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Development, Community Improvement and Growth highlight East Jordan State of the Community

By Michelle Medjesky
EAST JORDAN - When it comes to how things have been going in the community of East Jordan over the past year, it seems it's been all about getting a green light and moving forward on the fast track of growth and development-and even going a little off track in one regard.
Dozens of area residents and civic leaders gathered at the Harvest Barn Church earlier this week for the annual East Jordan State of the Community luncheon to learn about the many exciting developments this region has seen in the last year.
The East Jordan High School senior class was also in attendance at the event, which was sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber



Community leaders were featured speakers at the East Jordan State of the Community luncheon earlier this week at the Harvest Barn Church. This year's speakers included (left to right) East Jordan DDA chairman Tom Teske, East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon, Little Traverse Conservancy Executive Director Tom Bailey, Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance Director of Government Relations Kent Wood, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce President Mary Faculak and East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

of Commerce, East Jordan Public Schools, Charlevoix State Bank, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan and The Harvest Barn Church. Featured speakers were East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce President and

CEO Mary Faculak, East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson, Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance Director of Government Relations Kent Wood, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority Chairman Tom Teske, East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon and Little Traverse Conservancy Executive Director Tom Bailey.
Stevenson noted the progress made throughout the East Jordan Public Schools District in recent months, including the genesis of numerous new projects and programs.
He highlighted his district's stronger focus on curriculum and instruction assessment initiatives and

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Four Seasons Marina property changes ownership



As of Monday, October 23, The Four Seasons Marina in East Jordan is under new ownership. Shown here, from left; Rick Gotts, Dave Stark, Rebecca Gotts and Doug Stark. COURTESY PHOTO

By Jim Akans

The Four Seasons Marina property in East Jordan is under new ownership. The transaction closed on Monday, October 23. The marina has been in the Stark family for five decades. New owners, Rick and Rebecca Gotts, are planning some exciting changes at the former marina location.
Realtor, Mike Stark observes; "This is huge news for East Jordan. The Four Season Marina is the second longest running family business in our community."
Doug Stark states, "It has been owned by Stark family for 47 years. It's bitter-sweet, but also a blessing in disguise. We will be moving to a new location, which is yet to be determined."
The new owners are planning to transform the facility into a craft beer tap room, and in a nod to the past, a refurbishing operation for classic wooden and Chris-Craft boats. The Gotts also own Wes Corp in East Jordan, a company that does industrial coatings and machining for E.J.
Rick Gotts states, "We are looking at restoring the marina's main showroom area and turning it into a tap room, called Hops n Props, offering hand crafted beers and a light menu. We have a collection of antique wooden boats, mostly Chris-Craft and will not only be restoring those but boats for others as well. We plan to have the tap room overlooking the boat restoration area so people can observe the work that goes into restoring those classic boats."
The Gotts placed second and received the People's Choice award in this year's Green Light competition in East Jordan. The awards totaled \$3,000 and will help with the work at the marina.
He notes, "We have had great community support. Four Seasons Marina will stay in the existing location until spring, then we will begin the restoration process."

Trick or Treating in Charlevoix County

By Jim Akans

Halloween is sneaking right up and that means its trick-or-treating time! All across Charlevoix County folks are stocking up on goodies for giving, so check out the following schedule, fine-tune your costume, and get ready for a door-to-door quest in search of devilishly delicious delights. Don't forget to check the related article on Halloween Safety, and of course, always remember to say "Thank You!"



All across Charlevoix County folks are stocking up on goodies for giving, so check out trick or treat time for your community, fine-tune your costume, and get ready for a door-to-door quest in search of devilishly delicious delights. WIKIPEDIA PHOTO

Boyne City

Trick or Treating hours are 5-8pm on Halloween. The annual Halloween Parade in downtown Boyne City will start at 4:45 pm on Halloween, October 31, with line up at CindiFranco's at 4:30pm. The Boyne City Firefighters Association will hold a free Haunted House from 5 to 8 pm at the red building next to the Boyne District Library following the parade. The Library Community Room will be open for trick or treating until 6pm. 12th Annual "Trunk or Treat" at the First Presbyterian Church will take place on October 31 from 5-7pm. Enjoy individually wrapped healthy snacks, candy, pencils, pens, tooth brushes, etc.

A children's Halloween Party will be held from 1-2:30pm on Saturday, October 28, hosted by the women of the Eagles Auxiliary and held at the Boyne City Eagles Club. Children 12 and under are invited with their families to join them for food, fun, games, and prizes. There is no charge for admission

Charlevoix

Downtown trick or treating will take place on Tuesday, October 31, from 6 to 8 pm. Charlevoix Area Community Pool will present their annual Spook Swim Friday, October 27 from 6-8 pm. Reservations with payment are required. Enjoy our spooky music and decorations on the Pool deck, and be entertained with floating pumpkins in the water. Swim, eat pizza, sip on refreshments and grab a goody bag all for just \$5 for students and adults (swimmers and non-swimmers). Children 3 and under are free. Call the Pool to ensure your spot today: 231.547.0982.

East Jordan

Trick or Treat Hours will be on October 31 from 5 until 8pm. There will be a Halloween celebration at Tennis Court Park starting at 6:30pm, which includes a costume parade followed by costume judging, prizes and refreshments.

Ellsworth

Trick or treating in the Village will take place on Tuesday, October 31, from 5 to 8 pm.
Be safe, don't eat all your candy at one time, and have a wonderful Halloween!

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	HIGH: 50 LOW: 39	HIGH: 47 LOW: 42	HIGH: 53 LOW: 36	HIGH: 47 LOW: 33	HIGH: 44 LOW: 37	HIGH: 43 LOW: 35	HIGH: 46 LOW: 37

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
OCT 26	..34°	...56°	..20° (1990)	.77° (1989)
OCT 27	..34°	...55°	..21° (1965)	.77° (1989)
OCT 28	..34°	...54°	..20° (1990)	.77° (1989)
OCT 29	..33°	...54°	..17° (1965)	.75° (1989)
OCT 30	..33°	...53°	..19° (1966)	.73° (1956)
OCT 31	..33°	...53°	..15° (1992)	.72° (1950)
NOV 1	...34°	...53°	..21° (1976)	.75° (1990)

OBITUARIES

Darleen Dale Shafer, 75

(APRIL 30, 1942 - OCT. 19, 2017)

Darleen Dale Shafer (Hersha), passed away Thursday the 19th of October at home. She was born on April 30, 1942, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Frank and Jessie Hersha.

On January 23, 1962, she married Alfred J. Shafer in Alba and they made their home in Echo Township. Darleen spent her time raising her four daughter and farming along side her husband. Her family was her pride and joy, she enjoyed being a homemaker for her children and later enjoying time with her grandkids and great grandkids. She enjoyed crocheting, crafting, bingo, genealogy and playing cards.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan (Duane) Arnott, Karen (Robert) Herrmann, Brenda (Tim) Kassuba and Kimberlyn Shafer. Grandkids, Julie (Bill) Roberts, Justin Arnott, Timothy Kassuba, Brittany (Nathan) Mikolowski, Michael Kassuba, Jennifer (Shannon) White and Katelynn Hermann. Her great grandchildren, Litt Roberts, Matthew, Roberts, Nathaniel Roberts, Jessica Pattenaude, Jorja Pattenaude, Jonah Pattenaude, Keeva Cassells, Kelsea Kassuba, Kaleb Kassuba, Paisley Arnott, Mason Milolowski and Parker

Force. Also surviving are siblings, Virginia Prevo, Fawnlee (Don) Shepard, Lorraine Hoisington, Beverly Stokes and Raymond (Jucille) Hersha. Darleen is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Alfred, sibling, Donna Finch, Frances Pearcey, Alberta Dunson-Corner, Loretta Hersha, Elra Hersha and Hugh Hersha.

The family received friends on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Private interment in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

Robert L. Wise, Jr., 75

(SEPT. 23, 1942 - OCT. 16, 2017)

On October 16, 2017 Robert L. Wise Jr. of Charlevoix passed away peacefully at his home.

Bob was born on September 23, 1942 in Pittsburg PA, the only child of Robert and Caroline Wise.

Bob graduated high school from St. Francis high school (Sharpsburg, PA) in 1961. He served in the US Coast Guard from 1963-1967 on the Great Lakes and then to Sand Island Hawaii where he was on a search and recover ship patrolling in the Pacific Ocean going to Japan, Australia and into enemy waters in Vietnam. He received the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

On September 17, 1964 Bob married Maryann Suzette Smith (Susie), of Charlevoix.

Bob is survived by his wife Susie of 53 years, two sons Robert L. (Doreen) Wise III and James Franklyn (Heather) Wise. His seven grandchildren, Ashley, Hannah, Christopher, Samuel, Robert, Elizabeth, Richard and one great granddaughter Nevaeh.

Bob acquired his pilot's license and was a member of the Charlevoix Flying Club. He enjoyed flying so much as he owed his own plane. Bob was a Charlevoix County Chairman of the Republican Party and Financial Chairman receiving an award from Governor Millikin in Lansing, Michigan.

After having a successful window cleaning & floor care business for 13 years. His love of sweets drove him to Geneva on the Lake, Ohio where his family used to vacation when he was a child to open a new business. Jerry Murdick shared some of his trade secrets and inspired Bob to open two Wise's fudge in Ohio.

Bob's greatest love was for the Masonic brotherhood. He was a 33rd degree and past master and received his life time pin after forty years of participation.

There was a graveside memorial on October 19, 2017 at the Ellsworth Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Robert L. Wise Jr. to the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust 233 East Fulton Street Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Kenneth E Howard, Jr., 66

(NOV. 12, 1950 - OCT. 18, 2017)

Kenneth E. Howard, Jr., of Boyne Falls passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital after a brief illness.

Ken was born November 12, 1950 in Petoskey to the late Kenneth Howard and the late Joanne (Stewart) Wagen-schutz. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to spend time hunting and fishing. Before retirement, he worked for Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Survived by his wonderful, loving wife of 44 years, Christel Howard of Boyne Falls; 3 children: Sabine

Pike, Bruce Peters and Barbara Greenlaw; 14 siblings: Randy, Ronnie, Ricky, Beverly, Danny, David, Laurie, Terrie, Cammie, Shaune, Kelli, Sallie Jo, Mary Beth and Clyde; 5 grandchildren: Kristal Miller-Chellis, Scott Chellis, Jason, Tyler and Melissa Hill; 2 great-grandchildren: Brody and Ryder Hill; many cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be especially missed by their little poodle Taffie, who he called Baby.

Ken was a private individual, but he held his family close to his heart and he is loved and will be missed by many. In keeping with the wishes of Ken, there will be no funeral service.

Robert Marquardt, 76

(JUNE 20, 1941 - OCT. 23, 2017)

Robert Marquardt of Walloon Lake passed away at home with his family on Monday, October 23, 2017.

His family will remember him at a gathering to be held next summer.

Linda M. Cummings, 70

(APRIL 6, 1947 - OCT. 17, 2017)

Linda M. Cummings of Boyne City passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Linda's family will remember her at a memorial service in Minnesota at a later date.

Barbara J. Cruickshank, 90

(SEPT. 7, 1927 - OCT. 21, 2017)

The song has ended but the melody lingers on. Barbara Jean Cruickshank passed away Saturday morning, October 21, 2017. She was born September 7, 1927 in Port Huron, Michigan. She married her best friend, Bud, in 1950 and they moved to Clawson, Michigan where they raised their five boys. Once Bud retired they moved permanently to Beaver Island to live out their golden years, which entailed Barb becoming the librarian at The Beaver Island District Library and Bud remodeling the house in the harbor along with his other love, painting. Barb is survived by her sons Dan (Debbie), Scott (Patty); daughter-in-law, Debbie Cruickshank; grandchildren, Danielle, Kit, Erick, Lyndsey, Angela, Grant and Christopher and her three great grandchildren Chase, Addison and Lily. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Bud and their three sons, Grant, Bill and Brian.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 4th at the St. James Episcopal Church on Beaver Island. Visitation will be held on Friday November 3rd at her home. Times will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Jean Christine Peterson, 91

(JAN. 23, 1926 - OCT. 23, 2017)

Jean C. Peterson, beloved mom and grandmother,

passed away

Monday, October 23,

2017, at

Grandvue

Medical Care

Facility in

East Jordan,

where she

had made

her home for

the past year

and a half.

Jean was born

January 23,

1926, in East

Jordan, the

youngest child

of Charles H.,

Sr. and Martina

(Thompson)

Dennis. She

attended East

Jordan High

School and on

July 17, 1943,

she married

her handsome

U.S. Marine,

Leon L. Peterson,

while he

was home on

leave.

Leon and Jean

spent most

of their lives

in East Jordan

with a few

brief years

in Bronson,

Michigan. Jean

worked for

Bos' Locker

Plant which

later became

Glen's

Market. She

worked in

many

capacities,

including

produce

manager and

head

cashier.

She was a

member of

the First

Presbyterian

Church in

East Jordan

and the

American

Legion

Auxiliary

in East

Jordan.

Jean was a

great cook,

a spotless

housekeeper

with a

work ethic

and money

management

skills that

all should

follow! She

loved family

celebrations,

attending

her children

and grandchildren's

sporting

events. She

loved spoiling

all those she

loved at

Christmas

time! She

will be

forever

remembered

for her

beautiful

smile and

her great

love for

all her

children,

grandchildren,

and great

grandchildren.

Jean

was

preceded

in death

by her

parents;

her husband,

Leon;

her

siblings,

Dorothy

Sommerville,

Charles

Dennis, Jr.,

Clifford

Dennis,

Delbert

Dennis

and Eva

Healey.

She is

survived

by her

children,

Jack

(Barb)

Peterson,



Nancy (Ted) Sherman, Denny Peterson, Allan (Beth) Peterson and Frank (Julie) Timmer; fifteen grandchildren, Susan, Louie, Ted, Matthew, Chris, Cory, Amanda, Tony, April, Martina, Jordan, Trey, Abby, Bobby and Mindy; as well as nine great grandchildren, Ryan, Carter, Alyssa, Ella, Benny, Ayden, Kylee, Anna and Alice. She loved each and every one of us so much!

The family would like to also extend a huge "Thank You" to all the staff at Grandvue M.C.F. for their amazing love and care given to our precious mom this past 18 months. Words cannot express how much it has meant to all her family.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home. Rev. Donald Kinloch will officiate with interment following in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on October 25 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the Terrace and Recreation Park Project at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Sherri Leigh (Misner) Persons, 54

(MARCH 23, 1963 - OCT. 16, 2017)

Sherri L. Misner-Persons of East Jordan died at home on Monday, October 16, 2017. She was born on March 23, 1963, in Gaylord, the daughter of Neil and Norma (Robinson) Misner.

On September 15, 1989 in Central Lake, she married James Persons, II. He preceded her in death on January 6, 2015.

Sherri enjoyed bowling, camping and riding ATV quad runners.

She is survived by three children, Skylar Persons of Brethren, Ben Misner of East Jordan and Andrew Misner of East Jordan; one brother, Neil Misner of Charlevoix; and one sister, Tina Misner of Charlevoix. Sherri was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

A memorial will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to Munson Hospice or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS

To the Editor, CIRCA 1883, William Malpass & family originated the business recently renamed "ej", a typical story yet atypical in that it has survived so long, now the leader in cast iron fittings for city and industry. Starting out making parts for ships, once as many as fourteen in the harbor, farm implement castings, practically anything wanted in metal parts and products such as the front-runner, manhole covers.

This business is now spread around the globe having foundries in Michigan, Oklahoma, Ireland and France, and innumerable distribution points and affiliated expeditors literally worldwide. The contentions of having an iron works foundry on the bay of Lake Charlevoix South Arm pristine waterways of Northwest Michigan was assuaged by several factors of note. First the Iron Works employed local workers and continues to do so; next they bought up properties contiguous to shield residents from the noise and factory smoke of yesteryear; third, they ultimately became the leading benefactor of civic projects such as the Health Center, lately the new Cop Shop, Fire Station and Emergency Services Center. Most towns around here wish they had such a beneficent neighbor.

Still, there lingered the ghost of Christmas Past so to speak that hovered over a lakeshore property that always seemed fit for development of the touristy kind. Well, it's happening even as we speak albeit not too loudly. Ej is moving to West Elmira as it's locally known, Warner Township officially, on M-131 and M-32, a major secondary highway intersection extending south and north, Indiana border to Petoskey, each extreme of 131 connecting with US-31 in conjoining the intra-national highway system prior to the true Interstate System begun in the 1950s and 1960s.

Most mill towns have gone the way of the dinosaur, skeletal relics like New England's scattered leftovers now renovated into loft accommodations, but the ej continues to thrive with hundreds of workers here, there, and, well, everywhere. One long-time worker there postulated some time ago that the office building fronting the complex could be easily converted to a housing management/sales facility, which will be retained in near future as a headquarters office for iron works business but the future will plausibly see some movement toward the commercial/residential utilization of the waterfront. Here's why:

The recently renamed EJIW owns a large swath of this waterfront which through acquisitions

of houses over decades now lays empty of residents or commerce. In other words, it stands ready for commercial-residential development. Meanwhile the Elmira construction project proceeds at record pace, state-of-the-art electrical mechanization in lieu of the old coal-fired smelting process, contiguity of less than twenty miles for sake of retaining workers, availability of power through a local grid, fifteen miles from the I-75 freeway at Gaylord via M-32, a win-win, just-right-little-tight-little convenience all around. The townsfolk get their will in baring the lakeshore of the, uh, well, monstrosity that will have held fortress there for 135 years as its demise next year or so as the new facility begins to churn out those familiar parts and the old behemoth stands vacant and barren. Many longtime residents will tell of the fresh layer of soot on overnight snow throughout city streets and rooftops until huge filters were installed some decades ago. The EPA and sundry have been on their case for years but the company is such a civic-minded entity as to console most complaints expeditiously. And after all, if you want a manhole cover, where else you gonna go?

Colloquially speaking, this is agrarian country with scattered small towns dotting the landscape of farms and rural high-

ways and country roads - like, real country roads. There has been an influx of people from the cities, though, that has added a dimension of "culture" to the greater area. That and medical personnel, expanded television channels, cable, internet, and so on, has made inroads in the general ambience that morphs with the ej premise of worldwide commerce fairly well.

Factories and warehouses continue to be an integral part of this civilization and will be for as long as trucks and trains and cars and planes keep delivering. In which case we'll need metal products to keep things working. And plumb all those new condos, homes and apartments on the lakeshore of Lake Charlevoix South Arm. Already the upscale appurtenances are appearing, street upgrades, dining, wining etc. Transition has been long in coming but has picked up speed lately. None complain loudly because the full effect is not yet known. As "ej" moves out, who will move in, who will move out? We can glance at Bay Harbor, Boyne City, Traverse City for potential clues, though it is inconsistent to imagine East Jordan as an upscale destination due to its lumbering heritage. Latté, Shorty?

Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan

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Twister Joe - Joe Koprowicz, Twister Joe, Northern Michigan's Favorite Balloon Artist, makes balloon animals for the young people.



Princess Marley Baxter of East Jordan



Heather Jackson, city treasurer, handed out information for Freedom Festival, Sno-Blast and other Chamber sponsored events.



Downtown East Jordan was filled with hundreds of people, most dressed in costume, celebrating the Pumpkin Festival.

FALL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN EAST JORDAN



Riley and Chase Cannon dressed up as Clay Matthews and a vampire.



Everyone dressed in costume added lots of fun to the Downtown Fall Pumpkin Festival



The Harvest Barn church sponsored a bounce house.



Oliver Bayless dressed as Lego Batman

News

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WRCNM receives \$20,000 grant

Throughout Domestic Abuse Awareness Month in October, The Mary Kay Foundation is awarding \$20,000 grants to 150 domestic abuse shelters across the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam for a total of \$3 million. Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's (WRCNM) Safe Home was chosen to receive one of the annual grants to further the organization's efforts to combat domestic abuse and provide survivor support services in northern Lower Michigan. This year's highly sought-after grant slate brings the total investment in The Foundation's annual shelter grant program to nearly \$42 million.

WRCNM will use the grant funding to support expenses associated with operating the 24/7 Safe Home,

as well as direct services provided to survivors and their children in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Other recipients use the unrestricted funds for basic operating expenses, hiring much-needed personnel, completing repairs and renovations or adding programs and resources based on the unique needs of their shelter and the clients they serve.

"Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is incredibly grateful for support from The Mary Kay Foundation? and its continued commitment to ending domestic abuse and violence against women," said Gail Kloss, WRCNM Executive Director. "Grants and donations are vitally important in helping us continue to fund critical programs and services relied on by thousands

of community members every year."

The Safe Home provides survivors and their children a secure, caring and supportive place to heal from the emotional and physical pain of domestic abuse and regain control in their lives. Last year, the Safe Home provided families 3,000 nights of shelter, 9,000 meals and all their daily needs at no cost.

"More than 700 domestic violence shelters nationwide applied for The Mary Kay Foundation? shelter grants this year, which demonstrates the overwhelming need to maintain critical services and provide a safe haven for the survivors of an epidemic that impacts one in every four women," said Anne Crews, board member of The Mary Kay Foundation? and Vice President

of Public Affairs for Mary Kay Inc. "Working to prevent and end domestic violence is a cornerstone of The Foundation, Mary Kay Inc. and for countless members of our independent sales force. Since 2000, The Foundation has invested tens of millions of dollars in our shelter grant program and without a doubt, we know these funds make a difference in homes and communities across the country."

Mary Kay Inc.'s global cause-related program, Beauty that Counts, helps support The Foundation's annual shelter grant program. Applications for the 2018 shelter grant program will be available January 15 through April 30. Please visit marykayfoundation.org for additional information and for the full list of 2017 shelter grant recipients.

COMMUNITY

FROM PG. 1A

the establishment of programs geared to early learning and career and college readiness.

He also noted new collaborations within the community, like the school's new Wellness Center that was started in part with help from the Health Department of Northern Michigan to ensure students can get an optimal learning experience by having access to both physical as well as mental health care as needed.

Other community collaboration through Michigan Works has resulted in a vegetable garden being planted behind the elementary school which supplements the district's food program, he said.

Such collaborations are key to building the strength that breeds overall success, he added. "We know if there is not a strong school, there is not a strong community," Stevenson said, noting the "symbiotic relationship" that needs to exist between the two.

Stevenson also touched on the proposed enhancement millage that will be on the ballot November 7. If approved, it would result in a one mill levy for the next ten years and an extra \$615 per pupil spending. That's a nice amount, he said, but still falls short of the \$1,156 amount it needs to be to provide the educational opportunities afforded to students in other school districts in the state.

He said if approved, 100 percent of the monies from the enhancement millage would furthermore remain in this region and have been earmarked, among other things, to pay for career and college readiness programs. "I'm super excited about the November 7 election," Stevenson said, "That's going to give our kids opportunities that we've had to take away from them over the last ten years."

"We're growing the next generation," he added, pointing to members of the senior high school class of 2018 in the audience and noting how they are standing in line to be this area's future civic leaders, Rotary Club members and will go on to represent many other community organizations.

When it comes to East Jordan's place in the world of business and development in northern Michigan, Kent Wood spoke about the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance's dedication to helping this community and others like it flourish in every capacity.

Wood advocated developing rural housing incentives and improved childcare options to help bolster the business climate in this region. He also stated strong support of increasing educational programs and opportunities that support the increasing demand for STEM-based careers, or those steeped in science, technology, engineering and math.

He also urged a move to get local representatives to approve Brownfield legislation, which he said would be "transformational" in its benefit to smaller, rural communities.

East Jordan's downtown area has seen vibrant change in the past year, including new businesses opening, street and signage improvements and relocation of the city's historic train locomotive, said Downtown Development Authority Chairman Tom Teske.

The relocation of the 111-year-old East Jordan & Southern Railroad locomotive from the city's Memorial Park, where it has been on display since the 1960s, to nearby Sportsman's Park, was paid for by the DDA and engineered early this past summer.

Teske also pointed to the success of the "Green Light East Jordan" business model competition, which he called "a fantastic program" that supports the start-up or growth of businesses in the area. This year's Green Light project winner was the South Arm Market, with owner Kaila Thomas earlier this month awarded a \$10,000 prize to promote her business.

Teske also noted that the DDA has gotten its finances back in order after some years of struggle in that area. "We're in good financial shape," Teske said of the DDA, "All of our bonds have been paid off and we're solvent. We think the future is really bright for East Jordan," Teske added.

East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon laid out progress made in his city this last year and progress planned

Dispose of unwanted prescriptions on "Take Back Day"

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be holding its fourteenth national prescription drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am-2 pm. This initiative is held to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by asking everyone to rid your homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Northern Michigan has numerous law enforcement partners working to make prescription drug disposal available in your community. To locate a Take Back location near you, go to https://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/ta

keback/ and enter your zip code or county. Many local law enforcement agencies take back prescription drugs either during regular office hours or 24/7. Check with your local law enforcement agency for normal collection hours.

Last April, Americans turned in 450 tons (more than 900,386 pounds) of unused prescription drugs at over 4,200 collection sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In Michigan, more than 20,000 pounds was collected. In 2016, the 14 northernmost counties of the Lower Peninsula collected almost 2200 pounds of unused pre-

scription drugs.

Prescription Take Back initiatives address a vital public safety and public health concern. The majority of prescription drug abusers report that they get their drugs from friends and family. Americans understand that cleaning out old prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, and bedside tables reduces accidents, thefts, and the misuse of these medicines. In 2016, more than 64,000 drug overdose deaths were reported in the US—many of these were from prescription opioids.

According to Lynda Rutkowski, Substance Abuse Prevention Spe-

cialist for Up North Prevention, "Each of us needs to be part of the solution. Monitor your medications to ensure that none goes missing and secure them in a locked box that only you and a caretaker can access. Then dispose of all old and unused medications at one of your local law enforcement agencies. Each of us can be part of the solution."

The service is free and anonymous—no questions asked. For more information go to upnorthprevention.org or to https://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/



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Area October Happenings!

Hospice of NW Michigan Grief Support Group
Due to varied session locations and times, please call 231-547-7659 to register or for more information. www.hospicenwm.org

Munson Hospice Grief Support Group - 1st Thursday every month, 12:00pm @ Munson
For more info, call 800-252-2065 or visit www.munsonhome-health.org

10/4, 11, 18, 25, WEDNESDAYS, 8AM-12PM

10/7, 14, 21, 28, SATURDAYS, 8AM-12PM

Boyer City Farmers' Market

Outdoor market in Veteran's Park, 207 N. Lake Street.

10/12, 19, 26, THURSDAYS, 8AM-1PM

Charlevoix Farmers' Market

Market moves indoors to the Charlevoix Public Library, in the Community Rooms, until Thanksgiving. www.charlevoix.org

10/5, 12, 19, 26, THURSDAYS, 8AM-12PM

East Jordan Farmers' Market

Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge St., Off M-32 by bridge. www.ejchamber.org

10/18, WEDNESDAY, 5PM - 8PM

Fall Pumpkin Festival

Spend the evening in downtown East Jordan for a ton of fall fun; all things pumpkin! There will be Pumpkin Bowling, Twister Joe (Balloon Artist), yummy treats, games, and much more! Kids can don their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat down Main Street.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Charlevoix income tax preparation team is looking for volunteers to prepare free tax returns for senior citizens and low-to-middle income taxpayers.

As a volunteer, you will be trained and certified to perform this service. Certification would be completed in January, and the tax preparation season runs from February 1st through April 15th.

The program is supported by the NMCAA (Northwest MI Community Action Agency) in Traverse City.

For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Randy Cebulski at 231-675-0004.



BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 26
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, October 27
11:30am Bruce Ogden American House Sundaes
Bake Sale Raffle
Rummikub

Monday, October 30
10am Crafts
Dynamic Hearing Systems
10-1 p.m.
Bingo
Rummikub

Tuesday, October 31
Wii Bowling
Wear a Costume, Mask or Hat
HALLOWEEN PARTY

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 26
1pm Mahjong
1pm Wii Practice

Friday, October 27
9:30am Craft Class
11:30am MUSIC: Dolph
BEST COSTUME PRIZE

Monday, October 30
Bridge
Woodcarving
Bible Study

Tuesday, October 31
1pm Mahjong
1pm Paint/Coloring

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 26
11am KARAOKE DAY!
1pm Texas Hold-em
Bring a friend day

Friday, October 27
Talent Show!!
11am OJ Adkins
1pm Euchre
Bingo/Raffle 50/50
Halloween Party!

Monday, October 30
8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F
10am Daily Devotions
12:30pm Wii Bowling
1pm Ceramics

Tuesday, October 31
10:30am Craft Class
12:30pm Bingo - Meal Ticket Prize
1pm Mexican Poker
Wear blue jeans day

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, October 26
TURKEY TETRAZINI

Friday, October 27
SLOPPY JOES

Monday, October 30
LASAGNA

Tuesday, October 31
BAKED CHICKEN

Flu Myths vs. Flu Facts

UMN expert Mark Schless weighs in on some of the most common myths surrounding the annual flu vaccine

Myth: Vaccines are not proven to prevent the flu



Fact: You are at least 60% less likely to become infected with the influenza virus

Myth: The flu vaccine can give me the flu



Fact: Flu viruses used in flu shots are inactivated, so they cannot cause infection

Myth: I should wait to get vaccinated so I'm covered until the end of the season



Fact: Get the flu vaccine as soon as possible. It takes 2 weeks for antibodies to develop

Myth: The flu nasal spray is just as effective as the flu shot



Fact: The nasal spray is NOT effective. You should get the flu shot to be properly vaccinated

Myth: The flu shot will protect me from every type of flu virus



Fact: The flu shot is designed yearly to protect against the highest risk/actively circulating strains of influenza

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Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment opens November 1

Open Enrollment for 2018 health insurance is right around the corner! Starting November 1, you will have 6 weeks to sign up for health insurance for 2018 through HealthCare.gov, the Health Insurance Marketplace. You can get a Marketplace plan if you don't have Medicaid, Medicare, or affordable coverage from an employer. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has trained assisters who can walk you through the process of applying for health insurance. Assistance is free of charge and available to all.

"In the past year, we've connected over 350 eligible individuals and families to health insurance," said Nicole Flickema, community health coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. For help applying, call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

Flickema pointed out that even though the Marketplace has been available for several years, not everyone knows what it offers.

"A lot of people don't realize they qualify for savings, or that they can get a Marketplace plan if insurance

coverage through their employer is considered unaffordable." Over 8 in 10 people who apply for insurance through the Marketplace are eligible to save based on their income.

"Another great thing about these plans is the preventive services they provide. You don't have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for things like screenings, shots, and birth control," said Flickema.

Plans on the Marketplace offer a range of prices and coverage levels, but all of them cover essential health

benefits, in addition to the free preventive services. Some of these benefits are prescription drugs, hospitalization, pregnancy and maternity care, and care for mental health and substance use disorders.

Flickema warned there was one more thing everyone needs to know: "If you don't enroll before December 15, you won't be able to sign up for a health insurance plan from the Marketplace unless you experience a qualified life event. If your healthcare isn't covered by an employer, Medicaid, or Medicare, now's

the time to go to HealthCare.gov to look through your options and find out how much you're eligible to save."

For those who purchased insurance from the Marketplace last year, Open Enrollment is the time to double-check your information and make sure you're all set for the coming year. Before November 1, you can visit HealthCare.gov to find Marketplace tips and a checklist of documents you'll need for enrollment.

Flickema said access to health insurance can make a

drastic difference in people's lives. "Last week, a man called to tell us he was able to get the care he needed for the first time in years, because we helped him get insurance. He was in tears."

For more information about the Health Insurance Marketplace, please visit HealthCare.gov/blog or call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-432-4121.

Boyer Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Alyssa Reynolds

Grade: Little Loggers Preschool

Parent's Name(s): Kurtis and Jessica Reynolds

What do you want to be when you grow up?: A doctor.

Favorite Book: The Cow Jumping Over the Moon.

Hobbies and Interests: Alyssa likes to play outside.

School Activities: At school, Alyssa likes to play with the magnates. She enjoys building houses, towers, and dog houses.

Staff Comments: "Alyssa has been having a wonderful year. We were lucky enough to have her in our program last year, and happy to have her again this year. She can identify almost all of the letters and knows a lot of sounds! She is helpful around the classroom and helps her friends a lot with problem solving. She always has a smile on her face, and she is always so eager to learn." — Ms. Monica (Halbert)

Standing for the National Anthem

By Dave Baragrey



I am a football fan. High school football, college football, NFL football... I especially enjoy watching my grandson playing 6th grade football.

I am also patriotic. I think it is important to be respectful of everyone, but certainly veterans, people serving in the military and our government leaders.

It bothers me to see professional athletes kneeling during the national anthem. I think all Americans should be respectful to one another and of course, during the playing of our national anthem.

I can't put myself in the place of those people that feel like they need

to make a statement about the way that they are treated primarily because of the color of their skin. I haven't experienced what they or their families have experienced. Obviously, they feel like they need to make a strong statement to encourage change. If they have been mistreated then things should change.

However, while I was doing some research I discovered a law regarding the national anthem. In a nutshell, by law, non-uniformed individuals shall stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men, if applicable, should remove their headdress. With this in mind, it is not about how you feel about how you are treated, but it is an issue of obeying the law. Below is the wording of the law.

It is the law that everyone stands for the National Anthem according

to the U.S. Code

The United States Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. It is prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives.

36 U.S. Code § 301 - National anthem

(a) - DESIGNATION — The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

(b) - CONDUCT DURING PLAYING.—During a rendition of the national anthem—

(1) - when the flag is displayed—

(A) - individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) - members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

(C) - all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

(2) - when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1263; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, § 595, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4475.)

Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

"We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn't typically find in a resale shop," observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. "Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day."

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program. The Shop began operating under



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the direction of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in 2005, being re-or-

ganized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated

inventory from local residents and businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who attend St. Francis in Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

"What truly sets our shop apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer," states Grissom. "The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store."

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm. For additional information call (231) - 348-2980 or visit New Beginnings Thrift Resale on Facebook.

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Literacy Corps Training on November 10

Interested in helping children improve their reading skills? Training for Char-Em United Way's Literacy Corps will be held on Friday, November 10 at the Char-Em ISD, located at 8568 Mercer Rd in Charlevoix, from 9:30-11:30am. Literacy Corps volunteers work with children and youth in a variety of settings in Emmet and Charlevoix counties. This training will provide Literacy Corps members and other youth-serving volunteers with valuable resources for their volunteer experience. Literacy Corps training is free to attend and will be led by Char-Em ISD Education Specialist, Kari Maki.

The Literacy Corps is a part of Char-Em United Way's Literacy Initiative which includes Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the Day of Action. As part of the Literacy Initiative, Char-Em United Way has and continues to recruit dedicated volunteers to read to, tutor, and mentor students in schools, libraries, day cares, and other youth-serving agencies. We work with these agencies to find times that work for the volunteers, allowing them to set their own schedules based on their availability.

"We are very excited to continue to implement this program in the community," AmeriCorps VISTA Brooke Granowicz said. "By getting one-on-one attention, children really start to excel with their reading and academic skills. Our dedicated volunteers are very excited to continue to help shape the future of the Char-Em community by spending time in schools, li-



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braries, daycares and other youth-serving agencies."

People who are already volunteering or working with youth and those who wish to be matched with a volunteer opportunity are encouraged to come to the training. We encourage you to attend if you are considering this type of volunteer opportunity, even if you are not yet ready to commit.

If you are interested in learning more, or joining the Char-Em United Way Literacy Corps, please contact Brooke Granowicz or Missy Wright at vista@charemunitedway.org or call the United Way office at 231-487-1006. T-shirts will be provided to those who sign up by November 3rd. To find more information on Char-Em United Way's Education initiative visit the website at .

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CHARLEVOIX RIBBON CUTTING FOR MICHIGAN BEACH PLAYGROUND

October 26, 11am. Please join the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Lake Michigan Beach Playground, Friday, October 27 in case of inclement weather.

CHARLEVOIX SPOOK SWIM AT CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL

October 27, 6-8pm. Enjoy our spooky music and decorations on the Pool deck and be entertained with floating pumpkins in the water. Swim, eat pizza, sip on refreshments and grab a goody bag all for just \$5 for students and adults (swimmers and non-swimmers). Children 3 and under are free. Reservations required. Call the Pool to ensure your spot today. 2 3 1 . 5 4 7 . 0 9 8 2 . charlevoixpool.org

CHARLEVOIX FALL EVENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS AND ADULTS

October 27, 6:30-9pm, Center Point Assembly, Center Point Assembly (just south of Castle Farms) will host a free Dancing and Game Night for all special need students and adults. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. Snack food and refreshments provided. Info at centerpointassembly.com

BOYNE CITY CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 28, 1-2:30pm, Boyne City Eagles Club. Hosted by the women of the Eagles Auxiliary. Children 12 and under are invited with their families to join them for food, fun, games, and prizes. There is no charge for admission.

EAST JORDAN HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION

October 28, 5:30pm, Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm (free will offering) with the auction starting immediately thereafter. There will be god quality household items fresh produce, homemade items and baked goods to bid on. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun! The Church is located at 7855 Rogers Road, East Jordan. For more information call 231-536-7566.

ELLSWORTH HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 28, 5-7pm, Ellsworth Middle/High School. Free, safe, and fun indoor event for area kids and families...play games for candy, candy, candy! Enjoy delicious donuts, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn and more! Get your face painted and have a blast taking pictures in the photo booth and showing them to your friends. Bouncy house also available for the little ones.

BOYNE CITY "ZOMBIE MOUNTAIN ATTACK" 5K FUN RUN

October 29, 1pm, Avalanche Mountain. Sponsored by The Boyne City High School Blaze Robotics Team. Registration begins at noon. Zombies in costume will be scattered along the 5K course to hinder and scare the dickens out of the runners. Costumes are optional but there will be a prize for the best runner's costume. Families are

welcome; you are invited to be a zombie or a runner. Pizza, apples and water are included in the \$10 runner registration fee. Info: Call Boyne City High School, 231-439-8100.

BOYNE CITY MENTAL ILLNESS EXPLORED

October 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Mysteries of Mental Illness: One Woman's Struggle to Regain Her Life," features a filmed interview with Karen McCracken, a woman diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and author of Breaking Free From OCD. During the program Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to discuss brushes with mental illness they, or people close to them, have experienced. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine Street entrance.

CHARLEVOIX GRAND BRIDAL EXPO

October 29, 10am-3pm, Castle Farms. Features more than 45 of the finest wedding service providers in Northern Michigan. Plan your wedding in just one day. The event culminates with the Grand Finale Fashion Show starting at 3pm where you could win a wedding package worth over \$15,000. Tickets are \$6 at the door, \$5 in advance at .

BOYNE CITY 12TH ANNUAL "TRUNK OR TREAT"

October 31, 5-7pm, First Presbyterian Church. Enjoy individually wrapped healthy snacks, candy, pencils, pens, tooth brushes, etc.

BOYNE CITY 9TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO/TASTE OF BOYNE

November 2, 3-7pm, Civic Center at Boyne Mountain. One of Northern Michigan's largest business networking events, as more than 1,000 people come to see 95 business booths, including a dozen in the Taste of Boyne. The public is welcome to attend the for \$5 admission, which includes tastings from a dozen food providers.

CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

November 3, 7:30-8:30pm, Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center. Cost; \$5 for Chamber members and \$7 for non-members.

EAST JORDAN MOTHER-SON MOVIE NIGHT

November 4, 5pm, East Jordan Middle/High School Auditorium. Presented by East Jordan Co-Op Nursery School. Movie choices are; Captain Underpants, The Incredibles and The Lego Batman Movie. Movie with the most votes will be shown. \$25 for couples, \$30 for multiples. For tickets contact a Co-Op parent or call (231) 536-7564 ext 5168.

EAST JORDAN SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

November 4, 9am-3pm, Snowmobilers Club on Mt Bliss Road. The class is offered to students age 12 - 17. There is no charge for the class, but participants must pre-register by calling Gerry at 582-7970 or Don at 536-2944 by October 28.

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November 7, 11am-7pm, McLaren Northern Michigan - Charlevoix Family Medicine. It takes only minutes to become a "Be The Match" member, and you could save someone's life. Learn more at McLaren.org/BeTheMatch or on Facebook.

ELLSWORTH STATE OF COMMUNITY.

November 8. 6:30pm. Will include slide shows of new improvement projects, refreshments and State of the Community speakers providing new insights into the Village, Township, School and Pig Roast accomplishments. A public input session to discuss the Master Recreation Plan for the Village and Township will follow. Informational break out stations will provide an avenue for questions and answers to topics such as Paddle Antrim, Pig Roast, Banks Township Historical Society, Parks and Recreation Planning, Banks Township Master Plan and Downtown Visioning. Everyone is encouraged to join in the festivities. Banks Township Hall, 6520 Center Street.

PETOSKEY NOEL NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT

November 9, 5-8pm, Grand Unity Event Center (former Knights of Columbus Hall). an exclusively "Up-North" gift basket shopping event sponsored by St. Michael's Academy. Shop or sell and take advantage of this opportunity to join others looking to keep their dollars "close to home" this giving season. Complimentary admission, hors d'oeuvres, and regional gift basket delivery. Live music and premium wine tastings. This event will be held at the Grand Unity Event Center in Petoskey (formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall). For more information call 231-330-2835.

CHARLEVOIX "LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX"

November 11, 8pm, Charlevoix Cinema II. Dan Swartwout is a nationally touring stand-up comedian who performs at comedy clubs across the country. Dan was selected for the Boston Comedy Festival, won the Carnival Cruise Comedy Challenge, and is the studio audience host for the Ohio Lottery Game Show, Cash Explosion. Andy Benning has established himself as one of the hardest working comedians in the business today. Performing his clever and "everyman" style of material has led to some 2,400 career performances. For more information, or tickets, call 231.622.3191 or visit livefrom-charlevoix.com

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 15, 5-7pm, Village Pub, co-sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Networking, Hors d-oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes and the "Money Machine" from Ace Hardware.

BOYNE CITY 10TH ANNUAL "EARLIER THAN THE BIRD"

November 18, 7-11am. Kick off the season with friends and family, coffee and holiday shopping specials - all while in the comfort of your pajamas. By

holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available. Merchants will be offering special deals along with refreshments. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of the Earlier Than The Bird coffee mug pictured above, while supplies last. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Forty varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family - Children love to get stickers in our Junior Marketeer program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market has several vendors in Veteran's Park. Market hours are Wednesday's and Saturday's, 8 am - Noon. During peak season the market features more than 65 regular vendors, all local, serving seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs; gourmet baked goods and preserves; eggs and cheese; honey and maple syrup; proteins, fish, potted annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, and cut flowers; plus a juried craft market with unique handmade items for your home or a special gift.

BOYNE CITY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Beginning Saturday, November 4 at 9am, the Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market will be located in the main lobby area of the new City Facilities Building, which is located right next to the summer market location in Veterans Park. The market operates from 9am - noon every Saturday November - April, and from 8am - Noon every Wednesday and Saturday from May - October.

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-Noon, Sportsman's Park. Fresh vegetables & fruits, honey, pure Michigan maple syrup, crafts, baked good and much more

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City Wide - October 16 - November 10, Monday and Fridays only. The City will pick up leaves during the scheduled dates only. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Please set bagged leaves curbside any time after the first day of pickup, in biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags as time allows. 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 Ace Hardware and Boyne Co-op or can be purchased

from any other source. 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; however, residents may take their brush and leaves, either bagged in biodegradable bags or unbagged, up to the North Boyne Compost Site at the end of Robinson Street, which is open seven days a week for your convenience. Commercial businesses may also utilize the compost area with their city issued permit. City Ordinance prohibits depositing leaves or other yard waste in the street.

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

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

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne

Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
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Five candidates running for three seats on Boyne City Commission

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - From water quality to affordable housing, dozens of residents in the Boyne City area packed the city's commission chambers last week to hear where five candidates stand on issues facing the community and why they should be elected to fill one of the available seats on the city's commission.

Candidates Sally Page, incumbent Ron Grunch, Dean Solomon, Andy Smith and Chad Culver are vying for three seats up for grabs on the Boyne City Commission in the upcoming November 7 election. The five candidates squared off at a forum hosted recently by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and the Boyne City Gazette and held at the new city hall complex.

Grunch is running to retain his 18 year-long seat on



Candidates running for three open seats on the Boyne City Commission answered questions about their qualifications at a recent candidate forum held at the Boyne City Hall complex. (Left to right) Sally Page, Andy Smith, Ron Grunch, Dean Solomon and Chad Culver. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

the commission, but long-time commissioners Laura Sansom and Gene Towne declined to throw their hats into the ring this election cycle.

Sansom said she has enjoyed her stint on the commission and found it a terrific learning experience but wants to take time off to travel and enjoy other hobbies. "It was just time to let somebody else have a turn (on the commission)", she said, noting that she may revisit the idea of running for

public office again sometime down the road.

Members of the audience wrote questions for the candidates about numerous topics and issues facing the Boyne City community, among them fluoridation of the city's water supply, how to address the growing affordable housing problem and how to attract, retain and manage the area's ongoing growth.

All five candidates agreed that the affordable housing issue should be made top pri-

ority in the community, particularly since the area is developing so steadily and attracting new businesses. Finding homes for workers with low to middle incomes who often work in those businesses to keep them running year-round has been a growing problem throughout northern Michigan.

"They (employees with lower incomes) need to be able to afford our community," said Smith, who moved to Boyne City about three years ago and works in mar-

keting at Boyne Mountain Resort.

Grunch noted that the city needs to look at ways to build infrastructure that will support new and more affordable developments and make it easier to do so. "It's a big investment for somebody to build in the affordable range," Grunch said.

Solomon said if elected, he wants to more closely examine the actual processes of bringing more affordable housing to the area and vowed to remain active work-

ing in that direction. "We need to keep the conversation going in Boyne City," Solomon said.

Culver, a local business owner who has lived in Boyne City about 20 years, acknowledged the problem is one of the biggest issues facing area residents. "My goal would be to learn more about it, get out in the community," he said.

Page agreed that she, too, would make affordable housing a top priority if she is elected to the city commission. "It's one of the most hot button issues I've run into, when getting out to meet people," said Page, who has lived in Boyne City about 12 years and if elected, would bring with her decades-long experience as former office manager for the Emmet County Prosecutor's office.

Ballots for the Boyne City's commissioners' seats will be cast at the November 7 election.

Winner of "Best Chili in Town!"



The winner of the 13th Annual Charlevoix Chili Cook-Off held at Charlevoix United Methodist Church on Saturday October 14 is Chef Tom of the French Quarter Bistro with "Mom's Chili". Everyone enjoyed all the excellent chilies, so choosing a winner was difficult. Contributing restaurants include The Cantina, Bridge Street Tap Room, French Quarter Bistro, Grey Gables, Pigs Eat in Ribs, Scovies, and the Weathervane. Pastor Randy Hitts of Charlevoix UMC is shown presenting the winner's plaque to Executive Chef Tom Vachon and co-owner Eric Hoshield. COURTESY PHOTO

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for the coming one.

In recent months, Cannon said officials have focused on cleaning up its streets and working on ways to bring more of a cohesive look and walkable feel to the city. A new street sweeper was purchased this year along with a new street painter to clarify lane lines and crosswalks. And a private donor paid for recent new signage that can be seen throughout the city with more such improvements planned, he said.

Plans are in the works for a new boat launch, with more docks and more sizes and an updated parks and recreation plan is also being hammered out.

Cannon said a groundbreaking was held in late August for the city's new Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will foster growth in the city and can be expand-

able in the future without disruption of service.

Cannon added that due to decreased revenues, city officials recently decided next year to close its transfer station, which had only been operational two days weekly. "The positive is that the reason our revenues were going down is because more people are recycling," he said, adding that his goal is to eventually have a curbside recycling and trash pickup program throughout the city.

In terms of how East Jordan fared through its busy 2017 summer season, Cannon said it was better than ever. "We had a record-breaking year-again-this year," he said.

Little Traverse Conservancy Executive Director Tom Bailey said his organization is devoted to environmental education in protecting and enhancing the many reasons why people do like to come to northern Michigan and enjoy its beau-

tiful outdoors and activities that affords year-round. "We protect land the old-fashioned way. We own it," Bailey said.

He noted he doesn't like the word 'preservation' when it comes to what his group does, however, because that term connotes 'stagnation.' "Land is not stagnant," he said, "It's about constant change, which is what land is all about."

The availability of amenities that come from having thousands of acres of conservancy land available to enjoy are big incentives when it comes to bringing people to the area to live and work for generations to come, he said. "We're growing a future for the community, for the land, for the people," Bailey said, "It's exciting times in East Jordan. There's a lot going on."

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