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RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Area Students Receive Top Honors

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By Jim Akans

It is an exciting time for high school seniors throughout Charlevoix County, as graduation celebrates their many years of academic achievement and ushers in the next chapter of their lives. Graduating from high school is a milestone that all graduates and their families can be proud of.

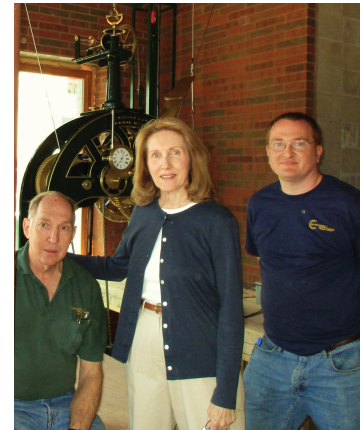
The Charlevoix County News congratulates and commends each of these graduating students and to those achieving the level of academic excellence demonstrated by being named class valedictorian, salutatorian or senior scholar. Attaining this recognition is a reflection of each of these students dedication to their studies, and their steadfast commitment to their goals.

We wish all graduating Class of 2017 students continued success as they pursue their dreams.

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100 year old Boyne City tower clock restored and chimes again

By Michelle Medjesky



(Left to Right) Rick, wife Linda and their son Chris truly put the word "family" in their business name, Balzer Family Clock Works.

BOYNE CITY - At the strike of noon this past Tuesday a sound could be heard coming from the new city hall facility being built on Lake Street that hasn't been heard in Boyne City for many, many years.

It was the sound of the city's old tower clock, which first chimed downtown more than 100 years ago and has now been restored to its former glory and ready to tick for what could be hundreds more.

Last year officials here decided to research whether it was possible to restore the city's old tower clock so it could be installed as part of the new \$7 million city hall facility that's under construction and will be completed this summer.

The city contracted with Balzer Family Clock Works in Freeport, Maine, a business specializing in restoration of old tower clocks and building of new ones. The Balzer family came to Boyne City last year and determined the old clock was indeed repairable and it was shipped to their facility in Maine where they spent much of the past year getting it back in working order.

The Balzer family-dad Rick, mom Linda and their son, Chris, have been working together restoring and building tower clocks since Rick started the business back in the 1970s. They have restored or built and installed tower clocks for numerous notable institutions, municipalities and other entities across the country, including clocks at Harvard and Yale Universities and for Neiman Marcus.

Boyne City Manager Michael Cain said the old tower clock hadn't been working in decades and until last year had been "lovingly cared for" in the garage of the city's former police chief, John Talboys.

Cain explained how city officials ordered the clock back in 1903 and it arrived in Boyne

Petunia Season!

Bo Boss (left) and Patti McCreadie, both of Charlevoix are seen managing the new shipment of petunia baskets for the Bridge Street and East Park light posts recently. With the road side petunias all planted on Memorial weekend, these giant baskets are the final key to placement of the iconic project sponsored by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful group and the many volunteers and businesses that work on Charlevoix's flowers annually.



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RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATING SENIORS ACHIEVE TOP HONORS

PART 1 of 2

BOYNE FALLS



BOYNE FALLS VALEDICTORIAN
KATELYNN WILSON



BOYNE FALLS SALUTATORIAN
LESZEK WASYLEWSKI

ELLSWORTH



ELLSWORTH VALEDICTORIAN
LUCAS VELDBOOM



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LINDSAY BENNETT

CHARLEVOIX



CHARLEVOIX SENIOR SCHOLAR
LYDIA SUZANNE BALYO



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CALLEY ROSE MCPHERSON



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EAST JORDAN SALUTATORIAN
LAUREN ELIZABETH HARRIS

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF

2017

BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN

Katelynn Wilson
Hometown: Boyne Falls
GPA: 3.47
College choice/area of study: North Central Michigan College: Elementary Education

SALUTATORIAN

Leszek Wasylewski
Hometown: Elmira
GPA: 3.35
College choice/area of study: Kirtland Community College MTech: Welding

CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL

Rather than name a valedictorian and salutatorian, Charlevoix High School has named six members of the class of 2017 as "Senior Scholars."

Lydia Suzanne Balyo

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 3.984
Plans For After Graduation: University of Oregon/Undecided

Noah Carson

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 3.95
Plans For After Graduation: Grand Valley State University/Medical/Business
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: "Be the change you want to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi

Julia Duskoch

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 3.99
Plans For After Graduation: University of Michigan, Neuroscience
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: I know this is cliché, but believing in yourself can go a long way. With hard work and passion, you can achieve anything.

Hudson Merrill Elowsky

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 3.84
Plans For After Graduation: Michigan State University, Accounting
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: Always think ahead,

plan out what you would like to do and how you're going to do it.

Kara Simpson

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 3.992
Plans For After Graduation: Oakland University/Nursing
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: I'm excited to gain new experiences and to live in a new town.

Lukila Faith Witthoef

Hometown: Charlevoix
GPA: 4.0
Plans For After Graduation: Grand Valley State University Honors College, Behavioral Neuroscience
Thoughts about the future/words of wisdom: I am super excited to learn about a topic that I find so engaging.

CONCORD ACADEMY - BOYNE

VALEDICTORIAN

Benjamin Elzinga
Hometown: Boyne City
GPA: 3.9512
College choice/area of study: Environmental Conservation
Thoughts about the future/words of

wisdom: Always strive to leave the world a better place than you found it.

SALUTATORIAN

Lindsay Bennett
Hometown: Walloon Lake
GPA: 3.85
College choice/area of study: Undecided

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN

Lucas Veldboom
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.0
College choice/area of study: University of Michigan/Mechanical Engineering

SALUTATORIAN

Collin Randall
Hometown: Ellsworth
GPA: 3.98
College choice/area of study: Michigan State University/Agriculture

EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

CO-VALEDICTORIANS

Calley Rose McPherson
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.06
College choice/area of study: Michigan State University/Environmental Engineering

Kaitlyn Rose Hines

Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.06
College choice/area of study: University of Michigan/Biochemistry

SALUTATORIAN

Lauren Elizabeth Harris
Hometown: East Jordan
GPA: 4.04
College choice/area of study: University Of Michigan/Biochemistry

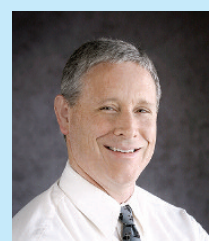



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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for June 2017 is George Glen Massey. Born September 6th, 1942 in Boyne Falls, Mich., he and his siblings spent their childhood working on the family farm raising dairy cattle and rainbow trout to stock the Moyer Creek Trout Pond just outside of Boyne Falls. He graduated from Boyne Falls High School in the class of 1960 and on August 31st, 1961 Massey enlisted in the Army in Detroit, Mich. Following basic training where he was awarded the Expert Badge with the Mortar (81 MM), Sharpshooter with the Light Machine Gun (.30 caliber) and Sharpshooter with the Rifle M-14. On August 10th, 1963 Massey was promoted to Corporal and was then assigned to duty serving in Hohenfels, Germany for 2 years, 6 months serving in a Heavy Weapons unit until his return to the U.S.A. On August 18th, 1964 Massey was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves Control Group while stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York and on August 30th, 1967 he received an Honorable Discharge. Returning home he worked as an ironworker in Michigan City, Indiana for a short time before going back to Boyne Falls to spend his life raising a family and building homes. He retired from Andre Poineau Woodworker in 2004 and enjoyed his family, history, old west-



GEORGE GLEN MASSEY

ern movies and carpentry. He was an avid birdwatcher who loved to watch for the many different species of birds. On October 18th, 2016 George Glen Massey answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter Anjanette Reynolds, his son Gregory, his extended family and all his many friends.

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

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performs Americana "Plus"



Join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, June 11 at 7pm for the last concert of the season to acquaint – or re-acquaint – yourself with some of the most influential, contemporary American composers. COURTESY PHOTO

Have you discovered these exciting American composers . . . Samuel Barber, Philip Glass, Kenji Bunch, Gwyneth Walker? Join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, June 11 at 7pm for the last concert of the season to acquaint – or re-acquaint – yourself with some of the most influential, contemporary American composers.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform Samuel Barber's Serenade, Opus 1; "Company" by Philip Glass; Verso by Kenji Bunch featuring Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Music Director Libor Ondras on viola and Concertmaster Paul Sonner on violin, and with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus, two pieces by Gwyneth Walker.

Verso in Latin suggests turning a page. In spirit, the work looks back with a neoclassical scoring of strings supporting the solo violin and viola, yet incorporates more contemporary rhythm and harmonic elements. Be sure to listen for the brief but raucous

finale.

String Quartet No. 2, also known as "Company", by Philip Glass was finished in 1983. Philip Glass is considered one of the most influential composers of late 20th century. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he is known for his work in minimalism, contemporary classical, and film scores.

Serenade – Opus 1 was written by Samuel Barber at the young age of 18. Barber was a celebrated American composer of orchestral, opera, choral and piano music. The piece selected for this performance has its roots in late-Romantic European composition with a somewhat mysterious, lingering expression.

Joining the orchestra after the intermission, the Great Lakes Chamber Chorus will perform both The Tree of Peace and There Is A Road to Glory by Gwyneth Walker. Ms. Walker grew up in Connecticut, graduated from Brown University and holds a BA, MM, and DMA degrees in music composition. She will be visiting the area in the fall

to meet with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus.

The "Plus" in Americana "Plus" refers to Beethoven's Choral Fantasy performed by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus with Anthony Patterson as piano soloist. Anthony Patterson has been Artist in Residence with the Bay View Festival since 1979 and joins the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus as a renowned pianist.

Join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus for a moving performance on Sunday, June 11 at 7:00 at the John M. Hall Auditorium with a special pre-concert talk with Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Music Director Libor Ondras at 6:15 in Evelyn Hall, Bay View.

General admission tickets are \$25, reserved seats are \$50, available at area chamber of commerce offices or by calling the Great Lakes Chamber orchestra at 231.487.0010, online at www.glcorchestra.org, and at the door.

Tar Wars Poster Winner



Congratulations to Lincoln Elementary School fourth grade student, Piper Leidall, for her winning Tar Wars poster. Tar Wars is a tobacco-free educational program designed to educate fourth and fifth grade students about the dangers of tobacco and reveal the marketing tactics tobacco companies use to attempt to get youth interested in trying tobacco. For over 10 years, McLaren Northern Michigan and Bayside Family and Sports Medicine have teamed up to present the program in local schools. In 2017, 10 northern Michigan classes participated in the program, with 230 students creating anti-tobacco advertising

posters. TarWarsPhoto; (L to R) Tanya Janes, Manager Community Health, Todd Sheperd, MD, Bayside Family and Sports Medicine, Lauren Czarnowczan, Community Health Outreach Specialist, and Piper Leidall with her winning poster. Other top poster winners include: Sarah Wyglendowski, second place, from Charlevoix Elementary School, Alison Bailey, third place, from Lincoln Elementary School, Haden Janes, fourth place, from Sheridan Elementary School, and Jadyne Corey, fifth place, from Alanson Littlefield School. COURTESY PHOTO

Collin Randall awarded FFA Scholarship

The National FFA Organization awarded a \$2000 Wilbur-Ellis Company Agribusiness Division scholarship to Collin Randall of the Ellsworth FFA. The scholarship is sponsored by Wilbur-Ellis Company Agribusiness Division. Randall plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Michigan State University. This scholarship is one of 1,888 awarded through the National FFA Organization's scholarship program this year. Currently 115 sponsors contribute more than \$2.7 million to support scholarships for students.

For 33 years, scholarships have been made available through funding secured by the National FFA Foundation. This generous funding comes from individuals, businesses and corporate sponsors to encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

The 2017 scholarship recipients were selected from 8,337 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural or work experience in agricultural education and future goals.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 649,355 student members who belong to one of 7,859 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 225,891 alumni members in 1,934 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

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



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Ribbon Cutting held at Boyne City Public Fishing Pier

The City of Boyne City recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of a new public fishing pier located on Lake Charlevoix, just off the west end of Water Street. The pier is an exciting addition to downtown Boyne City and will allow anglers of all experi-

ence levels and physical abilities to fish safely and conveniently.

The pier was constructed by Flotation Docking Systems of Cedarville for Catt Development and was partially funded through a grant the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) "Access to the Great

Lakes Fishery" grant program. The program is aimed to improve or create opportunities for shore-based access to fishing. Projects such as the construction of fishing piers are encouraged, as are matching funds.

With the City Commission's approval, the City of Boyne City sub-

mitted a grant application to the GLFT in August 2016 to assist Catt Development with the public access fishing pier proposed as part of the One Water Street development. The grant provided approximately 50% match of the nearly \$95,000 estimated project cost. The fishing pier is a removable floating dock, approximately 190' in length, located southwest of the mouth of the Boyne River and complimented by nearby public restrooms, parks, parking, and includes a direct connection to the City's Central Business District.

The public access fishing pier ties in to the existing sidewalks and shoreline in Sunset Park. Existing fishing opportunities in the area are limited to shore casting and boat access exclusively. The pier is installed near existing in-water

conservation areas, as well as an existing crib piling location. The addition of the fishing pier will allow for anglers without access to a boat the ability to fish in the open water near the mouth of the river. The pier will have little to no effect on existing shore casting availability but will provide increased opportunity for downtown patrons to fish casually as well as providing ADA accessibility.

The City of Boyne City has many community focused plans that speak to the importance of fishing. The City's Community Master Plan, Five-Year Recreation Plan, Boyne on the Water PlacePlan, and Waterfront Master Plan were all developed with extensive public and agency input, and include reference to Lake Charlevoix recreation as components of each.



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CLOCK

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City in 1904. It was manufactured by the legendary E. Howard Watch & Clock Company based in Boston, Massachusetts, a well-regarded clock making company that originated in 1842 and continues to operate today.

Cain said the original clock tower was situated northeast of the intersection of South Park and Ray Streets, site of the current Boyne Co-op, but was torn down in the early 1950s because it became unsafe and too expensive for the city to fix.

Then, around 1976, Cain said the clock was purchased and rebuilt by a man named William Porter, who had it installed in a much shorter, stainless steel tower at the old Northwest State Bank at the corner of North Lake and River Streets. The

clock eventually stopped working regularly again sometime in the 1980s and was also removed from that site, he explained.

At that point, in the late 1990s, Cain said there was talk of installing the clock in the new tower at the Kilwin's Chocolates building at the corner of South Lake and Water Streets, however, that plan didn't work out and an electric clocks were installed instead at that site. The last time the clock's bell was seen in public was in 2006 when the clock's bell was brought out of the garage for use on a Fourth of July float.

The Balzers were in Boyne City this week to oversee installation of the restored clock and to tutor city staff on its upkeep. Rick Balzer explained how various factors can impact the clock's accuracy, including vibrations from passing motorists, weather and even phases of the moon can offset its ticking. Those rea-

sons were largely why pendulum clocks fell out of fashion, Balzer noted.

But unlike the electronic or digital clocks that eventually came to replace them, the old tower clocks "are always restorable", added Balzer's wife, Linda. And that's a good thing, the couple agreed, because no matter what century they chime in, people like these old tower clocks and their replicas. They like to watch them work; they like to hear them chime. "It's been proven that people want to see them on display," said Rick.

Linda said she's confident that residents in Boyne City will delight in the "very soft, very gentle" tone of their newly-installed clock's chime for generations to come. "It's going to be amazingly cool. And now people can hear it for the next 100 years," she said, correcting herself, "Actually, this one here will be good for hundreds."

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Boyne Falls Public Schools

Student of the Week



Sarabeth Clark

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Melissa Clark

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

Favorite Book: Piggy and Gerald

Hobbies and Interests: Riding bikes, Watch T.V., Swim

School Activities:

Staff Comments: "Sarabeth was a great student to add to our class. She helps her friends play together and she sets a good example by being a good worker. She is good at Math and does a great job on her art work." - Mrs. Cosier

“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 Joe Goman, who recently joined the Gaylord staff. Goman has five years of retail experience and started working at the Salvation Army warehouse before being promoted to Assistant Manager and then Store Manager. He has lived in Gaylord since 1991.

“Our goal is to make the shopping experience for our customer’s even better,” Goman stated. “We now have lower prices to offer the community a great place to shop for a wide variety of affordable items.”

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



The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



Store Manager, Joe Goman (at left) and Processor, Jake Phillips, prepare items to go out to the showroom at the Gaylord Salvation Army Store. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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.”

Those seeking services can visit Jergenson at his new office location in the Otsego County United Way Building on Fifth Street in Gaylord. To make and appointment, call (989) 448-

2357.

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 14 people and is looking to increase that staff.

Goman notes, “We have recently added to our staff to allow us to get even more merchandise out on the floor for our customers.”

Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the out-

standing values that can be found 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 dis-

count 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 organization’s mission of “Doing the Most Good,” clothing items that aren’t sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

Jergenson, Goman 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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

THE MYTH OF JUSTICE – THE COURT

To the Editor,

The façade that law is just is simply not true. Judges are not there to mete justice; they’re there to collect pay, perks and pensions. One of those perks is regal bearing, the one and only leftover from old English law, the entitlement of “your honor”, strictly banned by the US Constitution, it slipped through anyway. These guys and girls have to slip in and out of county buildings via side doors because they can’t risk being caught in an elevator with the public. There are hidden passageways for them to enter and exit the courtrooms so they likewise don’t encounter John Q or Mary Doe.

And even in the smaller cities they have to protect themselves against attack thus

proceed with even more clandestine caution. Normally a judge will have a private parking spot adjacent to that back door entrance so s/he can come and go without fanfare or even notice. They time their arrival and departure coordinates when of least chance of notice. They’re like ghosts, wraiths, who flit about only appearing in a courtroom through mysterious doors that none other traverse. This is the life of a judge, a phantom of the opera ghouls who may only materialize as the black robed overseer who pontificates to the masses. This is even more apparent in the Supreme Courts, especially the federal version. Those judges have their own building so security is high, but earlier on they had no such buildings but had to use the halls of Congress when it was not otherwise being used. When they

were finally approved for a building of their own you can imagine the chorus of relief: Hey, pay, perks and pensions AND our own building, let’s party.

Not so the small town judges though, they having to coexist with the rank and file personnel every day in those beehives of tax, record and bureaucracy. They have to sneak around so to avoid contact other than when in their black robes. Of course they wear their street clothing to come and go and thereby blend in a little better with the flow and they have private offices, with private bathrooms, nearby the courtrooms for their secretive transformation before appearances. It is that position of privilege and power that attracts such persons. Though sometimes they might mingle with other attorney types in the local upscale watering

holes and country clubs, they more often tend to keep a low profile and hang out where nobody will take note of them. It’s rare to see one in a bar for instance though it does happen. Mostly these types slink around in shadows as if the Elephant Man.

There is no justice. It is as unreal as the edifice that encompasses all the rigmarole taken to be law, enclosures with partitions and cubicles wherein life and death discussions are held daily and much money changes hands. When entering those courtrooms much attention is given to secure the premises from attackers, namely any who would carry weapons into a room. The hubbub is palpable outside those rooms as a guard stands at the door. They know all too well of the animosity present. A courtroom is a gateway to jail and prison for

the unfortunate and the unprincipled alike, legalized extortion and embezzlement otherwise.

The legislature is just bigger courtrooms with more judges, judges that were once little children. This is worthy of our consideration for its intrinsic immaturity quotient. Tantrums are not uncommon from the bench, that dais of supposed respectability. Judges, as much as tax collectors and police, are responsible for a certain amount of money intake via the court proceedings. If they don’t produce they are remonstrated. Many people don’t realize this but money is the prime mover of law in all its ramifications. Money is needed to keep all machinery running, buildings, furnishings, personnel, fleets etc. That lucre comes mainly from taxes but fees and fines are also major income for

town, city, county, state and federal orifices. That’s why there is a federal debt and deficit, viz. not enough income so debt is incurred every year at fiscal time. Responsibility is not a factor in so-called justice. That judge that sends you to jail would gladly accept a cash payment instead, needing only the acceptable paperwork to make it work. That’s why jail inmates are charged a daily fee for their stays: law can’t afford the pay, recordkeeping and utilities. The system is going broke yet they continue on as if it were solvent.

When all dissembles and the courtrooms and cop shops are barren, the jails and prisons abandoned, we may know that justice has finally been accomplished.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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UPCOMING EVENT

Charlevoix Summer Open House is June 15



Charlevoix merchants are celebrating the arrival of the summer season with the 6th Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Thursday, June 15 from 4 to 8pm. Stroll the streets and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 6 to 8pm, including special performances by Charlie's Root Fusion (shown here), 45 North, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chapdelaine, and Paul Gelderblom. COURTESY PHOTO



In addition to live music (45 North shown here), Merchants invite you to check out their new, summer merchandise and the many fantastic brands and services they have available. COURTESY PHOTO

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Come see what's new. Merchants invite you to check out their new, summer merchandise and the many fantastic brands and services they have available. Check out the exciting selection of Antiques, Art, Bicycles, Books, Clothing, Gifts, Home Accents, Jewelry, Paddle Boards, Purses, Shoes, Specialty Foods, Sunglasses, Toys, Wine, and so much more.

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And if that weren't enough, the Pine River Jazz Band will perform a swing dance concert on the East end of Mason Street. Beginners and experts are welcome to put on their dancing shoes and boogie in the street. Learn a new move or two during this lively musical performance or just pull up a chair and watch.

You won't want to miss the Charlevoix Summer Open House, an evening of great shopping, dining, and entertainment for the entire family. For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

East Jordan Lion's Club 2017 Mother of the Year



Lion president, Terry Graham, presents flowers to Michelle (Shelly) Reid, Lions Club 2017 Mother of the Year. Shelly has six children and 4 grandchildren. She attends a lot of their sporting events and is a very active member of the community stating her mother has been a wonderful role model for her. She has been chairperson of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and has worked on many fundraisers at basketball and baseball games to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. COURTESY PHOTO

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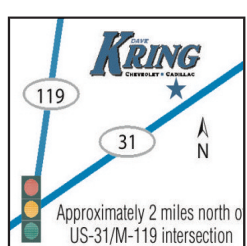


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