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Save a Lot Grocery Store coming to Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - Developer Glen Catt is on the prowl again and planning yet another project to bring new life to a vacant and dilapidated property in the Boyne City area.

Catt, whose company Catt Development is credited for several projects that have significantly revitalized parts of downtown Boyne City in recent years, is now taking aim at two vacant buildings on properties just south of the city where he recently announced plans for a \$1.5 million project to build a Save-A-Lot grocery store.

The two adjacent properties Catt recently purchased and where he intends to build the new 16,000- square-foot grocery store are situated on a nearly two acre parcel of land along the south side of M-75 just outside of Boyne City in Wilson Township.

Two existing buildings on the properties, both of which have been vacant for some time and which Catt said he plans to demolish, formerly housed the Challenge Mountain Resale Shop and Shaggy's Copper Country Skis shop. Both businesses have since relocated in the Boyne City area.

Catt said since a part of the prop-

erty was once used as an auto repair shop and has an underground hydraulic fluid storage tank and soil that's been contaminated by hydraulic fluids, he anticipates funding for the required cleanup and a significant portion of the estimated \$1.5 million project can be obtained by applying for grants and loans through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Program.

If all goes according to plan, once the project is complete, Catt said Boyne City's new Save-A-Lot grocery store will offer jobs to about 30 em-

ployees. He said it will be owned and operated by his cousins, Tim, Tom and Paul Freeman under the umbrella of their company, Freeman Enterprises, which currently owns and operates 25 Save-A-Lot grocery stores in the state of Michigan.

Pending approval of his Brownfield proposal and application by the state officials and site plan approval from officials in Wilson Township, Catt said he hopes to break ground for the new Save-A-Lot store this May with target opening date sometime in November.

Ramblers Battle at Regional Tournament



Eric Carson (21) of Boyne City, pulls in a rebound before starting a fast break against Whittemore-Prescott. The Ramblers would go on to a 53-33 victory and a spot in the Regional title Game March 15 against Manton (Results were not available at press time). For more tournament coverage look inside this week's sports section. (PHOTO BY BEN MURPHY)



The Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) has received an \$18,500 grant from the Northwest Michigan Health Department for trail building at Avalanche in Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO

Health Department Grant assists phase two trail building at Avalanche

The Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) has received an \$18,500 grant from the Northwest Michigan Health Department for trail building at Avalanche in Boyne City. The Health Department's Building Healthy Communities Greenspace Improvement Projects to Increase Physical Activity program seeks to increase physical activity in Northwest Michigan communities. The grant was awarded on the basis of improved physical activity, infrastructure improvement and encouraging new participants to use the greenspace.

Last fall, professional trail-builders Dirt Artisans completed Phase One of 9.7 miles of well-designed, sustainable multi-use trails being developed at Avalanche. They will return in June for Phase Two and complete the overall project before the end of July. The work will have very minimal impact on the use of other trails or park resources.

Improving Parks and Recreation was adopted by the Boyne City City Commission in 2016 as one of Boyne City's top three goals. In addition Boyne City's Main Street Program at its February meeting named Outdoor Recreation as its number one community priority for 2017. Trail development at Avalanche brings additional recreational and economic vitality to the region with the development of Avalanche and other area trails making Boyne City a year-round destination for bikers, hikers and cross-country skiers of all ages and abilities. The community has come together in fundraising with over \$200,000 in donations, including a successful \$50,000 Patronsity crowd-funding campaign in 2016 supported by the Michigan

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2nd Annual Energize, Engage, Enhance in East Jordan

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Committee will be hosting the 2nd Annual Energize, Engage, Enhance East Jordan (E-Cubed) Community event on Wednesday, March 22 from 5:30 to 8pm at the East Jordan Community Auditorium. The evening event will include a free community picnic from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the East Jordan Middle/High School cafeteria sponsored by the participating clubs, organizations and event boards.

At 6:30pm, Dr. Gretchen Carroll, North Central Michigan College Associate Dean of Business, Manufac-



turing and Technology and Principal of Leadership, LTD will address the

community members about fostering a positive community self-image. After the presentation, an expo will allow attendees to meet area community service clubs, organizations and festival boards that will be offering information on their respective organizations.

The CEC Committee hopes to fill the auditorium with community members and help bolster the growing community positive energy. For more information please contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

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| MAR 20 | 21° | 43° | -7° (1986) | 60° (1976) |
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| MAR 22 | 22° | 44° | -11° (1989) | 63° (1987) |
| MAR 23 | 22° | 44° | -5° (1960) | 67° (2000) |

OBITUARIES

Frank Daniel Veraldi, 67

(AUG. 12, 1949 - MARCH 13, 2017)

Frank Daniel Veraldi of Petoskey died March 13, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan.



Frank was born August 12, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Frank and Inez (Cantolini) Veraldi. He grew up in Detroit and attended school at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a Business Degree.

Frank worked as a department manager for Ford Motor Company, a management consultant, and later as a car salesman.

Frank moved to the Petoskey area in 2004. On September 17, 2005, he married the love of his life, Karen Robinson.

He loved Detroit Tigers Baseball and enjoyed cooking. He was extremely involved in the local Alcoholics Anonymous and recently celebrated his 13th year sober.

Frank is survived by his wife, Karen Veraldi of Petoskey; beloved mother, Inez Veraldi; step daughters, Krystal (Shawn) Winterbarnes of Petoskey and Jessica Winter of New Port News, Virginia; the light of his life, granddaughter, Aniyah Winterbarnes; grandson, Bowen Eichelberger; siblings, John Veraldi of Shelby Township, Jim (Carolann) Veraldi of Mor-

ristown, New Jersey, and Ann Marie (Jim) McAuliffe of Troy; aunt, Anita "Neets" Cantaline; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank; and brother, Robert Veraldi.

There will be a memorial service at Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey, MI, Saturday, March 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. with a visitation starting at noon. A private family service to be held at a later date downstate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Harbor Hall or directly to the family.

James A Kujawa, II, 49

(MARCH 25, 1967 - MARCH 14, 2017)

James A Kujawa, II, age 49 of Boyne City passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

James was born on March 25, 1967 in Warren, MI the son of James and Patricia (Kondrat) Kujawa. On May 21st, 1993 he married Jean Palmer in Clinton Township, MI. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors looking for morel mushrooms and deer hunting. James liked to read and watching the Detroit Tigers, his greatest love was spending time with his wife and son.

James is survived by his wife Jean; son Jeremy; sister Kim (Randy) Pedigo; nieces Shelby and Raegen; great niece Emery and god-mother Anna Goodman. He is preceded in death by his par-

ents. A gathering of family and friends will be held 3:00 to 7:00 PM Sunday, March 19th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

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

Patrick A Topolinski, 74

(JAN. 5, 1943 - MARCH 8, 2017)

Patrick A. Topolinski of Boyne City died March 8, 2017 at Bronson Hospital in Battle Creek, MI.

Patrick was born on January 5, 1943 in Petoskey, the son of Edward and Mary (Carson) Topolinski and was raised on his family's farm in Boyne City. He graduated from Boyne Falls High School with the class of 1960. After high school, he joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany where he served two years. Following the Army, Patrick was employed at General Motors in Flint, MI.

On August 10, 1968, Patrick married Gwendolyn Middleton and together they made their home in Boyne City. Over the years, Patrick worked for Boyne Falls Log Homes, various heating cooling contractors and finally working and retiring from the maintenance department at Honeywell. After retirement, he liked to keep busy helping his friends at Matelski Lumber in Boyne Falls.

Patrick was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, St. Augustine Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. For the Knights of Columbus, he organized a truck raffle for numerous years and helped out on

many pancake breakfasts. Patrick was also a supporter of the Boyne Falls Polish Festival where he was very involved with the horse pull.

Patrick enjoyed being in his garage and hunting and fishing with friends. He made many trips to the UP. He also had good times with his grandchildren, from decorating bikes for parades to watching their sporting events. In recent years, he spent time with his family and traveled to the NHRA championship in Indianapolis, to North Carolina for his son's wedding, and visited Graceland in Memphis, TN. He will be greatly missed.

Patrick is survived by his two children; Lisa (Topolinski) and Roger Froehlich and Patrick and Kelly (Wade) Topolinski, 2 grandchildren, Chandler and Zoe Froehlich, a sister Carole (Topolinski) Fraser, brother William (Mary) Topolinski and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gwen, parents Edward and Mary and brother Warren.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday, March 11th in the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. Burial will take place in the spring at the St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Janice C Smith, 74

(APRIL 1, 1942 - MARCH 7, 2017)

Janice Clare Smith, 74 of Charlevoix, died peacefully, Tues. Mar. 7, 2017 at Hiland Cottages in Petoskey.



She was born April 1, 1942 in Detroit, the daughter of Milo W. and Clarice E. (McClure) Smith. After graduating from Cooley High School she went on to earn her bachelor degree in education from Wayne State Uni-

versity. She taught for 15 years at Angel School in Detroit before falling ill. Growing up Janice was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Currently, Janice was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix and in her younger years she enjoyed teaching Sunday school there. She also enjoyed watching the birds, gardening, and flowers. Although she couldn't partake in the planting she loved what bloomed.

Surviving Janice is her beloved sister Lillian Reetz, nephews Stephen (Kristine) Reetz, David (Heather) Reetz, niece Krista (Bill) Thorburn, and 6 great nieces and nephews; all of Minnesota. Preceding her in death are her parents, her stepmother Bertha, and her brother in law Frederick.

Interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery, next to her parents in the spring. Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Juvenile Diabetes, JDRF, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Hugh K. Hersha, Sr, 79

(FEB. 27, 1938 - MARCH 7, 2017)

Hugh K. Hersha, Sr. of East Jordan passed away on March 7, 2017, surrounded by the family he loved.



He was born on February 27, 1938, in Ellsworth, the son of Frank and Jessie (Kinser) Hersha. Hugh served in the United

States Navy in the 1950s. On September 17, 1960, in Central Lake, he married Elaine J. LaVanway.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elaine; four sons, Hugh Jr, Frank (Julie), Mac and Jim (Nancy); nine grandchildren, Nicolas, Brittney (Zach), Jesse, Kari (Bryan), Kevin (Brandy), Kyle, Amber (Mark), Kiersten, and Mariah; and six great-grandchildren, Calin, Marek, Kailer, Riyah, Macbeth, and Christopher. Also surviving Hugh are two brothers, Elra and Ray; five sisters, Virginia, Fawn, Beverly, Darlene and Lorraine; and many nieces and nephews.

Hugh was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey, and sisters, Donna, Frankie, Loretta Jean, and Alberta.

Next to his family, Hugh's great love was hunting and fishing. He spent many hours in the woods and on the lake passing that love along to his sons and grandchildren. In addition to his family, sharing that love of the woods were many special hunting companions including his longtime friends, Tom and Jeff Bergman. Many special memories were made during their hunting trips, especially to Bear Camp in Canada and bobcat and coyote hunting in the winter. In his younger days, Hugh also loved racing cars and was successful winning his fair share of races at Northern Michigan Raceway.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Memorials may be directed to the Ellsworth Community Scholarship Fund, c/o Charlevoix County Community Foundation, PO Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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DAVE Says



(Get rid of the cards)

Dear Dave,
We're trying to get control of our finances, and my husband wants to close all our credit cards. I want to keep one and use the bill-pay option for monthly stuff like utilities, so we can keep earning rewards points. I look at my way as a method of just re-routing the money and paying it off each month. Am I wrong in looking at it like this?

Cheryl
Dear Cheryl,
Yes, you are. Life never goes as planned. You can have all the well-reasoned and best-intentioned ideas you want, but sooner or later something will go wrong.

Why not use a debit card that has a rewards system attached? Lots of debit card programs offer the same kinds of rewards programs that credit card companies do, with one big exception — you don't have to go into debt!

Studies have shown that the vast majority of people never redeem their credit card airline miles. Other studies show that people spend more when using credit cards as opposed to cash. That extra money you spend on things you don't need is money you could have been saving and investing.
So, where's the reward?
—Dave

(Collections and creditors question)

Dear Dave,
We were very late on one of our credit card bills, and now it has been turned over to a collection agency. The collection company has offered us three or four different payment options. Does the original creditor accept the agreement, too, if we accept one of the collection agency's options?

Anonymous
Dear Anonymous,
In most situations of this type, the collection agency owns the debt outright or they're directly representing the original creditor. It's pretty much standard operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.

My advice would be to accept the deal they've offered that makes the most sense for you and your current financial situation. It'll ding your credit report, and show a settlement on the defaulted credit card, but that's not the end of the world. There's already a mark against you for it being turned over to collections.

If you want to keep things like this from happening in the future, you need to get control of your finances. Stop playing with credit cards!

—Dave
Dave Says

(Fighting fear)

Dear Dave,
After listening to your show, I want to try to get control of my finances, but I'm afraid to open up the bills. I make about \$60,000 a year, but it's a real struggle just

to keep my head above water financially. My checking account is always overdrawn, and I don't know where to start in catching up. Can you help?

Gail
Dear Gail,
Trust me, I know it can be scary. But the easiest way to attack this thing is by taking one slow, sure step at a time. Try not to let worry consume you in the process, either.

First, sit down, take a deep breath, and open all the unopened bills. Throw away any duplicates, and keep only the most recent statements and notices. The unknown is always scarier than the known, so facing the bills and cutting that stack in half right off the bat will help reduce a lot of your initial anxiety. Next, let's start a debt snowball. List all the debts you owe, from smallest to largest, making one column for the payoff balance, one column for the amount you need to get current on that debt, and one column for the single payment amount when you get current. Total each column — the payoff balance, the amount to get current, and the single payment. I promise it won't be as bad as you think.

Finally, make a monthly budget. Prioritize your needs, starting with food, utilities, house payments and transportation. When it comes to your debts, pay as much as you can on the smallest one while making minimum payments on all the others.

You can do this, Gail. If you'll follow my plan, I think you'll see improvement in several areas of your life and you'll feel good about the progress you're making, too!

—Dave

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A day of good luck & good fortune

By Jim Akans

St. Patrick's Day brings out a bit of the green in nearly everyone. Four leaf clovers (originally three leaf) and a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow inspire visions of leprechauns clad in green attire and pocketbooks overflowing with greenbacks, and a jolly limerick or two brings smiles, good cheer and temporary retreat from life's routines.

While a patron saint of Ireland, the hero of St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick himself, was actually born Maewyn Succat, the son of a wealthy landowner, in Britain somewhere around 385 AD. He was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland during his impressionable

mid-teens, and spent several years in slavery herding sheep.

Maewyn returned to Ireland when he was in his 30's and became a bishop, adopting the Latin name Patricius, later shortened to Patrick. St. Patrick is said to have used the three-leafed clover, or shamrock, to symbolize the concept of the holy trinity in his ministry. St. Patrick is believed to have passed away on March 17th in the year 461 AD, and thus it is on the occasion of his death that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year.

Three-leaf shamrocks from St. Patrick's times evolved into the lucky four-leaf clover variety much sought after today. They are a symbol of good luck and good fortune

that according to some estimates can be found only once among 10,000 of the regular three-leaf brand that choke the grass in many a lawn.

The image of the precious shamrock was widely popularized to baby boomers in America by "Lucky the Leprechaun," who first appeared on children's cereal boxes back in 1963. Children pursued Lucky who lamented they were "always after me Lucky Charms," a sugar and grain version of his pot of gold; consisting of "magically delicious" stars, moons, hearts and especially hard to find green clovers, or shamrocks

Now there never was an actual "Shamrock Plant," it is a word with roots in the Irish "seamrog" which

means "little clover." Clover there is plenty of, with hundreds of varieties, though the true "Irish Shamrock" as identified by Nathaniel Colgan in the late 1800's, is the Trifolium repens, a creeping White Clover.

A white shamrock?

Well no, the flower is white, but the familiar leaf is as green as the Emerald Isle itself. This particular species was held in high esteem by the early Celts of Wales, and represented a charm against evil spirits. This valued teaching tool for St. Patrick became a good luck symbol to the Irish.

The color blue also has a place in St. Patrick's lore. According to legend, St. Patrick preferred blue as

the color of his vestments. Green actually didn't become associated with St. Patrick's Day until the 19th century. In early Ireland, green was the imagined color of fairies and immortals, and was used by farmers to encourage crops to grow.

Today, green is everywhere on St. Patrick's Day. We have green beer, green hair, green water in the Chicago River, green clothing worn somewhere to keep from getting pinched, and of course, green shamrocks.

So grab some green and enjoy the luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day. As one popular Irish toast proclaims: 'may the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.'

Boyerne City Commission Election Deadline

This year, the Boyerne City Commission terms for Ron Grunch, Gene Towne and Laura Sansom expire. Therefore, there will be three City Commissioner seats up for election on November 7, 2017, all of which are four year terms expiring in 2021.

The deadline for submitting nominating petitions to the City Clerk is by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. For more information or petition forms, please contact the City Clerk's office at 231-582-6597 or email cgrice@boynecity.com

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Avalanche is part of the City of Boyerne City parks system and is located on its south side. It is a vital community asset, used by residents and visitors alike for a wide variety of outdoor recreational uses. The existing trail system had become eroded and was in need of improvement. The new trails developed over the two project phases are designed to meet the needs of a wide range of riders, from beginner to expert, to be environmentally friendly and help ensure they will remain a high quality community resource for many years to come.

The newest trails at Avalanche will be completed in time for the first-ever Michigan Mountain Bike Festival, being held in Boyerne August 25-27, 2017. The event will bring to Boyerne hundreds of mountain bikers and their families from throughout the Midwest. Three days of presentations, skill clinics, rides, concerts and demonstrations will showcase the outdoor recreation assets and trails that Boyerne offers. More information on the festival is available at www.mmfa.org.

For more information contact Michael Cain, Boyerne City Manager, at (231) 582-0377 or mcain@boynecity.com.

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The wisdom of the Irish

Compiled by Jim Akans

May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.

"There is only one thing worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about." - Oscar Wilde

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.

Here's to a long life and a merry one
A quick death and an easy one
A pretty girl and an honest one
A cold beer and another one!

May you live as long as you want
And never want as long as you live

Dance as if no one were watching,

Sing as if no one were listening, And live every day as if it were your last
"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."
-Oscar Wilde

May your glass be ever full
May the roof over your head be always strong
And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.—Irish prayer

"A life making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing at all." - George Bernard Shaw
May the wind at your back not be the result of the corned beef and cabbage you had for lunch.

Here's to a long life and a merry one. A quick death and an easy one. A pretty girl and an honest one. A cold pint and another one!

Spring officially arrives Monday

By Jim Akans

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush." Doug Larson

While Mother Nature doesn't always show her hand here in the north, the vernal equinox that will take place on Monday, March 20 at 6:29am officially marks the start of the spring season in the Northern Hemisphere. While that seemed a bit more plausible a few weeks ago when high temperatures flirted with the 70 degrees, this milestone event on the calendar provides reassurance that warmer days are soon to return.

The vernal equinox (Latin for "spring" and "equal night") marks the time when the sun is directly over the equator - making the length of daylight and darkness pretty much equal. As the calendar days move forward, the amount of daylight here in the north will be increasing (until the summer solstice in June), bringing much welcome warmth, melting snows and budding trees and flowers.

High temperatures typically run in the 50-degree range in April and 60's in May here in the north, but we all know wet snow and ice lurk beyond the horizon throughout the spring season. Keep those snow shovels, winter coats and ice scrapers handy for a while; springtime weather in Michigan changes every



As we cross the vernal equinox the days grow longer and ice and snows are melting. Welcome back spring! PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

day. The Farmer's Almanac is calling for a cold, wet start to spring (on target so far) followed by slightly above normal temperatures and below average precipitation for the upper Midwest during April and May. Good news; the Almanac says

the end of spring will be predominantly sunny and mild. Take heart that according to the cosmos, spring has sprung. As we cross the vernal equinox be assured that each drop of ice melting and falling from the roof eaves or puddles growing beneath each

shrinking snow pile is a sign of nature's increasing warmth. Welcome back spring!
"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." Mark Twain

"Live From Charlevoix!" hosts Younce Guitar Duo Mar. 25

"Live From Charlevoix!" will host the Younce Guitar Duo on Saturday, March 25 at 8pm at The Charlevoix Cinema III on Antrim Street in downtown Charlevoix. The Live From Charlevoix Venue has been quite successful in its first year of bringing live entertainment including magicians, comedians and musicians to downtown Charlevoix during the shoulder season and winter months.

Live From Charlevoix was the brainchild of Tim Fore who collaborated with Mary and Luther Kurtz about using one of the theaters for live entertainment during the winter months. They loved the idea, so lights were installed and a stage was built and Live From Charlevoix opened with three comedians in November.

The Younce Guitar Duo is a very tal-

ented father and son duo from the Traverse City area who play contemporary classical music, Spanish and so much more.

"They are an amazing act to see. I've never seen anything like them in Northern Michigan," according to Maureen Owens, co-chair of the Live From Charlevoix committee.

Tickets are available at www.livefrom-charlevoix.com. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. There is a full cash bar, theater concessions, and complimentary appetizers furnished this month by East Park Tavern. The box office opens at 5 pm. So people can reserve their seats, have something to eat or shop at local stores. Tickets include discounts at stores and restaurants.

Boyerne District Library adds devices for patron Internet access

Boyerne District Library has added five more hotspot devices for patrons Internet access, which is free and unlimited. Boyerne District Library is committed to providing up-to-date devices, technology, and training to their patrons. As part of this initiative, BDL purchased five Franklin Hotspot devices which can be used throughout the Boyerne area to access Wi-Fi by patron users.

"We started with five devices this July, and have consistently had a waiting list of 5-10 patrons each week," said Cliff Carey, BDL Executive Director. "With the addition of five more

devices, we hope to reduce the waiting time for the hotspots."

Hotspots are available to BDL cardholders, 18 years old and older. The checkout period is one week. Up to five devices (laptops, phones, tablets) may use the Wi-Fi at the same time. Data is unlimited. Hotspots were acquired through a program with TechSoup and the Sprint Network.

For more information about hotspots and/or BDL technology classes, please contact Cindi Place, Reference & Technology Librarian, placec@boyerne.k12.mi.us, or check out our website: www.boyernebdlibrary.org.

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Spring Actors Workshop at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts



Ruth Willis, Armchair Theatre Director. COURTESY PHOTO

Ruth Willis, founder and director of Armchair Theatre at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, will be leading a free, four-part Actors Workshop starting Sunday, April 2, from 6-8:30pm. Classes will continue the following Sunday, April 9 and again on April 23 and 30. The workshop is designed for those with recreational or professional goals – ages 15 and up. Exercises cover voice, movement, imagination, scripted scene study, stage terms and a bit of theatre history. Get off to a good start or expand the acting range and presentation skills you already have. Willis has taught beginning through advanced acting for 14 years at Point Park University and the Open Stage Theatre in Pittsburgh, PA. She was an instructor at the Contemporary

Art Museum and the Jewish Community Center in Houston, TX. She also created and headed the Experimental Wing at the Country Playhouse in Houston. Ruth has awards for acting and directing as well as lifetime achievement in her theatre career. Her directing credits include “The Diaries of Adam and Eve,” “Charles Ives, Take Me Home,” “The Gin Game” and “The Good Doctor,” at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554 or go online to: www.charlevoixcircle.com.

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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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| Round Lake Gallery | Indo China Gardens |
| Charlevoix Foot Clinic | Boyne Country Provisions |
| Deer Creek Junkyard | CREATE Community Arts Studio |
| Murray's Body Shop | Boyne District Library |
| The Barn | Roberts EZ Dock & Lift |
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| Round Lake Group | East Jordan Marina |
| Charlevoix Tap Room | Freshwater Studio |

To be included on this caricature map, or for more information, call Karen at **231-675-2459** before March 17, 2017

Come Tango with GLCO Sunday Series Recital



Enjoy a stirring music performance by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at 4pm on Sunday afternoon, March 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs As a special treat, Libor Ondras, GLCO Music Director (shown here) and his son will play a variety of string instruments in several of the featured pieces. COURTESY PHOTO

Spring is around the corner and with it . . . romance. What better music to welcome the season than a tango! Whether it's a minuet, a "czarda" or a tango, you'll fall in love with the stirring music performed by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at the March 26 Sunday Series concert. As a special treat, Libor Ondras, GLCO Music Director and his son will play a variety of string instruments in several of the featured pieces. Brian Morris will join them on guitar and Robert Pattengale will augment the musical texture with piano and harpsichord. The March 26th program includes:

- Prelude from Partita No. 3 for Solo Violin J. S. Bach
- Sonata de Chiesa for Violin, Cello and Basso Continuo Tomaso Albinoni
- Rondo a l'Ongarese from the Trio #39 Joseph Haydn
- Bordel, Café, and Nightclub for Violin and Guitar Astor Piazzolla
- Arpeggione Sonata for Viola and Guitar Franz Schubert
- Scenes de la Czarda Jenő Hubay

Libor Ondras has been Music Director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra since 2014. He studied at the Moscow Conservatory, the Academy of Music Arts in Prague and at the University of Houston, Texas. Maxwell Ondras, a middle school student, has been studying the cello for several years and will accompany his dad in the Albinoni and Haydn pieces. Pattengale was chair of the Music Department at Minnesota State University for 17 years and harpsichordist with the Fargo-Moorehead Symphony for over 20 years.

He is co-founder of the orchestra, and has been a key musician with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra since its inception in 2001. Brian Morris, guitarist, will perform in the Piazzolla, Schubert and Hubay pieces. Brian has twice been director of the Mid-America Guitar Ensemble Festivals and has been a member of the Grand Rapids Community College Music Faculty. The program is shaping up to be a memorable performance and a rousing tribute to spring, dance and romance! Join us for the performance at 4pm Sunday afternoon, March 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs, 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs. For more information, and for complete program notes please go to www.glcorchestra.org or contact Anne McDevitt at 231.487-0010.

EJ Lions Club Mother of the Year nominations

The East Jordan Lions Club is seeking nominations for the 2017 East Jordan Mother of the Year award. Nominations should be submitted with a brief, 200 words or less, summary of why the individual is worthy of this honor. Nominations

submitted in 2016 will be considered for the 2017 award. The deadline for Mother of the Year nominations is Friday, April 14. Nominations should be mailed to East Jordan Lions Club, PO Box 845, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The club will host the annual Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6pm on Saturday May 13 at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Bob Noll at 582-2295.

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“Get your gear on” at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years.

The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Christine Klatt states, “While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that

we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment.”

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women’s, children’s and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical

protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers...the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. Currently, they are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 7 pm. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.



Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, high quality, military grade items are available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods. PHOTO BY DAN KLATT.

Collin Randal to serve as VP of State of Michigan FFA



Congratulations to Collin Randall who was elected to serve as a Vice President to the State of Michigan FFA where he will be representing region six (Northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.) This is a great honor for Collin and the ECS FFA chapter. The process for being selected was highly competitive and Collin’s selection is representative of the time and commitment that he and the other members put into FFA. Collin will be attending

Michigan State University in the fall. His commitments as Vice President will require him to travel throughout the state and the region visiting other chapters, as well as organizing leadership events and the State of Michigan FFA convention in the Spring of 2018. For more information on this program or Ellsworth Community School in general please contact Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney at 231.588.2544 or agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us. COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix City Marina and East Park to have improved Wi-Fi

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - Those who enjoy or rely upon use of the internet while hanging out in the city’s East Park or sailing in and out of the Charlevoix City Marina will be able to do so with greater ease this summer when improved service and free Wi-Fi become available in those areas this summer.

The Charlevoix City Council voted at its meeting this month to give city manager

Mark Heydlauff the go-ahead to move forward with paperwork facilitating a \$19,499 quote with Aspen Wireless Technologies and contracts with Merit Network and Charlevoix County in an effort that will bring free and improved wireless internet connection to East Park and the city’s marina.

Heydlauff said the move comes partly in response to demands from “the boating public” who have complained about the quality

and availability of wireless internet service at the city’s marina in recent years.

Those complaints stemmed largely from the fact that the service the city up until now has been relying upon a service with bandwidth that limited available data to the marina as well as hardware that proved especially problematic for boaters downloading that data.

Heydlauff said the new system upgrade will also

pave the way to further the city’s long-term goal of expanding its internet network and providing free Wi-Fi service to eventually cover the entire downtown area as well as additional city parks.

He said the improved internet service and free Wi-Fi is expected to be available throughout East Park and at the Charlevoix City Marina by this summer.

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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.

BOYNE CITY

AAU BASKETBALL PARALLEL 45 TRYOUTS

March 16, 7 to 9pm, Boyne City Middle School. Tryouts for Parallel 45's 16U and 17U teams (current 10th- and 11th-graders). 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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM FESTIVAL

March 17, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library Community Room. "Brooklyn." The film tells the profoundly moving story of Ellis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Ellis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. Rated PG13. Free admission, refreshments available for a small donation.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

SCOVIE'S GOURMET FUNDRAISING EVENT

March 18, 6pm, Scovie's Gourmet. Join us for Dinner and a Movie (The Doctor, starring William Hurt) for just \$25 per person. Proceeds go to Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Seating is limited, please RSVP, 231.237.7827, scovies.com or hospicenwm.org

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

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

BC HIGH SCHOOL HOSPITALITY PASTA NIGHT

March 22, 4:30-7pm, Hospitality Classroom, downtown Boyne City across from the library. The Boyne City High School Hospitality Class will present their annual Hospitality Pasta Night. The student chefs will be making homemade pastas and awesome sauces along with fresh-baked breads. Dinner will include salad, assorted pasta and sauces, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will go towards the students' end of the

year trip to Mackinaw. The dinner will be in the Hospitality Classroom, downtown Boyne City across from the library. Suggested donation is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 for ages 6 to 10, and no charge for ages under 5. For reservations, call 231-439-8153 or email dacrissman@boyne.k12.mi.us.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

"LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX!" PRESENTS YOUNCE GUITAR DUO

March 25, 8pm, Charlevoix Cinema III. The Younce Guitar Duo is a very talented father and son duo from the Traverse City area who play contemporary classical music, Spanish and so much more. Tickets are available at www.livefromcharlevoix.com. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. There is a full cash bar, theater concessions, and complimentary appetizers furnished this month by East Park Tavern. The box office opens at 5 pm.

EAST JORDAN

MAPLE SUGARING OPEN HOUSE

March 25, 10am-2pm, Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center. FREE. This an-

nual 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.

HARBOR SPRINGS

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

March 26, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church. Music Director Libor Ondras will be performing on the viola. Enjoy "Let's Tango!" with Robert Pattengale on harpsichord, Brian Morris on guitar and Maxwell Ondras on cello. Music ensembles include Piazzolla, Schubert, Albinoni, Haydn and more. A free will donation will be taken at the door. For more information contact GLCO office (231) 487-0010.

EAST JORDAN

EASTER FUN & GAMES

April 15, 10am-noon, East Jordan High School Gymnasium. Prizes, candy, and games. Two bikes given away/ Easter bunny will be there. Hosted by the East Jordan Lion's Club.

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.

BOYNE CITY

CITY ELECTION

This year, the City Commission terms for Ron Grunch, Gene Towne and Laura Sansom expire. Therefore, there will be three City Commissioner seats up for election on November 7, 2018, all of which are four-year terms expiring in 2021. The deadline for submitting nominating petitions to the City Clerk is by 4pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. For more information or petition forms, please contact the City Clerk's office at 231-582-6597 or email cgrice@boynecity.com

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.

CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Country Club is devastated to announce the closing of Charlevoix Fitness 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

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 stu-



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 Levrenz 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

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| Thursday, March 16 FOOT CLINIC 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling | Friday, March 17 ST PATTY'S DAY PARTY! PRIZES! 11:30am-12:30pm OJ Adkins Raffle Alternative | Monday, March 20 Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub | Tuesday, March 21 Wii Bowl: East Jordan @ BASC Lunch & Bowl Mexican Train | Wednesday, March 22 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games | Thursday, March 23 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowl: BASC @ CVX Lunch & Bowl |
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, March 16 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice | Friday, March 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY 9:30am Craft Class | Monday, March 20 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study | Tuesday, March 21 FOOT CLINIC 9am-1pm Tax Assistance 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong | Wednesday, March 22 1pm Bingo | Thursday, March 23 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong Wii Bowling w/Boyne City in Chx |
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, March 16 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics | Friday, March 17 ST. PATTY'S PARTY! 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something! WEAR GREEN! | Monday, March 20 8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F 10am Daily Devotions 12:30pm Wii Bowling Rummikub | Tuesday, March 21 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 10:30am Crafts 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker | Wednesday, March 22 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Texas Hold-Em BURNNETTE: TRIP | Thursday, March 23 Foot Clinic 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics |
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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| Thursday, March 16 SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE | Friday, March 17 CORNEBEEF & TRIMMINGS | Monday, March 20 BREAKFAST | Tuesday, March 21 HOT CHICKEN SANDWICH | Wednesday, March 22 PORK | Thursday, March 23 BEEF CHILI |
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dents 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. Boys State and Girls State delegates who are descendants of wartime service veterans are eligible to compete for \$1,000 or \$20,000 Samsung Scholarships. Due by May 26, 2017. Contact Boyne American Legion Post, (231) 330-4990 or adjutant@boynelegionpost228.org for information.

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- 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. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Tech Café every Wednesday at 10am. Bring in your devices and tech questions and we can help.

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm on March 27th. This month's book is When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER COMMUNITY PLAYGROUPS

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-aged siblings are offered free. Playgroups help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. Playgroups are held: 9-10:30am on Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan and 9:30-11am on Thursdays at Boyne District Library, Boyne City. Call (231) 347-0067 or visit wrncm.org for more information.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling is available in Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency's Traverse City, Petoskey, and Cadillac offices. Homeowners can find out how to avoid foreclosure and the different foreclosure programs that are available. NMCAA, a certified HUD and MSHDA Housing Counseling Agency, will also educate homeowners about the foreclosure process and counsel families on budgeting for their personal financial situation. Homeowners do not have to be within the actual foreclosure process to access these services – many are available to assist before a crisis actually occurs to keep the clients out of the foreclosure process altogether. For details or more information please call (231) 947-3780 or (800) 632-7334. NMCAA's website is www.nmcaa.net.

RECOVERY 2017

To the Editor,

In a local groceteria entryway stands a tall box labeled "Donations of Non-Perishable Foods in Containers", followed by, "For Distribution to Homeless Students".

This gives pause to consider. This does not infer college students; this is for K-12 students, viz. kids. It's doubtful these kids are sleeping under bridges or in cardboard boxes, but they're likely sleeping on friends' couches or sympathetic surrogate mothers or grandmothers. This is small-town America, not the slums of Detroit or New York. In those big cities kids will often join gangs when other opportunities don't exist for relief from angst of dysfunctional family life.

The biography of W. C. Fields, the comedian, tells of his misadventures as a youth, leaving home at the impossible-sounding age of eleven. He slept around with friends until he figured how to survive on his own, which was never very well, but he was energetic and talented so found how to entertain people for coins. Life of course was super cheap back then, measured in pennies, nickels and dimes as opposed to stacks of hundred dollar bills and million dollar homes. Irving Berlin, the musical composer, had a similar story, becoming a street busker in New York for his start up the entertainment ladder. It's not impossible.

It's unlikely in small town America, though, that such success stories could happen. It's not widely known where these kids actually go day to night. Eating is managed by friends and school lunches, whatever Care Packages and Food Pantry facilities exist, the kindness of strangers as it were. They are more or less invisible even in the rural venue because they don't want to be seen. Authorities have rules about transients and "hanging out" and the like. We are aware of some locals who opt into causing some minor crime just to get inside a jail for "three hots and a cot" for the winter months.

This is no housing and working recovery; this is a continuance of the Great Recession of 2007-2008. This in fact is the tail-end of the comet that burst Donald Trump into the dubious limelight. The working class doesn't care that much about its wayward sons and daughters but they're included in that dissatisfaction in general, the sense that the government, big business and banking don't care about them. Truthfully they don't. Mitt Romney revealed that in his last bid for high office. He didn't even muster the decorum to regret his words for the reportorial crews. When Mitt said that some 46-47% of Americans don't pay taxes, and statistics tell that about the same percentage receive food assistance and roughly the same receive some sort of government assistance in general, we can hardly deny that the country is in perpetual recession, almost Depression depending who you talk to.

To extend this, it's no longer withheld that the country's infrastructure is in dire need of reconstruction, as evidenced by bridge collapses here and there and the summation that a D- rating is applied in general to all roads and bridges nationwide, one in so many being gauged as dangerous, again depending on who you talk to. The Detroit River Bridge to Canada is old now; the Mackinac Straits and bridge are threat-

ened by aging pipelines beneath it. Though none of this extraneous decay applies directly to our children, they are the recipients of the downgrading of American life.

That box in the grocery store more than tells the tale. This is like Buddha seeing a beggar for the first time after living in a palace. What can we do? Not much. Buy a few cans of tuna, some packaged goods, toiletries, whatever, drop them in that big box and hope they get used well. There are homes for wayward youth but they're usually related to criminal behavior, sort of halfway houses of rehabilitation in lieu of jail or reform school, foster homes or whatever.

It's true that kids are often their own worst enemies, anxiety being at its peak adrenaline in the adolescent through teen years. But this is unequivocally blatant to find a box proclaiming what most of us would rather ignore, that kids, school kids, are actually homeless now due to economic failure, family problems, legal matters, no doubt a kaleidoscope of related issues. Undoubtedly there are drug problems associated with this. I personally know of B&Es and home invasions for sole sake of drug money.

So what are we to do? Buy a few cans of tuna and a box of cornflakes, place them in the box. Gently, don't want to break those vistles or dent those cans. Care & Share agencies exist everywhere. It's a national pastime now, not unlike it was in the Great Depression.

Mitch MacKay, East Jordan

ANAGNORISIS

To the Editor,

ARISTOTLE MAINLY USED THIS WORD, though it's not known if he coined it because before him there were many Grecian philosophers. In general it means spreading the word, in ancient 5th century BC Athens largely word of mouth in open-air public places, city squares, the Acropolis etc. This deliverance of concepts has degenerated to university studies now in rhetorical format, as espoused most saliently by Robert Pirsig in his masterful book zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance. Aristotle even tutored Alexander the Great for a couple years at behest of his father Philip of Macedonia, a result being that Alexander left Athens as it was on his conquest of the known world. Alexander is said to have been a wild youth but Aristotle had a calming influence on the boy that apparently instilled some reverence for higher thinking and personal comportment.

Of course this technique has now been greatly eroded in political jargon to meaningless catechisms of catch phrases and slogans, "the American people" and so on. Once though this was a normal occupation for such as Socrates and Aristotle and others, discourse upon the mysteries of life, science, celestial bodies, time, space, eternity, liturgy and dramaturgy. Overlapping Rome's rise to prominence, Athens remained the capitol of philosophic thought for a couple centuries, the cradle of philosophy for our known timeline. Before that not enough research or archaeological investigation has been accomplished to know what transpired previously but for cuneiform and totem symbolism, incunabula – ancient writings and picture representations which some have at-

tempted to translate but the results remain unclear, inchoate.

In truth so much of our modern vocabulary stems from ancient Greece, namely Athens, that it would seem impossible for this modern world to exist without that heritage, though others relate to Sparta in police and military terms. We don't get any sense of Aristotle in Shakespeare's works but we do sense an elevation of wordplay perhaps emanating from those earlier times, and in fact some lip service to ethics in legal terms if not actual as evidenced by the US Constitution. Aristotle, Plato, Solon, Pythagoras, Socrates et al made thinkers of us even if we don't know it.

Looking back, though, in thought, it's incredulous that such refined yet scholastically impoverished and non-technical persons could envision as much as they did even if erroneously at bystanders. For that you have to go to concerts for whatever that's worth, the price of admission I suppose, too much for too little anymore. That arena virtually does no longer exist as it has in some past times. We live in an age of Andy Warhol Glorification of the Mundane. Soup cans.

The Lyceum of Aristotle has become the aisles of your supermarket, the stockboy the guide through the labyrinths, the cashier the ticket taker checkout girl ("How was everything? Did you find everything you were looking for?"), the pulp shock tabloids accosting shoppers as they ready their credit cards. Aristotle was more adept at astronomical calculations, ethics and philosophical considerations than stocking grocery shelves. True, that was still a relatively primitive society and yet mental acuity was far higher than the world today. Our computers are beyond us, we can't keep up. We have created a world in which we are incapable of living. GED high school diploma equivalents hardly equate to the philosophies of ancient Athens. They killed Socrates and that signaled the end of Grecian intellect but some was preserved to our benefit and gratefully so.

I might have gotten a PhD in philosophy but I opted out as did belatedly Robert Pirsig of the academic society in lieu of the natural society of humanity. Ancient Athenians had no such choices to make; they were forerunners, they made the rules. They were philosophy. Still are. Anagnorisis is the conveying of the word of thought to fellow mankind. It means contact, if there be anyone out there to make contact with. Sometimes you have to wonder but since Aristotle's been around for 2500 years there must be some continuity to all this. That which does not go away is here to stay. We must believe this or we are surely doomed.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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 St
 2335 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St.
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
 0930 Request for No Trespass

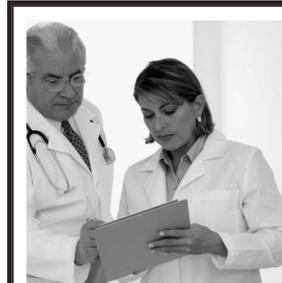
Order in the 800 block of Boyne Av 0947 No Trespass Order served in the 300 block of E Division St
 1011 Civil complaint in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1148 CSC reported on Nordic Dr
 1239 Report of vehicle being hit while parked in the 200 block of E Water St
 2201 Assist SANE with an ATL on Boyne City 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.
 1641 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 and Grant
 1503 Vehicle unlock in the 700 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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