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Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital adds Speech Language Pathology services

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital has announced the addition of Speech Language Pathology services in the East Jordan area. Patients are now able to be seen at Munson Healthcare Jordan Valley Rehab Center for speech-related issues including swallowing, voice disorders and cognitive impairments following head trauma or stroke.

Offering speech services to the East Jordan community is just one more way Munson Healthcare

Charlevoix Hospital is working hard to offer the highest quality of care available - convenient and close to home. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Munson Healthcare Jordan Valley Rehab Center at (231) 536-1451. The Center is located in the Main Street Center at 100 Main Street #9 in downtown East Jordan.

For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoixhospital.

Vote expected next week on Charlevoix Township fire department service for the city

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - The Charlevoix City Council could vote as soon as next week on whether to approve a contract being offered by Charlevoix Township officials that could bring more integrated fire coverage to city residents.

The Charlevoix Township board at its last meeting in March voted unanimously in favor of a plan to offer a fire protection contract to the city of

Charlevoix and also use the city's fire station as an official township sub-station.

The contract furthermore asserts that, if approved, the township fire department would also offer paid, on-call employment to qualified members of the city's fire department.

The proposed contract would be a five-year agreement costing the city just more than \$132,000. It also features an "escape" clause for both the

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Charlevoix Overnight Bridge Closings

Overnight US-31 bascule bridge closures in Charlevoix to begin March 27

As part of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) ongoing repair work on the US-31 bascule bridge in Charlevoix, 12 overnight closures will begin Monday, March 27.

The bridge will be locked in the up, or open, position during the closures, preventing any US-31 traffic from using the bridge. The closures, scheduled for 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly from March 27 to April 7 barring any unforeseen circumstances, will require an official detour of through-traffic via M-66, M-32, and US-131 through East Jordan, Boyne Falls, and Petoskey.



FILE PHOTO

"We know these closures will be an inconvenience to motorists, which is why we've worked with the City of Charlevoix, local employers, and local emergency services agency to schedule them at a time to minimize the impact," said MDOT Gaylord Transportation Service Center (TSC) Construction Engineer Ben Gowell.

"We're working with our contractor, Anlaan Corp., to give everyone as much notice as we can in advance of the detour."

The work is part of a \$1.9 million investment to repair the bridge sub-structure and steel, as well as upgrade the electrical and mechanical components. The project also includes replacing the traffic warning gates and the electrical switches needed to ensure the bridge operates smoothly and properly, reconstructing the bridge approaches, and painting the steel superstructure. Work began in early January, and is on schedule for completion by May 25.

Project map: <http://bit.ly/2mVdpcy>.

Planning commission approves affordable housing development in Boyne City

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - A developer who hopes to build more than 200 new housing units in Boyne City is moving one step closer to breaking ground on his proposed project.

The Boyne City Planning Commission at its meeting March 20 voted 5-3 in favor of advising the city commission to approve a conditional rezoning request submitted by Ted Macksey, a Boyne City developer, who wants to bring a mix of single family and multi-family residences to the city.

Macksey's request entailed re-zoning roughly 30-acres of land at 600 Jefferson Street from rural estate to multi-family classification so his planned project can include a wider variety of usage at a larger density.

He told the planning commission he intends to build a multi-family housing development on the site, mingling single family homes with townhomes, apartments or other multi-unit residences for a total of 212, a number scaled back from the 300 units that current zoning could have been permitted.

Macksey said he intends to complete the project in two phases, starting first by developing 20 acres and then completing the development on the remaining ten acres within the next ten years.

But the city planners' final nod to recommend approval of Macksey's conditional re-zoning request did not come without both concerns and kudos being voiced by local residents during what turned out to be a more than three hour-long commission meeting.

Some property owners in the vicinity of Macksey's planned development said they are opposed to the project, primarily over concerns that it might aggravate an existing groundwater and storm water drainage problem in the area.

However, Scott McPherson, the city's planning director, assured that Macksey has agreed to meet Charlevoix County's storm water requirements and must retain runoff on site or pay extra to the city to take the water into its system. He noted Macksey must furthermore adhere to numerous other zoning laws as they apply to his project.

Other residents told the commission they are worried the new development might adversely impact traffic flow and that some of the already deteriorating neighborhood streets won't be able to handle the additional wear and tear.

Macksey explained he has already procured a traffic study from an independent agency which indicated that the increased traffic flow incited by the development will easily be absorbed and routed through neighborhood streets.

While some expressed concerns about Macksey's project, others told the commission they were happy and relieved to finally see more affordable housing options coming to the area, which has long been a goal of city officials in this rapidly developing community.

The Boyne City Commission is expected to vote on whether to accept the city planning commission's recommendation to approve Macksey's conditional re-zoning request at its next meeting set for Tuesday, April 11 at temporary city hall on Lake Street.

April 25 deadline for filing to run for East Jordan city commission

By Michelle Medjesky

EAST JORDAN - With the mighty winds from last year's election cycle still yet to subside, it may seem hard to believe that it's already time to think about who to vote for again this coming November. But if you've ever considered affecting change in your own community by throwing your hat into the political ring and you live in the city of East Jordan-then now is the time to do it.

Four seats on East Jordan's city commission will be up for grabs in the November 2017 election and those interested in seeking to fill one of those seats have just less than a month left to file the paperwork to do so.

The city clerk's office will be accepting petitions from interested city commission candidates until 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Qualified candidates must submit their properly filled-out forms to the city clerk's office located at 201 Main Street before the deadline.

Of the four seats coming available, three are for four-year, full terms that will expire in 2021. Those seats are currently held by city commissioners Mark Penzien, Thomas Breakey and Russ Peck. The fourth seat opening is for a partial term that will expire in 2019 and is currently filled by Tracey Johnson, who was appointed to the commission in 2016.

The East Jordan City Charter has set forth a number of eligibility requirements that apply to anyone running for city commissioner, including that the candidate has been a registered and qualified elector in the city for "30 days immediately preceding the date of nomination and continuously thereafter."

Also: "A person shall not be eligible for election who is in default to the city."

Prospective candidates furthermore are required to file a nominating petition that has been signed by a minimum of 30 or up to 45 individuals who are also qualified electors in the city.

An affidavit of identity must also be submitted as

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snowfall

DATE	2015-16
3/21/2016	52.6
3/21/2016	74.5
3/21/2016	60.1
3/21/2016	80.7
3/21/2016	107.6
3/21/2016	121
3/21/2016	56.9
3/21/2016	107.4

DATE	2016-17
3/20/17	55.1
3/20/17	111.4
3/20/17	67.3
3/20/17	117.1
3/20/17	177
3/20/17	144
3/20/17	52.4
3/20/17	121.1

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 30	25°	47°	4° (1964)	71° (1986)
MAR 31	25°	48°	6° (1965)	73° (1999)
APR 1	25°	48°	6° (1964)	73° (1999)
APR 2	26°	48°	10° (1965)	77° (1963)
APR 3	26°	49°	7° (1965)	73° (1963)
APR 4	26°	49°	5° (1954)	71° (1981)
APR 5	27°	50°	0° (1972)	74° (2005)
APR 6	27°	50°	-7° (2003)	78° (1991)

OBITUARIES

Raymond John Skop, 85

(AUG. 23, 1931 - MARCH 24, 2017)

Raymond John Skop of Boyne Falls died March 24, 2017 in Petoskey.



Ray was born on August 23, 1931 in Boyne Falls, the son of John and Helen (Dzwik) Skop. The family moved from Boyne Falls to Detroit when he was in grade school. While in high school, Ray went to work for the Dodge Motor Company, first as an assembly worker and later drove the cars off the line. He graduated from Northeastern High School in Detroit in 1950. Shortly after high school, Ray enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country in Korea as a Corporal with the 5th Calvary Regiment. After his service, he played Minor League Baseball before returning to Boyne Falls and going to work as a construction contractor.

On February 11, 1956, Ray married his sweetheart, Reta Urman. Together, they raised three kids on the family farm and managed several local businesses including a hotel, restaurant and the Flaming Waters Gift Shop in Vanderbilt. His craft was construction and he never fully retired as his loyal customers, who became lifelong friends, kept him busy.

He was a member of the Boyne Valley Catholic Community, VFW, American Legion, and a Golden Eagle at the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His passions were his family, fishing, golf, picking mushrooms, playing cards, and traveling with his wife. Ray's greatest passion was his love of baseball and sharing it with his children and grandchildren. He traveled

far and wide to watch his favorite teams and family members play this beloved sport.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Reta; 3 children, Michael (Deanna) Skop of East Jordan, Diane Fiel of Boyne City, and John (Angie) Skop of East Jordan; 10 grandchildren, Kari Skop, Ashley Skop, Morgan Skop, Ryan (Sonja) Fiel, Rene Fiel, Roslyn Fiel, Reggie Fiel, Nathan (Lindsey) Skop, Stefanie Skop, and Jessica (Phil) Peterson; 7 great grandchildren, Kinley, Bristol, Laken, Mylee, Wyatt, Lilyana, Everly, Mason and Harper; 2 sisters, Ann Skop of Gaylord and Rita Hock of Venice, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and 6 sisters; Martha, Virginia, Sophie, Theresa, Felicia, and Angie.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City on Wednesday, March 29th at 11am. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday, March 28th from 4-7pm with the Rosary being recited at 7pm. Burial will be held at the St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Those wishing to honor Ray's memory are asked to make a donation to the Boyne City Little League or the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1583.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home.

Dawn Tillotson, 101

(NOV. 17, 1915 - MARCH 21, 2017)

Dawn Tillotson longtime resident of Walloon Lake passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Her family



remembered and celebrated her life during a memorial service at Walloon Lake Community Church Saturday, March 25; Pastor Jeff Ellis officiated.

Dawn was born November 17, 1915 in Lansing, the daughter of George and Martha Jeanette (Hazen) Grantham. She grew up in East Lansing, where she attended East Lansing High School. She went on to attend Michigan State University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in 1937, she went on to serve an internship in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On September 30, 1939, she married Kenneth W. Tillotson in East Lansing, Michigan. Dawn and Kenneth eventually made their home in Walloon Lake.

Dawn worked for Little Traverse Hospital as head of the Dietary Department, she also worked for Charlevoix Area Hospital, Beverly Manor, and for a time worked as cook for Melrose School. Dawn was a member of the American Dietician Association and the Michigan Dietician Association. She served as a hospice volunteer and in 1998 was awarded Hospice Volunteer of the Year for the area. She was an avid reader, she also enjoyed knitting, gardening, picking morels, exploring seasonal roads, riding motorcycles, photography, and travel. Her travels took her to Alaska and overseas to Israel. Dawn was an amazing person and a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. Her calm disposition, her moral character and tremendous perseverance were all an example to her family. She will be forever loved and dearly missed.

Dawn's surviving family include her 6 children, Martha Jepsen, Cindy (Carl) Reed, Anne Merchant, Shiela (David) Blough, Georgia (Tim) McCracken, and John (Teresa) Tillotson, 17 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, Kenneth, and her son-in-law Don Jepsen.

Friend wishing to remember Dawn with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Joseph Creighton Dilger, 92

(APRIL 25, 1924 - MARCH 21, 2017)

Joseph Creighton Dilger of Boyne City passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2017.



Loving father of Kathleen M. Dilger (Richard T. Urbis) and Patricia Dilger-Vivian (Daniel D. Vivian). Loving grandfather of Rachel Urbis, Ryan Urbis, Katie Vivian and Kelly Vivian. Joe is preceded in death by the love of his life, Elizabeth E. Dilger.

Joe proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and as a Captain in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Joe was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and was extremely involved in his parish life at St. Matthew's. He was a selfless man who volunteered countless hours at the Food Pantry, Challenge Mountain and Grandvue Medical Facility.

He will be remembered for his kind heart, and his dedication to faith, family and love.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday, March 25, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City with the Rev. Matthew Kuczora as celebrant.

Interment at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Matthew's Catholic Church Building Fund, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Raymond George Towne, 82

(NOV. 14, 1934 - MARCH 21, 2017)

Raymond "Ray" George Towne of Boyne City died March 21, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Ray was born November 14, 1934 in Boyne City, the son of Jay and Veda (Miller) Towne. Ray graduated from Boyne City High School and went on to earn his Associate's Degree in Business from Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City.

On April 27, 1957, he married Anna Murray in East Jordan, MI. Together, they had three children.

Ray was employed at Wolverine Power Supply, Incorporated for over 40 years; 8 of which he served as General Manager and Executive Vice President. Ray was a Michigan Electric Cooperation Association Award winner. Also, he was a member of the Boyne City School Board for many years and extremely involved with his church, The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, where he acted as Treasurer and as a Church Session Member. Ray loved to hunt, deer, small game and especially turkeys.

Above all else, Ray loved his family. He was a kind, honest, caring and generous man who will be remembered for his dedication to family and faith.

Ray is survived by his wife, Anna Towne of Boyne City; his children, Brian (Barbara) Towne of Boyne City, Brenda (Tad) Malpass of East Jordan, and Alan (Brenda) Towne of Boyne City; his grandchildren, Heidi Towne, Gregory Towne, Miki (Dave)

Campbell, Riki (Bill) Cousineau, Kirsten Malpass, Keegan Malpass, Jacob Towne and Kayla (Michael) Johnston; great grandchildren, Shelby Campbell, Sidney Campbell, Devin Campbell, Saydee Campbell, Calvin Cousineau, Vincent Cousineau, and Nora Cousineau; brothers, James (Pat) Towne and Roger (Marsha) Towne; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray is preceded in death by his son, Gregory Towne; sisters, Elene Lozon, Phyllis Rentz and Mary Towne; and his parents Jay and Veda Towne.

Services were held Friday, March 24, at The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City. Pastor Broschart officiated.

Donations in memory of Ray are asked to be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City.

Payton Michael Dennis, 7

(AUGUST 23, 2009 - MARCH 26, 2017)

Payton Michael Dennis, "Payton Pie" our #Payton-strong super hero, passed away peacefully, Sunday, March 26, 2017 surrounded in bed with all his loved ones.



He went to be with his God in Heaven as his papa Rick anxiously waited with open arms welcoming him.

Born August 23, 2009, in Gaylord, the son of Jason and Jessica (VanBrande) Dennis, Payton happily came into this world joining his siblings Wesley, Jordan, and Maddison. He attended Bellaire Elementary school and was in the first grade. Payton had a selfless, giving heart, and a deep love for everyone he met. He never knew a stranger only friends he met for the first time. Payton enjoyed lego's, swimming, camping, and playing baseball. He also enjoyed watching Avenger movies, crystals, and his ring collection, giving them to those he loved the most.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents and siblings all of Bellaire. Also surviving are his grandparents Angie (Steve Bacon) VanBrande of Central Lake, Barb (Ray) Harkabus of Bellaire, great grandma Shirley Grody, great grandma Lois Hilgen-dorf, great grandparents Marvin and Sandy VanBrande, aunts and uncles Lori Bearss, Steven (Shelley) Dennis, Brianna (John Mulligan) Richmond, Cameron Wilson, Alexis and Alivia Bacon, Steven Bacon, Nichole Bacon, many cousins, a large extended family, and his beloved puppy Paisley.

He was preceded in death by his papa Richard Dennis, papa John Holder, Great Grandpa Howard Grody, and great grandma Murl Dowling.

A Celebration of Life will

be held Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bellaire High School gymnasium. The family will receive friends beginning at 4 p.m. and again after the service during a desert reception.

Memorial contributions can be directed to DIPG Research at The ChadTough Foundation, P. O. Box 907, Saline, MI 48176.

The family wishes to thank the community of Bellaire and surrounding areas, the Bellaire Public Schools, the Bellaire and Central Lake Fire Departments, John and Jen Hanson and their Toonie Crew, everyone involved in the dinner and auction, their family members and friends, and the Child Life Services of Devos Children's Hospital, all who have helped them along this journey with Payton.

Arrangements have been handled by the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Edna Helene Lawler, 91

(JUNE 15, 1925 - MARCH 27, 2017)

Edna H. Lawler of Charlevoix passed away on March 27, 2017 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

She was born on June 15, 1925 in Detroit, the daughter of Paul and Helen Kosin.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of services at Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions in Edna's name may be directed to Charlevoix Senior Center.

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

Mary Jane Carey, 66

(OCT. 19, 1950 - MARCH 27, 2017)

Mary Jane Carey of East Jordan died Monday, March 27, 2017, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.



Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzance Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. Jimmie McWatters will officiate with interment following at Morehouse Cemetery in Echo Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 A.M. until service time at the funeral home

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Boyer City to discuss Open Space acquisition and possible millage election

Residents of Boyne City are invited to attend a meeting on April 18 to discuss options for purchasing the approximate 4.5-acre lakeshore site, known as the "Open Space," located at 475 North Lake St. across the street from the Family Fare Shopping Plaza. City Commissioners and staff will be at the Open Space, weather permitting between 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. and then move to the temporary City Hall for the April 18 work session with public discussion starting at 7:00 p.m.

"The community is strongly encouraged to attend and share their thoughts," said Mayor Tom Neidhamer. "The purchase of this beautiful waterfront property is a tremendous opportunity for Boyne City today and for generations to come. We want and need the com-

munity's input to make this a reality."

The Boyne City Commission at its all-day budget work session on March 21 discussed options to acquire the Lake Charlevoix waterfront property. The property was acquired almost two years ago by local residents Bob Grove and Mike Dow with the desire to create a permanent public open space where people could enjoy the property and its views of Lake Charlevoix. The City is currently using the property under a lease with an option to buy that runs through December of this year.

The anticipated sale price to the City is \$3.2 million, which is less than Grove and Dow have invested in the property. Additional fees such as a title search, appraisal,

and closing costs will bring the price to just shy of \$3.3 million. Since the 2015 lease agreement, the City has been applying for grants and exploring ways to raise funds to purchase the open space property.

A significant contribution for purchasing the property came last December when the City was awarded a Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant that will pay 74% of the property's appraised value. As required by the MNRTF grant requirements, the City must contract with a State-approved appraiser to evaluate the land's worth.

"In a best-case scenario, the appraisal will show a value equivalent to the agreed upon purchase price, leaving the City to match the

MNRTF at 26%," said Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain. "However, if the appraisal comes in lower than the purchase price it will create a more significant gap between the grant amount and the City's contribution."

City staff has estimated the gap could range anywhere between \$860,000 and \$1.8 million. Cain said the city will be able to provide a more exact number as the project continues through the grant process.

Noting the many comments received from Boyne City residents over the years expressing their desire for the City to acquire more lakefront property when possible, it was the consensus of the City Commission to begin discussions with the public about all of the funding

options and a possible millage election to complete the property purchase. Preliminary discussions involve holding an election this fall at the November City election.

Details regarding the specifics of the possible millage request will be worked out over the next few months after discussions with the public. The City has until August 15th to submit specific ballot language and amounts for the November ballot.

If you have questions or comments regarding the open space property or the April 18 meeting contact City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Grice at 231.582.0334 or emailed to cgrice@boynecity.com.

Spring break hours at North Central Michigan College

North Central administrative and business offices, including student services and Learning Support Services, are open Monday through Friday, 8:30am until 5pm. Classes resume on Monday, April 3.

The fitness center and gym in the Student and Community Resource Center will be open Monday - Friday 6am to 7pm and Saturday-Sun-

day 10am to 5pm. Regular hours resume on Monday, April 3. All gym courts will be closed Thursday, April 20 - Monday, April 24, with limited openings Tuesday, April 25 - Wednesday, April 26, and Monday, May 1 - Friday May 5.

The Iron Horse Café and the Library will close on Friday, March 24 and reopen on Monday, April 3.

Chamber Alliance sets "Right-Sized" 2017 legislative goals

Northern Michigan is a special part of the Great Lakes State with unique challenges and opportunities in its business community. That's why the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance will focus its 2017 legislative priorities on state and federal policies and programs that are specific to its region, to help businesses in rural areas continue contributing to Michigan's robust economic comeback. The alliance is a partnership of 14 chambers of commerce across northern Michigan who have pooled resources to advocate on behalf of its members businesses.

"Our theme for the year is 'one size does not fit all' when it comes to developing public policy," said alliance chairman Carlin Smith of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. "We plan to work with lawmakers to assure that programs offered to larger, more metropolitan areas of the state can also work for rural northern Michigan," he added.

A common challenge facing



Chairman of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance, Carlin Smith, also heads the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. COURTESY PHOTO

modify or create rural development and housing incentives that will help us address the housing shortage in our region," said Kent Wood, the director of government relations for the alliance.

Wood also expects the chamber alliance will advocate for downtown development authorities, tax increment financing opportunities, enhanced Brownfield redevelopment tools, region specific job growth incentives, regional workforce and "Missing Middle" housing incentives, training and talent attraction programs and incentives, and less cumbersome access-to-capital programs.

The Alliance is also advocating for action on state infrastructure and education investment that helps northern Michigan compete in a global economy. They will look to support such things as infrastructure improvements, broadband expansion, the funding of a new Soo Lock in Sault Ste. Marie, continuing to narrow the gap in

K-12 state education funding, and investment in our area's community colleges.

Other topics important to the alliance for improving northern Michigan's overall business climate include state policies that protect funding for rural hospitals, safe and reliable energy, and continued investment in tourism promotion.

The Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance was formed in 2004 with just three chambers of commerce to create a means to work cooperatively and regionally.

"We've really improved our sophistication and our focus over the years and have become a well-recognized voice for business in Lansing and Washington D.C.," Smith said. "I'm proud of our growth and proud that our chamber is part of the alliance."

For more information about the legislative efforts of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance, contact Wood at (231) 995-7109 or by email at kentw@tchamber.org

Boyer Falls Public Schools Student of the Week



Walter Tieber

Grade: 7th Grade

Parent's Name(s): Angie, Walt Tieber

Future Plans: Walter wants to become a Doctor

Favorite Book: Harry Potter

Hobbies and Interests: Playing video games

School Activities: Jr. High Basketball

Staff Comments: "I have had the pleasure of coaching Walter in Jr. High Basketball and as well in the classroom. In both instances Walter has shown if you stay focused, work hard, and put in the time you will become successful. Working with his teammates on the court, and his fellow students in the classroom helps him as well as his teammates and students reach their goals. Congratulations Walter! I am very proud of you." - Frank Hamilla

The foolish origin of April Fools' Day

By Jim Akans

Free health care for all! Social Security benefits on the rise. Warm weather is here to stay until November. Red meat cures cancer... don't believe everything you hear on April 1.

Somewhere in time, a tradition began that encouraged folks to bend the truth, perform outlandish pranks, and make ludicrous claims on a very non-descript day on the calendar; April 1. Since its shrouded birth, April Fools' Day has lived a long and colorful life indeed. When, why, where and how it began is as deceptive as the intent of the pranksters' deeds of the day itself.

One theory takes us back to the 1,500's when the Gregorian calendar was adopted after long following the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar referenced the spring vernal equinox (late March) as the start of the New Year. The Gregorian calendar moved the start of each year to January 1. The idea is that those who forgot this change, and still thought of spring as the start of the year, were April fools.



An old-time April Fools? This ticket to "Washing the Lions" at the Tower of London was an April 1 event that never took place. WIKIPEDIA PHOTO

Another possibility also points to the vernal equinox. In the Middle Ages the Greco-Romans celebrated the Hilaria festival on the first day after spring began. It featured parades, masquerades and jokes...resulting in a whole lot of people acting a bit foolishly around April 1.

Digging even deeper, and verging on the edge of sounding

a bit like an April Fool, there is a passage in Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" that references 32 days in March. Most scholars feel this was simply a copying error. Some believe this was intentional in that the passage portrayed a date, March 32/April 1, on which Chanticleer is tricked (fooled) by a fox.

Other references found in lit-

erature (cited from the highly reliable Wikipedia) include:

- In 1508, French poet Eloy d'Amerval referred to a poisson d'avril (April fool, literally "Fish of April"), a possible reference to the holiday.

- In 1539, Flemish poet Eduard de Dene wrote of a nobleman who sent his servants on foolish errands on April 1.

- In 1686, John Aubrey referred to the holiday as "Foolies holy day", the first British reference.

- In the 18th and 19th centuries, a popular prank in England on April 1 was to trick people into going to the Tower of London to "see the Lions washed".

It seems that trying to make sense of the origin of April Fools' Day is simply a foolish endeavor. Rest assured that this coming Saturday, April 1, our gullibility's will be put to the test. Many a prankster will be lurking about just itching to honor a long established tradition...resulting in an ear to ear grin and a whopping cry of "APRIL FOOLS!"

BC POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, March 13, 2017
0208 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
0819 2 vehicle Property damage crash at E Main and Boyne Av. Citation issued for expired ops. Also 0838 Threats complaint received via text in the 200 block of Vogel St.
0907 Assist EMS in the 400 block of S Lake St
0925 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1230 Assault complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

1300 Citation issued for speed at Boyne Ave and Brockway.
1338 Arrested subject for violating restricted license at Boyne Ave and Hemlock.
2120 Suspicious situation in the 900 block of Brockway
2303 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
0022 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.
0228 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.0936Welfare check on Morgan near East.
1555 Report of missing wallet
1556 Found a flatbed trailer in the road, ramps down, Court and Lynn.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

1306 Purse stolen from the 400 block of N Lake St.
1400 Civil questions from State St.
1755 Parking complaint in the 400 block of State St.
1913 Subject found the stolen purse at the boat launch
2331 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.

Thursday, March 16, 2017
0111 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.
0213 Report of a missing airplane out of Ann Arbor that may have landed in Boyne City. Plane did not land at any of the local airports
1108 Report of possible pornography in the 1000 block of

Boyer Av
1204 2 vehicle private property damage crash in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1503 Citation issued for speed at Boyne Ave. and Brockway.
1620 Driving complaint at N. Park St. and Collings St.
1833 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
2149 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, March 17, 2017
2010 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1202 Vehicle unlock on Jefferson St
2043 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.
2100 General assist in the 700 block of Vogel St.

2236 Report of bond violation on W Main St. Unable to locate

Saturday, March 18, 2017
0015 Arrested subject with 3 warrants on W Main St.
0045 Noise complaint on W Main St
0703 Stolen vehicle reported from the 400 block of Boyne Av.
0906 Located stolen truck on S Wilson Rd.
1037 Private property damage crash reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
1140 Assist Sheriff Dept at Boyne Mountain
1329 Arrested subject for the earlier stolen vehicle.
1400 Report of B&E on Front St
1659 Property damage crash in

angle parking on S Park St.
2031 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.

Sunday, March 19, 2017
0104 Intoxicated subjects obstructing traffic on W Main St.
0126 Front/Water. Arrested subject for OWI and Arrested second subject for open intoxicants at Front and Water
1128 Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1821 Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1945 Dog complaint on Jefferson.
2119 Civil complaint in the 500 block of Boyne Ave

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fac-Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witek at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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Petoskey's Youth Arts Festival

For more than three decades, Crooked Tree Arts Center has recognized area youth for their dedication and achievements in the arts. During the Youth Arts Festival, school-aged children are honored for performing arts, visual arts, writing, culinary arts, music, and academic success. CTAC- Traverse City kicked off the festival this month with their Youth Arts Show, and CTAC-Petoskey's events begin in April. This year, over \$4,000 in awards and scholarships will be presented. The festival includes multiple events and opportunities for Northern Michigan youth, and the Petoskey events are as follows:

Call for Student Artists! The Selfie Project: April 16 - 26. The Selfie Project is a celebration of the age-old art of self-portrait made new. In the age of Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, and a camera on every device, we see "selfies" on a daily basis. The goal of the Selfie Project is to promote positive, age-appropriate, artistic self-expression for students and families in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Exhibit on Sunday, April 30.

Youth Art Show: April 8 - May 6. The annual Youth Art Show showcasing the artwork of students in the Charlevoix-Emmet County

School District. Opening reception from 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.

CTAC Strings Collage Concert: April 8, 1 p.m. The CTAC Youth Arts Festival Strings Showcase features performances by students from all levels of the Gerber Strings and Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra programs. The Strings Showcase demonstrates the students' growth as musicians and performers as they advance from the Beginning level all the way to the Crooked Tree Chamber Orchestra.

Song Writing 101 & Beyond (Grades 6-12): April 10 - May 22 *No class on May 15*

Learn how to write songs! Over the course of six Mondays, Michigan Emmy Award-winning songwriters, Michelle Chenard and Pete Kehoe, will teach the basics of songwriting, including song structure, melody, subject matter and more.

Coffee @ Ten with North Central Michigan College Art Students: April 25

Join us for a panel discussion with North Central Michigan art students who will be talking about their Crooked Tree Arts Center exhibit and their individual artwork.

Youth Arts Awards Night: April 26, 7 p.m. An evening honoring stu-

dents in a variety of our programming who are graduating, or receiving scholarships from CTAC, including the CTAC Arts Scholarship.

CTAC is offering up to four \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors living in, or attending school in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau counties, who are pursuing fields of study in the arts.

Super Saturday for Kids: April 29. Students, grades K-8, can spend the day experiencing the arts at Crooked Tree Arts Center - Petoskey. Kids will rotate through workshops in the visual and performing arts, enjoy a pizza lunch and have tons of fun in the process!

Jazz Concert for International Jazz Day: April 30. The Crooked Tree Jazz Orchestra presents: "A Brief History of Jazz." On Sunday, April 30th, the Crooked Tree Jazz Orchestra will be performing in celebration of International Jazz Day. The concert will demonstrate the evolution of jazz music, from its ragtime and Dixieland roots to big band swing, cool jazz, and rock- and funk-influenced jazz fusion. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. in the Carnegie building at Crooked Tree

Arts Center, and is free to the public.

Young Writers Juried Exposition Awards Reception: May 6, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Students, their families, and teachers are invited to attend an Awards Reception at Crooked Tree Arts Center. At the reception, the students will be given awards, certificates, and be invited to read their work aloud.

Culinary Arts Showcase: May 6, Noon - 2 p.m. The Petoskey Culinary Arts Program will be showcasing their abilities, and providing food and drink for Youth Art Show visitors and Young Writers Juried Exposition attendees.

CTAC Annual Spring Concert featuring the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras & Gerber Strings Program: May 21 @ Boyne City Performing Arts Center, 2:30 p.m.

The annual performance features students that participate in the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra program and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program in the Schools. Over 300 students from 20 schools throughout Northern Michigan will join together on stage to perform for their families and communities.

The Youth Arts Festival is made possible by generous support from

the Kroeger-Mainland Family Fund of Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

Additional support is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and CTAC's Visual Arts Presenter - Edward Jones of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Traverse City. The Culinary Arts Showcase is sponsored by Lynn Dinning and Good Hart Glass Works, and the Young Writers Juried Exposition is sponsored in part by the Bob Schulze Fund for Creative Writing at the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Petoskey News-Review, and McLean and Eakin Booksellers.

More detailed press will cover each of the events as they draw closer, but more information is available online. Festival events are free of charge, excluding classes and workshops, which have pricing for members and non-members.

For more information about the Youth Arts Festival, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

"Doing the Most Good" - Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

By Jim Akans

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop, which opened in the autumn of 2012, is under the direction of store manager Louis Tetreau, who recently joined the Gaylord staff. Tetreau's background with the Salvation Army includes revitalizing several stores in the Southeast Michigan area, and she looks forward to utilizing her expertise in enhancing the shopping experience at the Gaylord store.

"The inventory we carry comes from community donations," Tetreau states, "and we rotate that inventory consistently to keep it fresh for our customers. Among the changes we are making is converting our price tags from being stapled to clothing to using the plastic tabs that are commonly used in retail stores. Matching dishes, glasses and cups will now be priced as sets rather than individually. We will also be offering lots of new sales throughout the week providing even more value to our customers."

Net proceeds from store sales are utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need.

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, affirms, "In Otsego County, much of the funding we receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting individuals and families in need. Working in cooperation with the Red Cross and local community responders we also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food. On a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas vouchers."

The Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical component in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good." The store currently provides employment for approximately 12 people and is looking to increase that staff.

Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found



The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. Shown here are Store Manager Louis Tetreau and Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large items such as furniture, televisions and appliances.

Weekly specials offer even more value to shoppers. Those include discounts for Senior shoppers every Wednesday and discounts for those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays. Items

throughout the store are marked with color tags and each week the featured discount color is posted on the front door. Clothing items with that color tag can be purchased at half-off during the week, or at five for \$5 on Friday and Saturday. In keeping with the organizations mission of "Doing the Most Good," clothing items that aren't sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

Jergenson, Tetreau and the entire staff at the Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord express their gratitude to the community for their donations, for shopping at the store, and for helping others in fulfilling the non-profit, Christian centered organization's mission to "Do the Most Good."

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday - phone (989) 448-2357

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efit Beyond The Scoreboard, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting positive character and sportsmanship through youth and interscholastic athletics. We will leave Tommy's at 10 a.m. and return to Barrel Back, where there will be food specials, drink specials and drawings all morning. For more information, email laura@barrel-back.com.

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April 8, 1-3pm, downtown. Explore several of the vacant

spaces available in the community. Stop by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up a list of

the featured places from 1:00-3:00pm on the day of the event or after hours in the lobby of the Main Street Center. Owners of the buildings or realtors will be on site to give tours and answer questions. Here's your opportunity to secure a location and open your business in time for the summer season. Come discover all of the exciting possibilities in East Jordan. For more information, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351 or <mailto:info@ejchamber.org>

EAST JORDAN

MISS EAST JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

April 8, 7pm, EJ Community Auditorium. The Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant is always a great night of fun and entertainment.

CHARLEVOIX

COUNTRY SQUARE DANCE

April 8, 4-8pm, Barnard Grange Hall (corner of Barnard and Klooster Road). Bring a dish to pass. For more info call (231) 675-0004 or (231) 547-

9153.

BOYNE CITY

IMPACT OF SMILING EXPLORED

April 9, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Smile Awhile: An Hour of Happy," explores the mental and physical benefits of smiling and features a screening of the short film The Honey and Bears. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss times in life they have felt genuinely happy. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe is located 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Please use the Pine Street entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

AQUA EGG HUNT AT CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY POOL

April 12. Register for one of two waves: 6 - 7pm or 7 - 8pm. Limited to 50 people per wave. Swim and dive for eggs, then trade them in at the end of your hunt for an awesome goody bag. Popcorn and refreshments included. \$5 per swimmer. Parents may enter the Pool free of charge for children requiring assistance. Children 5 and under must have an adult swimmer in the water. There will be no Dol-

lar Night that evening due to this special event. Reservations required. Our last two events sold out, call today to ensure your spot: 231.547.0982

CHARLEVOIX

ZONTA OPEN HOUSE

April 12, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. Zonta Club of Charlevoix is looking for people to help us make a difference in the world. Come see what we're about. Everyone is welcome. zontacharlevoix.org

BOYNE CITY

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15, 11am, Young State Park. For children ages 10 and under. State Park Recreation Passport required to enter the park.

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.

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

AREA APRIL HAPPENINGS!

4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, SATURDAYS, 9AM - 12:30PM

Boyne City Farmers' Market
In the Red Barn, next to the Boyne City District Library. www.boynechamber.com

4/1, SATURDAY - 4/2, SUNDAY, 12PM - 5PM

Wineshoeing
Enjoy snowshoeing the woods & vineyard at Crooked Vine Winery, then warm up with a glass of mulled wine, soup, and cocoa. Bring your own snowshoes or rent locally and bring your receipt for a free glass of mulled wine. For more info, call 231-881-6582. www.petoskeychamber.com

4/8, SATURDAY, 6PM - 12AM

Paint the Town Red
A night of silent and live auctions, appetizer stations and cash bar from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. From 8:00pm to midnight, you can dance to the sounds of "Main Street Soul." Proceeds will provide funding for programs and activities in

the Arts, Athletics, and Academics for the students of Boyne City Public Schools. Event will be held at Boyne Mountain Resort. For more info, you may contact Cathy Wonski at (231) 675-2031. www.boynechamber.com

4/15, SATURDAY, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Easter Egg Hunt - Charlevoix (East Park)
Easter Bunny Luncheon at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant from 11:00am - 1:30pm. Enjoy a delicious meal, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:00pm sharp, followed with face painting, hot cocoa, cookies, Twister Joe, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Area shops and restaurants invite you to enjoy a special Easter Open House event at participating businesses. www.charlevoix.org

4/20, THURSDAY, 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Petoskey Business Expo (Business After Hours)

This great event takes place in Ovation Hall of the Odawa Casino. Over 70 exhibitors will be featured. 8 restaurants will offer a "Taste of Petoskey." www.petoskeychamber.com

4/20, THURSDAY, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

April Swirl @ Crooked Tree Arts Center
Swirl is a delicious blend of culture, libations, and fun! Mingle 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. www.crookedtree.org

4/23, SUNDAY, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

East Jordan Rotary Father/Son Banquet
Dinner, awards, and fun. Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles and friends are all welcome to attend. Event will

be held at the East Jordan High School. www.ejchamber.org

4/28, FRIDAY, 7:00PM & 4/29, SATURDAY, 9:00PM

East Jordan Rotary Variety Show
This annual show brings people from near and far as it is one of East Jordan's signature events. You will want to get your tickets early. Shows will be in the East Jordan Community Auditorium at the East Jordan High School. www.ejchamber.org

4/29, SATURDAY, 11:30AM - 10:00PM

Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree
Jamboree (11:30am - 5pm), Open Mic (5pm - 6pm), and Dance (7pm - 10pm) will be held at the East Jordan Civic Center. Many of the best fiddlers and musicians from around the state will be present. Admission by donation. www.ejchamber.org

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 30 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, March 31 11:30am-12:30pm Brad Hersey Raffle	Monday, April 3 Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Rummikub	Tuesday, April 4 FOOT CLINIC Advisory Board Meeting Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Mexican Train	Wednesday, April 5 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice Various Card Games	Thursday, April 6 9-10am Food Distribution 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 30 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong	Friday, March 31 9:30am Craft Class	Monday, April 3 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, April 4 9am-1pm Tax Assistance 1pm Paint Class 1pm Mahjong	Wednesday, April 5 1pm Bingo 12:30 Question & Answer Time w/Mayor Luther Kurtz	Thursday, April 6 FOOT CLINIC 11:30am Roger Hartson 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Wii Bowling Practice
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 30 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics MISMATCHED DAY	Friday, March 31 11am Monty Loper Bingo/Raffle Cards. WEAR RED	Monday, April 3 8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F 10am Daily Devotions 12:30pm Wii Bowling RUMMIKUB	Tuesday, April 4 12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize 1pm Paint Class Mexican Poker WEAR STRIPES	Wednesday, April 5 GAME DAY! Pool Table / Ping Pong 10:30am Crafts 1pm Texas Hold-Em	Thursday, April 6 11am KARAOKE DAY! 12:30pm Euchre 1pm Ceramics
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, March 30 CHICKEN ALA KING	Friday, March 31 MEATLOAF	Monday, April 3 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU	Tuesday, April 4 MEATBALLS	Wednesday, April 5 CHICKEN PHILLY SANDWICH	Thursday, April 6 SLOPPY JOE w/BUN
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CHARLEVOIX

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15, 11am - 1:30pm; Easter Bunny Luncheon (photos with East Bunny) at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Call 547-4311 for reservations. 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown in East Park at 2pm. Bring your Easter Basket to hold your share of the 4500 prize filled eggs. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. 2-3pm Charlevoix State Bank will offer face painting and balloon animals by Twister Joe, northern Michigan's favorite balloon artist. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa and cookies.

BOYNE CITY

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION MEETING

April 18. Residents of Boyne City are invited to attend a meeting on April 18 to discuss options for purchasing the approximate 4.5-acre lakeshore site, known as the "Open Space," located at 475 North Lake St. across the street from the Family Fare Shopping Plaza. City Commissioners and staff will be at the Open Space, weather permitting between 6:30 to 6:50pm, and then move to the temporary City Hall for the April 18 work session with public discussion starting at 7pm.

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).

CHARLEVOIX

ENHANCED CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 19, 5-7pm, East Park Tavern. Summer BBQ foods, Cash bar with a special "island drink," Contests, Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt, Multiple Door Prizes, Live music from Dave Cisso. Sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Beaver Island Boat Company. \$5 for Chamber members, \$10 non-members.

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 20, 5:30-7:30pm, En Vogue Salon, 105 Water Street. Business people are invited to this monthly networking event. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are complimentary.

BOYNE CITY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HUMAN SOCIETY AUCTION EVENT

April 29, Historic Boyne Cinema. Auction starts at 10am. \$5 bidder fee. Partial Estate liquidation, consignment, and donated goods and services to benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. Food and beverage provided by Lake Charlevoix Brewery. Also included in the day event is the grand reveal for the restoration of the Boyne Cinema. For more information or to consign or donate items, call the Humane Society at 231-582-6774 or email director@charlevoixhumane.org.

BOYNE CITY

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

May 10, American Legion Post 228, 302 S. Lake Street. An open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by our members to the guests through a hands

on learning experience. We encourage all schools to participate in this unique experience that your students and faculty will never forget. For information contact Veterans Appreciation Day Chairman at (231) 588-6067 or email ejpe@netzero.com.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

BOYNE CITY

CITY WIDE LEAF PICK-UP

May 1st – June 2nd, (Monday and Fridays only). The City will pick up leaves during the above scheduled times only. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags on Monday and Fridays only. If your bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify City Hall at 582-6597. Biodegradable paper bags are available at Boyne City Co-Op and Ace Hardware. Please put only leaves in bags as they are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting. Brush will not be picked up curbside, but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site. You may haul your own leaves, either bagged in biodegradable paper bags or unbagged, to the compost site on Robinson Street, open seven days a week for your convenience. City Ordinance prohibits depositing leaves or other yard waste in the street.

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 Sytsma Reed. Rachel will share her passion for eating foods in their natural and most useful forms as well as sharing her personal journey to healthier eating. Classes are held at the Munson Charlevoix Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street on April 28, May 19th, all classes are held from 5:00PM - 7:00PM. Take one or more classes - cost is \$35/person per class. Call to reserve your spot for one or more class, space is limited. (231) 437-3482.

BOYNE CITY

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Three American Legion scholarships of \$500 each available to graduating seniors for the Class of 2017. These three scholarships come from funds raised with the 2015 motorcycle raffle and additional donations from Gaylord Middle School and others. Other opportunities include The Michigan State Police sponsored Student Trooper program has opportunities for students entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades to win \$1,000 as Student Trooper of the Year, or \$500 for winning as Orator, Marksman, or Academic achievement. Deadline of 5/26/17. Boys State and Girls State delegates who are descendants of wartime service veterans are eligible to compete for \$1,000 or \$20,000 Samsung Scholarships. Due by May 26, 2017. Contact Boyne American Legion Post, (231) 330-4990 or adjutant@boyneligionpost228.org for information.

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.

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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 wrcnm.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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

LOCAL BAR OWNER ARRESTED, ASSAULTED BY STATE COPS

To the Editor,

LARRY SEVENSKI OF LARRY'S BAR AND CAR LOT, West Elmira was accosted by state troopers on the prowl and is still in the hospital suffering wounds inflicted by police. Naturally enough, cops charged Larry with assault but it's him in the hospital, not the cops. This ain't going away, not this time. This one is going down in the annals of police malfeasance. Larry's Bar & Grill and carlot has been there for more than 50 years, a landmark on US 131 at M-32. What were cops doing there in the first place, looking for DUIs? They do that, this we know, stakeouts and the like. Larry saw the cars out there and went out to talk to them - wrong move, they don't want to be talked to, they're out for blood and money.

So Larry at age 83 is in the hospital due to cops' malfeasance with impunity thus far but it is inevitable that a lawsuit will be forthcoming. There are no more respectable business people than Larry and Dorothy Sevenski in northern Michigan, everybody knows that. Everybody except of course state troopers on the prowl. It's time to corral these boys, folks, we have to curtail these motives of misfeasance and usury. That's all they want: money and "because we said so", the power and money behind the badge. This is getting old, way too old for acceptance. We need to get rid of these bozos with guns and tickets ASAP. They do nothing for us citizens except fee and fine us.

The fact that the cops always charge those they accost with the very acts that they do is commonplace, this being the very way of police work. And the common courts usually go along with this travesty of justice because courts prefer to expedite instead of mete out justice. Nobody cares about justice, nobody except WE THE PEOPLE that is. It's freely available right there in your handy dandy US Constitution folks, the Bill of Rights, short and sweet, the rights of mankind as proclaimed by the forefathers and followers. Some mistakes were made, yes, like the 18th Amendment but corrected by the 21st though the damage had already been done via bootleggers and organized crime. Now it has transpired that cops ARE organized crime in various forms of extortion, lying on report and in court under oath, malfeasance of every nuance of faux serving and protecting citizenry.

Listen, our local town cops are usually mellow, just doing their jobs and because they have to live here get along fine with most everyone; if not, they'll hear about it - don't want their tires punctured or their garages burnt down. Not so County and State boys who don't have to live here but swoop in like SWAT teams for sake of money collection and ego gratification. They've gone way too far this time accosting an 83-year-old man. It's conceivable this will result in a major lawsuit replete with fines and other restitution, and of course the ignominy of the brash young boys in blue-black who acted out their aggression so un-valiantly. We've all seen these boys swaggering tall behind uniforms and pistol-packing bravado ready to do battle against an imagined enemy with dollar signs flashing before their eyes for sake of promotions and retirement. When they show up they're invariably looking for lucre and egoistic showmanship.

The way the story goes at present, Larry went out to talk to these patrolmen about what they were doing there - that's when the merde hit the proverbial whirligig of fate that was already there waiting for a victim. An 83-year-old man business owner. This is disgraceful, folks, and we're mad as hell and not gonna take it anymore. Lift up your fists and say ENOUGH, get tough on these boys who assault and charge victims with same. They've gone way too far this time. They lie in automatic pilot mode every time and courts know they do, a given fact. Wait till this one goes to court for restitution, half the county will be there. I'll be there and I live in an adjacent county.

Yes, we know about this campaign to collect money and bully pulpit satisfaction because state cops do stakeouts here in East Jordan periodically for sake of seatbelt tickets, DUIs and whatever else garners money for county coffers. We've seen them swarming like wasps, stingers pointed at us. Well, this one's not gonna float; this one is the straw that broke the camel's back. This goes beyond everything else that transpires for law hereabouts, friends and neighbors; this one needs retribution. NOW. And we'll get it. They picked the wrong victim this time. This act won't play to any audience but WE THE PEOPLE. Let the show begin.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan



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231-547-242
www.central-drug.com

The Medicine Shoppe
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989-348-2000

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989-705-2500
www.rimgmt.com

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900 Hayes Rd Gaylord
989.732.6200
www.brookretirement.com

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701 Vogel Street

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Otsego County Sportsplex
1250 Gornick Ave., Gaylord
989-731-3546
www.ocsportsplex.com

Otsego County Community Center
315 S. Center, Gaylord
989-732-6521
www.otsegocountyparksrec.com

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(989)448-2778
ComForCare.com/NorthernMI

HOME HEALTH CARE

Health Dept. of NW Michigan
220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix

231-547-6092
www.nwhealth.org

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309 W. North St., Gaylord
800-252-2065
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E-Cubed event held in East Jordan



ABOVE: CEC Committee from left to right Matt Stevenson, Mary Faculak, Dr. Gretchen Carroll – Speaker for the event, Nancy Carey, Cliff Porter, Tom Cannon and Hannah Sanderson. COURTESY PHOTO

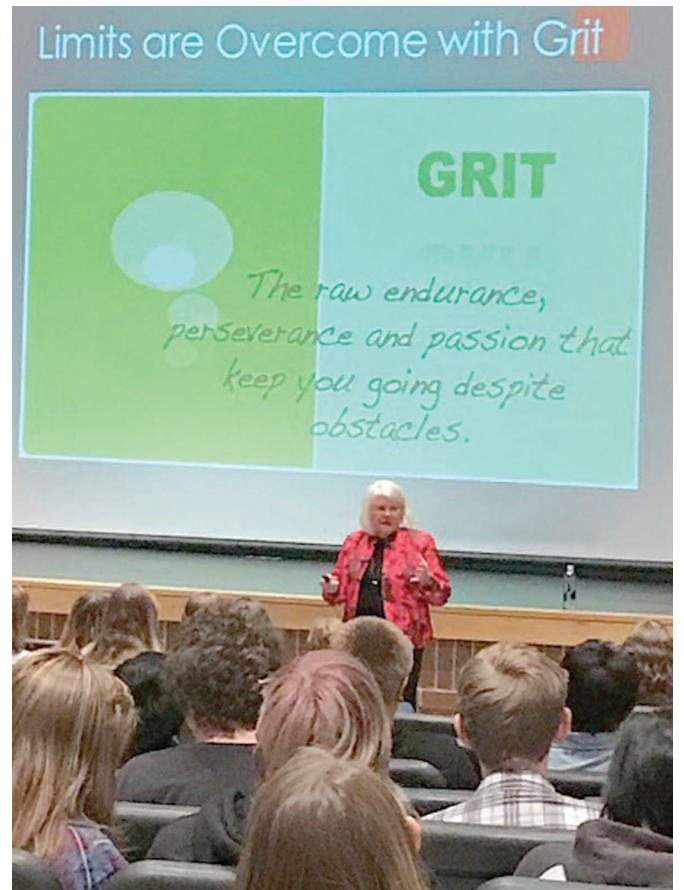
ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Gretchen Carroll speaks to East Jordan High School Students. COURTESY PHOTO

The 2nd Annual E-Cubed (Energize, Engage, Enhance East Jordan) was held Wednesday, March 22 at the East Jordan Community Au-

ditorium. Featured Speaker Dr. Gretchen Carroll spoke to East Jordan Public School Students grades 7 through 12 in an afternoon assembly

and in the evening to the members of the community. Following the student assembly a club, organization and festival expo was held for stu-

dents to learn more about 14 community groups. The evening program featured a free community dinner, presentation and expo.



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city and township if either entity should decide to opt out of the contract during that five year period.

The combined number of city and township addresses that would be impacted by the strengthened fire coverage proposal totals 6,213, with 38 percent of those being in the city, according to figures from Charlevoix township supervisor Chuck Center.

Center noted the

contract was formulated in much the same way as other successful fire coverage contracts the township currently holds with Hayes, Marion and Norwood townships.

The Charlevoix city council could vote whether to approve the township's proposed fire coverage contract at its meeting April 3.

If approved, the township will then also move forward with hiring a full-time firefighter who will be responsible for added administrative duties, fire inspections and daily maintenance

rouines.

Fire coverage in and around the city of Charlevoix has become a matter of highlighted importance to area residents, especially in the past year.

In that time, the city saw two separate blazes that damaged or destroyed several businesses in the downtown district, another fire that devastated the Charlevoix Country Club last summer and more recently, a small fire February 17 which left minimal damage at Castle Farms, one of this area's top wedding and event venues.

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well as a statement of organization filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office, unless one has been previously filed and no changes in status have been made. A Campaign Finance Compliance Affidavit will also be required if the candidate aims to spend \$1,000 or more on their campaign.

Interested candidates are being asked to file their nominating petitions as early as possible prior to the

April 25 deadline so the required signatures can be validated and if they are not viable, candidates will then have enough time to collect ones that are.

A primary election will be held in August if more than six individuals file to run for the three full-term seats or two run for the part-term seat to narrow the field down.

For more information about the upcoming city commission election, contact the East Jordan City Clerk's office at: (231) 536-3381.

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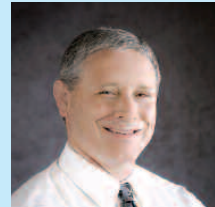


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