through 2017 and already has a record number of events scheduled.

"This is our busiest season coming up-we have 26 weddings booked," Haley said, "So they will be going great guns!"

Haley said it's hoped the Charlevoix Country Club will completely re-open sometime in 2018.

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Boyne City Main Street Facade Grant applications available

Applications for Boyne City Main Street's 2017 facade grant program are now available. The facade grant program provides matching funds for Main Street District property owners and tenants to improve the facades of their buildings, in order to maintain the architectural character and economic viability of downtown.

To begin the process, interested property owners or tenants must meet with the Boyne City Main Street Executive Director and Design Committee Chair to discuss the scope of the project. An application must then be submitted by April 27, 2017. After a competitive review process by the Design Committee and Boyne City Main Street Board a decision will be made to which projects receive funding. For every dollar awarded the applicant must spend an equal amount. Individ-

ual grant amounts will be up to 50 percent of a project's cost. A total of \$15,000 is available for the 2017-18 cycle.

"The continued support of this program stands as a great example of Boyne City Main Street's commitment to our community," Michelle Cortright, Boyne City Main Street chair said.

Funds are provided by the Boyne City Main Street Program with dollars raised through Boyne Thunder. There is no set minimum or maximum number of projects per year. Eligible items under the facade program include, but may not be limited to: removal of siding that was used to cover original building materials, exterior brick or wall surface repair, pointing of brick/mortar joint repair, window and/or door replacement/repair, any architectural details in need of repair and/or replacement.

"The Design Committee looks forward to reviewing the applications for what is always an array of exciting projects and developments for our downtown," Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director said.

The grant program seeks to encourage private investment through the rehabilitation and improvement of facades within the Boyne City Main Street District, to encourage good design that will serve as quality examples, and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Boyne City. By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program aims to improve the economic viability of the downtown.

For more information about Boyne City Main Street and the facade grant program, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.



Northern Homes Community Development Corporation received a facade grant last year to assist with improvements at The White House, 417 Boyne Avenue. Pictured from left to right: Barb and Jane, Northern Homes staff, Kelsie, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director. COURTESY PHOTO

Attention:

Charlevoix County Businesses

Don't miss the opportunity to be included on this unique Caricature Map for Charlevoix County

Join the following businesses who have agreed to be a part of the 2017 Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne Falls and Boyne City Combined Caricature Map:

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for March 2017 is Carl Lester Kamradt. Born on January 21st, 1924 in East Jordan, Michigan, Kamradt graduated from East Jordan High School in 1942. After working 3 months for Healey Sales Company in East Jordan as a mechanic, Kamradt enlisted into the Military Service on December 11th, 1942 and following basic training he attended the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York completing a 20 week course in Airplane Mechanics, Inspection and Maintenance on May 17th, 1943. Kamradt was promoted to Corporal and completed a four-week Factory Airframe Instruction course of Familiarization with the Liberator Bomber at the Ford Motor Company Airplane School, Willow Run, Michigan on June 25th, 1943. He was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to Patterson Airfield (now Wright Patterson Airfield), Ohio where he supervised the maintenance of B-24, B-29 and C-47 Aircraft. On January 26th, 1946, in Farmington, Michigan, Kam-

radt married Ann R. Griffin. On January 29th, 1946 Kamradt received his separation papers from active duty and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and on January 28th, 1949 he received an Honorable Discharge from the Military Service, having completed his military obligation, and was awarded numerous commendations, among them from General Omar Bradley, Major General Edward Witsell and President Harry S. Truman. Following his marriage and separation from active duty, Kamradt and his wife returned to East Jordan and bought their home, and lived there until 1952, then moving to Redford Township where he worked as an experimental diesel engineer for Detroit Diesel for 32 years, retiring in 1984 and moving back to East Jordan. While in Redford Township Kamradt had been active with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and had severed as a Scoutmaster. He was a member of American Legion Post 227 in East Jordan and enjoyed calling bingo on Friday nights for many years and also enjoyed woodworking, painting



CARL LESTER KAMRADT

and reading. On August 23rd, 1997 Carl Lester Kamradt answered the final call and is being honored by his brother Bill, sons Michael and James and their families.

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

Montessori students learn compassion and giving back

On Tuesday, February 28, the middle school students of Charlevoix Montessori Academy performed a choral reading of The Gift of the Magi, written by O. Henry, the story of a young woman who cut off her long beautiful hair so she could sell it in order to give a treasured gift to her husband. Afterward, Stephanie Oliver, a CMA staff member, had her long beautiful hair cut so she could give a treasured gift to a charity called Michigan Wigs 4 Kids.

Oliver has been impacted by cancer since she was a little girl. Her grandfather, great aunt, and second cousin battled cancer. Her compassion for children fighting cancer grew over the years and she was honored to share this experience



Stephanie Oliver, a CMA staff member, had her long beautiful hair cut so she could give a treasured gift to a charity called Michigan Wigs 4 Kids. COURTESY PHOTO

with the students at CMA. Oliver remarked, "I wanted to teach my students about giving back to the community and embracing grace and courtesy," which is a concept woven into the Montessori method of teaching.

This marked the third time that Oliver has donated her hair to charity. Michigan Wigs 4 Kids is a nonprofit organization providing kids 3 to 18 new hair, new hope, and a chance to be themselves.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will be hosting a Juried Fine Arts Exhibition opening on March 31 and running through April 28th. The exhibition is open to Michigan artists age 18 and older. It was felt by the exhibition committee that a show representing all media (including photography) would give the greatest opportunity for artists to benefit from the experience of being in an exhibition that was not thematic, rather, all inclusive.

The juror for this year's show is Andrea Gerring. Andrea is an adjunct art history instructor at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, and Kendall Col-

lege of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. With a Masters in the History of Art, specializing in the art of India, China and Japan from Wayne State University, she has most recently developed the online art history courses for NCMC and NMC. Andrea was the owner of Gallery Renaissance, Renaissance Center, Detroit and an Art Consultant for Reader's Digest in New York City. She spent many years as an interior decorative painter in New York and Michigan.

"We are looking forward to the entries of our upcoming juried exhibition," states Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director of the Circle of Arts. "For me, it is always a reaffirmation of the talent of north-

ern Michigan artists as well as the statewide talent of artists wanting representation in our galleries. We are encouraging all media from painting to sculpture, textiles to photography and more."

To enter work, artists can go online to www.charlevoixcircle.com, or visit the in downtown Charlevoix. Each artist may submit up to three pieces and all media is considered. If you enter in person, please bring a digital file with images. The opening reception will be on Friday March 31 from 5-7 pm. For more information or to enter you may go online to: www.charlevoixcircle.com, or visit at 109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554.

To be included on this caricature map, or for more information, call Karen at

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Boyer Falls
Public Schools

Student of the Week



Kaylie Young

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Jessica Young & Michael Dwornick

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Preschool Teacher

Favorite Book: Any books about animals. I especially enjoy stories about cats, dogs and horses.

Hobbies and Interests: Drawing and Painting

Staff Comments: "Kaylie is a determined young lady. She takes charge of her school assignments and works hard to turn in quality work. Her love of reading is evident by the many books she chooses to take home to read. Kaylie's positive attitude makes her fun and enjoyable to be around. With her perseverance and work ethic, Kaylie will continue to be successful in the years to come." — Ms. Disney

Spotlight on Innovation Awards and Scholarships

On Friday March 3, the Charlevoix Circle of Arts opened the doors to the 2017 Spotlight on Innovation exhibition that highlights the artistic talent of regional high school students. Present at the awards ceremony again this year was Kristopher Jones, Director of Talent, Acquisition and Recruitment from the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids to give portfolio reviews and award scholarships.

In an atmosphere filled with parents, students, friends and neighbors, KCAD awarded a total of \$53,000 in scholarships and tuition awards. The top award winner was Brooklyn Allen from Central Lake High School who received a \$16,000 scholarship. Other recipients were: Jenna Guthrie, Sophia Glazier and Luke Telgenof from Charlevoix High School each awarded \$12,000, \$12,000 and \$10,000 respectively. Portfolio Camp Tuition Awards went to

Second Place award to Sophia Glazier for her work, "Bird." COURTESY PHOTO



The top award winner was Brooklyn Allen from Central Lake High School, shown here with Kris Jones, who received a \$16,000 scholarship for her work titled; "Lilliana." COURTESY PHOTO

Olivia Jeakle from Charlevoix High School, Kaitlyn Verellen from Central Lake High School and Lauren Kwapisz from Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts presented the First Place award to Brooklyn Allen for her work, "Lilliana", Second Place award to Sophia Glazier for her work, "Bird", and Third Place award to Payton Novotny from Charlevoix High School for her work, "Personal Still Life". Honorable mentions went to Sabrina Kenwabikise from Beaver Island Community School for her work, "Medicine Man", and Brielle Healey from East Jordan



Other award recipients were: Jenna Guthrie, Sophia Glazier and Luke Telgenof (shown here) from Charlevoix High School each awarded \$12,000, \$12,000 and \$10,000 respectively. COURTESY PHOTO

High School for her work, "Escaping". Present at the award ceremony was local artist and juror Larissa Flynn.

The exhibition will be on display until March 25. For more information on this exhibition

or upcoming events at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please visit at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554 or go online to: www.charlevoixcircle.com.

A-2-Z Resale & Homespun Antiques & Crafts join in new location

By Jim Akans

Gaylord's A-2-Z Resale shop and Homespun Antiques & Crafts are now combined in one fantastic new location, offering northern Michigan shoppers a huge range of gently used as well as vintage items. Now located at 1961 South Otsego Avenue next to the Gaylord Ace Hardware, the store is owned Sue Nowak and her husband, Larry, and daughter Mary also assists with the daily operations.

This new resale shop opened in February after the Nowak's purchase the inventory from the former A-2-Z Resale and moved their Homespun Antiques & Crafts store

from downtown Gaylord to this new South Otsego location. The result, as Sue Nowak points out, is "lots of great inventory that we are offering at reduced pricing to make room for even more great inventory!"

The new location is bright, cheery and well organized making shopping for terrific bargains a breeze. The resale shop offers just about everything under the sun...or across every letter in the alphabet, including books, dvd's, record albums, men's and women's clothing, furnishings, dishes, cookware, glassware, costume jewelry, lamps, pictures and other household items, shoes and a large array

of evening gowns and wedding dresses priced at \$99 or less.

Nowak states, "Through the end of the month of March, all clothing (except wedding dresses) are price at 50% off and our other inventory is 30% off. It's a great time to come in to browse in our new location and find some incredible deals."

She adds that at this time the store is not accepting item donations, though she anticipates the will resume in late summer or fall.

The new A-2-Z Resale/Homespun Arts & Crafts store hours are 10 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday. They can be reached by calling (989) 731-4305.



Combining the items from the former A-2-Z Resale location and the previous Homespun Antiques & Crafts downtown Gaylord location has created, as store owner Sue Nowak points out, "lots of great inventory that we are offering at reduced pricing to make room for even more great inventory!" PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

March 9, 5pm, City Hall. Join us in creating our story of Boyne City History for the museum, which will be located in the newly constructed City Hall. Joe Hines with Project Arts & Design will be on board to help us gather all of our history and turn it into the story we want to share with visitors in the new museum. If you are unable to attend but have information to share please call Michele Hewitt at 231-582-0335 or email mhe-witt@boynecity.com.

BOYNE CITY

BC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "CRAZY FOR YOU"

March 10 & 11, 7pm, Performing Arts Center. Boyne City High School Drama Department presents "Crazy For You," a 1992 Tony Award Winning Musical, this year celebrating its 25th year - based on the music of George Gershwin. The story is "new" but the music is timeless and classic. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. Go to tix.com to reserve your seats. You can also go to Lynda's Real Estate to purchase tickets.

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY DANCE

March 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.

ELLSWORTH

SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

March 11, 4:30-6:30pm, Ellsworth Elementary School. To benefit Lady Lancer Softball Team Equipment and Camp. Silent Auction closing by 6:30pm. \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and under.

ELLSWORTH

MOTHER & SON MAGIC NIGHT

March 11, 6pm, Ellsworth High School Gym. Featuring amazing

magician, Philip Henry. There will be light refreshments as well as games and additional activities following the magic show. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

BOYNE CITY

FINANCIAL FREEDOM DISCUSSED

March 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Financial Freedom: Practical Advice From a Man Who Had It All—and Lost It," features a filmed interview with Matt Bell, a financial advisor who learned money management partially due to a personal financial fiasco. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Please use the Pine Street entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

March 15, 4-7pm, Castle Farms. Both businesses and the public are welcome to come out and explore the 70 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of the Castle to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. If you're looking for a new banking institution, pharmacist, insurance agent or health care provider, this is it. Don't miss the opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you. The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes and culinary specialties for the opportunity to win the title of 2017 Best In Taste. Admission is just \$5 and includes 9 tastes, Happy Snappy Photo Booth, exciting give-a-ways, a cash bar and more.

EAST JORDAN

OFF THE CUFF LUNCHEON

March 15, Noon-1pm, BC Pizza. Join East Jordan City, Chamber and School Leaders for an informal gathering to ask your questions and hear about current projects and events.

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PROJECT CONNECT

March 15, 1-7pm, Ovation Hall

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BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 16, 5:30-7:30pm. Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate, 128 Waters Street. Business people are invited to this festive St. Patrick's Day-themed event. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are complimentary. Food and drink will reflect the Irish heritage, and there will be door prizes and giveaways.

EAST JORDAN

SOCIAL MEDIA 101 WORKSHOP

March 16, 8:30-10am, East Jordan EMS/Fire Building. Katherine Forrester is the Sales and Marketing Coordinator for Visit Charlevoix. Her presentation will focus on social media as a great way to engage people through interesting and reliable content. Learn how to connect with customers and enhance business through social media. Attendees are encouraged to bring their mobile device. Free for EJ Chamber members, \$10 for non-members.

EAST JORDAN

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 16, 5-7pm, Korhase Flinn Insurance Financial Services, 100 Main Street, Suite 10. Food, cocktails, networking, drawings and fun. EJ Chamber members free admission, \$10 for non-members.

BOYNE CITY

BC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "CRAZY FOR YOU"

March 17 & 18, 7pm, Performing Arts Center. Boyne City High School Drama Department presents "Crazy For You," a 1992 Tony Award Winning Musical, this year celebrating its 25th year - based on the music of George Gershwin. The story is "new" but the music is timeless and classic. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. Go to tix.com to reserve your seats. You can also go to Lynda's Real Estate to purchase tickets.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

March 18, 10:30am-Noon, Center Point Assembly of God Church, 5291 M 66 North. Please join Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Golden Intentions about choices we can make to safeguard our wishes and dignity as we age or face serious illness. This is an Open to the Community, free event sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan & Golden Intentions.

CHARLEVOIX

NEEDLE DROP-OFF

March 18, 9am-1pm, McLaren Specialty Clinic, office of McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Family Medicine and Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, located at 1404 Bridge Street. Needles are required to be in an approved hard, impermeable plastic container. This free event will only collect needles. For information on this event, please call (800) 248-6777.

BOYNE CITY

Heather Maloney at Freshwater March 18, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. Tickets are \$25 in advance, call to reserve; (231) 582-2588.

EAST JORDAN

NORTHWOODS FAMILY NATURE CLUB

March 18, 10am-Noon, Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Attend our year-round monthly gathering of families with children

of any age. This month, come celebrate the sweet season of Maple Sugaring. We'll learn how to find Maples and tap the trees and then taste the sweet stuff and play some games. Call/ text 231-536-0333 or message us on Facebook to RSVP or for more information.

ELLSWORTH

FRONT PORCH CAFÉ FUNDRAISER

March 18, 4:30-6:30pm, Front Porch Café, 9235 Main Street. Roast Beef – Plated Dinner with Salad Bar – Dessert – Drink. Featuring the Ellsworth Lioness Club as the wait staff. Tickets are sold in advance at the Café or by one of the Ellsworth Lioness Club. \$10 for Adults, \$6 for Children (11 and under).

CHARLEVOIX

THE HARMLING'S CONCERT

March 19, 2pm, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Street. Highlighting the local talent of Anna, Katie and Megan Harmeling. They all attend Boyne City Public Schools and started their music careers in first grade. The girls also enjoy playing with the Horton Creek Band on occasion, where their father is a member, Dr. Mike Harmeling. For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix. You may also call at (231) 547-3554 or go online to www.charlevoixcircle.com.

BOYNE CITY

LINDSAY'S 2ND ANNUAL BOYNE BEE

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EAST JORDAN

E-CUBED EVENT

March 22. Second Annual E-Cubed "Energize, Engage, Enhance East Jordan" event at the East Jordan Community Auditorium. The afternoon session will be directed to the 7th thru 12th grade students at East Jordan Public Schools, and the evening presentation will once again include a free community picnic from 5:30-6:30pm. Clubs, organizations and festival expo from 6:30 - 7pm and the presentation from 7 - 7:30pm with another half hour following to connect and learn more about our community's service clubs and festival/event boards. The Creating Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Committee will be assisted this year by 29 students from the National Honor Society.

EAST JORDAN

MAPLE SUGARING OPEN HOUSE

March 25, 10am-2pm, Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center. FREE. This annual festivity includes syrup tastings, Maple treats, Sugar Shack tours, farm animals, kids activities, nature hikes, music, mini-workshops and a Spring Scavenger Hunt with Maple prizes. Family-friendly. Call/ text 231-536-0333 or message us on Facebook to RSVP or for more information.

ELLSWORTH

FRONT PORCH CAFÉ FUNDRAISER

April 18, 4:30-6:30pm, Front Porch Café, 9235 Main Street. Meatloaf Plated Dinner with Salad Bar – Dessert – Drink. \$10 for Adults, \$6 for Children (11 and under).

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

NORTHERN MI

PEOPLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at <http://www.gtlakes.com/grant-application-request/> or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply. Applications are due by April 15. Another grant opportunity will be available this fall.

BOYNE CITY

AAU BASKETBALL PARALLEL 45 TRYOUTS

Tryouts for Parallel 45's 16U and 17U teams (current 10th- and 11th-graders) will be held 7-9 pm March 16 at Boyne City Middle School. There is a \$20 tryout fee. In its 10th season, Parallel 45 was the AAU team for past Northern Michigan players such as Chris Hass, Dwaun Anderson, Holden Greiner, Sean Sheldon, Travis Schuba, Corey Redman and Zach Hankins. For more information contact 231-633-7313 or bankhoops@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Country Club is devastated to announce the closing of Charlevoix Fitness as of Friday, March 10 and the Heatherwoods Golf Course for the 2017 season. The Club is in the process of rebuilding after the fire in 2016, and plans to return to full operation in the spring of 2018. Events at Shanahan's Barn are unaffected by the closing.

CHARLEVOIX

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 Sysma 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 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

Beginning September 8th and continuing until May 15, 2017; the Tennis Courts at Rotary Park will be closed to facilitate the reconstruction of the playing surface. This project involves removal of the current playing surface, proper subgrade installation, paving of the playing surface and all new marking (including "Pickleball") for the 4 courts. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 231-582-6597.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.



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."

March Happenings

3/4, 11, 18, 25, SATURDAYS, 9AM - 12:30PM

BOYNE CITY FARMERS' MARKET

In the Red Barn next to the Boyne City District Library.

3/10, FRIDAY & 3/11, SATURDAY

NO. MI. REGIONAL HOME SHOW

This year's theme is "Life's Luxuries". The annual event showcases more than 100 display booths. It is the official Home Show for the home and building industry in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet & Otsego counties. On the campus of North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

3/10, FRIDAY - 3/12, SUNDAY

CAMP DAGGETT, FATHER/SON WEEKEND

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, or big brothers are invited to bring their sons/grandsons (ages 8-16) for a weekend filled with fun and adventure. For more info or to register, contact Ed Leverniz at 231-347-9742, ext. 112.

3/11, SATURDAY

8TH ANNUAL BREW-SKI FESTIVAL @ BOYNE HIGHLANDS

Join us to bring together snow, craft beers, and entertainment. Hit the slopes,

share laughter with friends and join us at our sampling bars - more than 80 breweries share their enthusiasm about more than 300 brews! Afterwards, take in some live music and enjoy your favorite brats and burgers on the grill.

3/15, WEDNESDAY, 1PM - 7PM

PROJECT CONNECT

A day of free services for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Event is held at the Odawa Casino, Ovation Hall, in Petoskey.

3/15, WEDNESDAY, 4PM - 7PM

BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

One of the largest business networking events in Northern Michigan, the expo will feature vendor booths in a wide range of categories, to include retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and more. The expo will also feature the Taste of Charlevoix, with restaurants offering attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. At Castle Farms.

3/17, FRIDAY - 3/19, SUNDAY

CARNIVAL WEEKEND @ BOYNE MTN

Every spring we celebrate the new season with a party that brings together the

festivities of St. Patrick's Day and the zinniness of Mardi Gras, affectionately called "Crazy Daze." This weekend brings out the silliness in all of us. For adults that want to act like kids again! www.boyne.com

3/18, SATURDAY, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Golden Intentions and Hospice of NW Michigan want to start the conversation about Advanced Planning and the choices at End of Life. Reservations requested. Please call (231) 547-7659 to reserve a spot or for more info by March 15, 2017. Meet at the Center Point Assembly of God Church, 5291 M-66N, Charlevoix.

3/23, THURSDAY, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

MARCH SWIRL @ CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER

Swirl is a delicious blend of culture, libations, and fun! Min-gle in our galleries while enjoying live music and sample fine wines and food from local restaurants. Tickets may be purchased on-line, telephone, or at the door.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 9 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowl: Cheboygan @ BASC Lunch & Bowl	Friday, March 10 11:30am-12:30pm Backwoods Maestros Raffle Rummikub	Monday, March 13 Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, March 14 Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, March 15 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	Thursday, March 16 FOOT CLINIC 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 9 FOOT CLINIC 11:30 Kevin Johnson Music 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice	Friday, March 10 9:30am Craft Class Dessert by American House	Monday, March 13 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, March 14 9am-1pm Tax Assistance 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, March 15 1pm Bingo	Thursday, March 16 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 9 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics	Friday, March 10 11am Sidekicks Bingo/Raffle Cards WEAR RED	Monday, March 13 8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F 10am Daily Devotions 12:30pm Wii Bowling Rummikub	Tuesday, March 14 Foot Clinic 12:30pm Bingo - 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker WEAR YELLOW	Wednesday, March 15 Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 11am-2pm CVX Veterans Affairs, John Hess 1pm Texas Hold-Em	Thursday, March 16 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, March 9 CHICKEN	Friday, March 10 MACARONI & CHEESE	Monday, March 13 BAKED FISH	Tuesday, March 14 CREAMED CHIP BEEF BISCUIT	Wednesday, March 15 CHICKEN & NOODLES	Thursday, March 16 SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE
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ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

How to sell your artwork & crafts online

On Monday morning, March 20th beginning at 10am, Jenn Earls, social media consultant for Facets of Charlevoix, will present an Inner Circle Gallery Talk at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Earls' presentation will cover the benefits of using social media platforms and inexpensive marketing techniques to turn your artistic hobby into a sales generating business. She will discuss what free options there are through social media and how understanding them can help grow your small business.

Facets of Charlevoix's new location is on Mason Street in Charlevoix and their focus is on attracting and growing small business in Northern Michigan. This will be a unique opportunity to learn and ask questions about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other platforms.

In this discussion, Jenn teaches you how you can take the artwork in your studio, using the phone in your hand, and a few minutes online per day to increase your exposure and your profit. Using social media, website templates, sales platforms, and editing apps, you can run a very profitable artist's business from your phone, laptop or tablet.

The Inner Circle Gallery Talks at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts are free and open to the public. For more information about this talk or upcoming opportunities, please visit at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554 or go online to www.charlevoixcircle.com.



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Charlevoix Circle of Arts presents The Harmeling's

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts presents a Sunday afternoon concert on March 19th beginning at 2 pm, highlighting the local talent of Anna, Katie and Megan Harmeling. Music has been always been a big part of the Harmeling family's lives. From early ages, the Harmeling girls have all been drawn to and have excelled in music. Anna plays the stand up bass, Katie plays the fiddle, and Megan plays the guitar.

The girls have been playing together for almost nine years and look forward to playing for the Charlevoix

Circle of Arts. Anna is a junior in high school, Katie is a sophomore, and Megan is in 8th grade. They all attend Boyne City Public Schools and started their music careers in first grade. The girls also enjoy playing with the Horton Creek Band on occasion, where their father is a member, Dr. Mike Harmeling.

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Boyne City wins back-to-back ISD Quiz Bowl challenges



The Boyne City Rambler team made it two for two in 2017 as they won successive Char-Em ISD Quiz Bowl Tournaments in decisive fashion in both January and February. The winning team of Olivia Vargo, Trenton Giem, Andrew May and Austin Jarema carded a perfect 7-0 in dominating the January tournament while the team pictured here (from left) Austin Jarema, Madison Bates, Bence Budi, Andrew May, Trenton Giem and Connor Gabos, also went undefeated to win the February tournament held recently at North Central Michigan College. Other teams who competed well in the tournaments included Central Lake, Concord Petoskey, Ellsworth, Petoskey, and East Jordan who finished second overall for the day. COURTESY PHOTO

Calling all spellerz: 2nd Annual Boyne Bee is March 22

Lindsay's Second Annual Boyne Bee will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, March 22 at Pine Lake Lodge, upstairs in the Boyne City Tap Room at 220 S. Lake Street. Get there early to register, snag a table and get drinks and pizza. 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.

You won't want to miss this hilarious event. Grab your favorite spelling partner and enter the competition or show up to cheer on (or jeer) your favorite team. The library will once again supply our mind-boggling words. Don't even think about sneaking in your smartphone to help you with spell check. We will have smartphone police watching over all spellers. If you misspell (oops! misspell) a word, you're out of the game but not out of the fun. A plaque with the winners' names will be prominently displayed downtown for one

year until they are unseated by next year's winners.

This is a fundraiser for The Third Annual Walkabout Sculpture Show, a partnership between artists, the Boyne City Main Street Program, volunteers and sponsors who believe art is a way of life. Located in and around downtown Boyne City, high-quality works of art are on display, utilizing various media by artists from around Michigan. The mission is to encourage expression and appreciation of art through a natural setting. The sculptures are on display for one year and each June, will be replaced with new pieces. Pat O'Brien & Associates and Bob Grove, The Dilworth Hotel, are sponsoring the spelling event and Pine Lake Lodge will have pizza and beverages for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the Walkabout Sculpture Exhibit.

"We are very excited to have Lind-

said's Second Annual Boyne Bee again this year," said Martha Sulfridge, chair for the Walkabout Sculpture Show. "All those that joined us last year had a blast and we expect an even bigger crowd this year. We are so grateful to Lindsay Regan, who organized and ran it last year and are so happy to honor her memory by making this an annual tradition. The community is always so supportive of the exhibit and we are very fortunate."

Signing up is easy. Registration forms are available at Boyne City Hall, the Boyne Area Chamber or register online at www.walkaboutsculptureshow.com. Anyone with questions may call Main Street Executive Director Kelsie King-Duff at 231-582-9009 or email mainstreet@boyncity.com.

For more information on the Walkabout Sculpture Tour, visit www.walkaboutsculptureshow.com

10th Annual Project Connect at Odawa March 15

The 10th Annual Project Connect will take place at Odawa Casino on Wednesday, March 15, from 1 to 7pm. 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.

As Project Connect celebrates 10 years of service to our neighbors in need, this year we are putting special focus on those who have served all of us, our Veterans. We will feature a Veterans Corner to help our Veterans, their dependents and survivors. Please encourage the Veterans you know to come to Project Connect where they can meet with Veteran Affairs representatives as well as many other health and human services agencies.

This event will connect individuals with a range of free health and human services provided by over 60 local non-profit agencies and other business. Free services are available in areas such as: Education & Employment, Food & Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, Kids & Parenting, Veterans Affairs and other Social Services. Guests can receive gifts of household and personal care items.

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.

Organizers believe that by helping people on the road to a more self-sufficient life, we will in turn strengthen our community as a whole.

Volunteers are also needed to help with Project Connect. You can register to help and find more information on United Way's Volunteer Connections, go to www.CharEmUnitedWay.org and click on the Volunteer link. Project Connect is a project of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, February 20, 2017
0219 Assist Fire Dept with alarm in the 1300 block of Boyne Av. 0833 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Lake St.
1200 Salvage Inspection
1220 Assist EMS in the 400 block of N Lake St
1755 Found driver's license in the 300 block of n Lake
2335 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St.
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
0930 Request for No Trespass

Order in the 800 block of Boyne Av 0947 No Trespass Order served in the 300 block of E Division St
1011 Civil complaint in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1148 CSC reported on Nordic Dr
1239 Report of vehicle being hit while parked in the 200 block of E Water St
2201 Assist SANE with an ATL on Boyne City Rd.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
0224 Assist Sheriff Dept with a driving complaint in Boyne Fall.
0815 Suspicious situation on Pleasant
1150 Assist EMS in the 800 block of State St

1530 Found child reported on S Park St. Was reunited with mother.
2104 Report of suspicious phone call from the 400 block of N Lake St
2213 Assist Sheriff Dept on River Rd

Thursday February 23, 2017
1040 Report of 2 vehicles in violation of parking ordinance on W Water St
1640 Report of gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1837 Report of subject screaming on Silver St. Found subject bleeding. Was transported by EMS.
Friday February 24, 2017
1000 2 NSF check complaints

from the 400 block of Boyne Av 1050 Assist other agency in the 200 block of S Park St
1101 Report of parking violation in the 100 block of E Water St
1448 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 S.
2213 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Lakeshore
2137 Report of an internet scam from the 300 block of E Division St
2350 Dog complaint on W Water St.

Saturday, February 25, 2017
0005 Report of the alarm going off at the Summerset lift station.
0907 Property damage crash at State and Park St

1157 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
1204 Gasoline drive-off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1222 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of S. Lake St.
1348 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S Park
1421 Found a black lab running at large in the area of Lincoln block of N Park St
2104 Gasoline drive-off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
2209 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of S Lake St.
2249 Assist Sheriff Dept on a traffic stop on Boyne Av

Sunday, February 26, 2017
0256 Welfare check in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1128 Report of a cat up in a tree on Bailey St.
1137 Property damage crash on Jefferson St near Wildwood Harbor Rd.
1215 Assisted Sheriff Dept on Hull St
1435 Report of subject violating No Trespass Order in the 1300 block of Boyne Ave.
1452 Disturbance reported in the 1000 block of S. Lake St.
1526 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of Spring St.

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A Community Conversation . . . it's all in the planning

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Golden Intentions and Hospice of Northwest Michigan want to start the conversation about Advanced Planning and the choices at End of Life. Whether you are 32 or 92, it's never too

soon to have a golden conversation with your family.

We encourage making a plan before you need it; having early end of life conversations with those who need to be a part of the decisions; preparing documents, finances and feelings and having life moment celebrations. You have a choice and we want to start the process and provide you with the tools that will empower you as an individual; family and community to make the choices that are right for you and that will bring you peace of mind.

Registration Information
Reservations are requested for our planning. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact

Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231)547-7659 by March 15, 2017.

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and Welcome Centers across the state.

"Using current technology to make our yearly construction map available to download is a great service to travelers planning ahead," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We want motorists to remember to slow down in construction zones and avoid all distractions. While you're trusting workers to improve the roads, they're

trusting you with their lives to drive safely and responsibly in their work area. We want everyone to make it home each and every night."

The most up-to-date construction information for state roads is always available on the Mi Drive traffic website at www.michigan.gov/drive, as well as the Mi Drive mobile app, available on iTunes and Google Play.

DNR NEWS

Best ways to handle coyote sightings

Coyotes can be found everywhere – forests, fields, farmlands, backyards, neighborhoods and cities.

Resourceful members of the dog family, coyotes have used human development to their advantage.

"Coyotes have learned how to survive in urban landscapes, even near people. They take advantage of abundant natural foods that can often be found in urban and suburban areas," said Hannah Schauer, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife technician. "Because they are highly adaptable, coyotes have expanded their range throughout North America, and can be found in every county in Michigan."

A coyote may start getting comfortable in these places, particularly if there are food sources available and there is nothing threatening about the experience.

"As humans, we play a role in re-

ducing potential conflicts with wild animals, including coyotes," Schauer said.

Removing food sources such as trash bins, bird feeders and pet food, and fencing off gardens and fruit trees, may make an area less appealing to a coyote because it is harder to find an easy meal.

"Yelling, clapping and chasing off a coyote will let it know that it is not welcome in a person's territory and help it retain its natural fear of humans," Schauer said. "A coyote is not going to want to hang around an area where food is hard to find and people are always threatening it."

There are various removal options available to landowners or residents who may be experiencing problems with coyotes.

When removal of food and attempts at scaring a coyote from an area have not made the coyote more wary of hu-

mans, a person may wish to hire a specially permitted nuisance control company to assist in the safe removal of problem animals in urban or residential areas.

For landowners in an area where hunting or trapping activities are allowed, coyotes may be taken all year on private property by a property owner or designee, when they are doing or about to do damage to private property. A license or written permit is not needed.

Coyote hunting and trapping seasons are available statewide. Coyote hunting is open year-round, and Michigan residents need only a valid base license to hunt for them.

To learn more about coyote hunting and trapping seasons and regulations in Michigan, please see the current DNR Hunting and Trapping Digest.

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