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Torres found guilty of CSC

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A Charlevoix man will find out just days before Christmas whether he will spend up to two years in prison and have to register as a sex offender after a jury found him guilty of criminal sexual contact with a minor.

After a three day-long trial with deliberations lasting late into the night, a Charlevoix County jury this month found Robert Arthur Torres, 38, of Charlevoix, guilty of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, according to Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof in a recent media release. He noted the jury also



ROBERT ARTHUR TORRES

engaging in sexual conduct with a person at least 13 years of age and under 16 years of age. The charge carries with it a maximum penalty of two years in prison and would require Torres to register as a sex

found Torres not guilty of the greater charge he faced of third degree criminal sexual conduct.

Telgenhof explained how fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involves engaging in sexual conduct with a person at least 13 years of age and under 16 years of age. The charge carries with it a maximum penalty of two years in prison and would require Torres to register as a sex

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Atkinson facing life in prison

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - A 38-year-old Charlevoix man is facing life in prison after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl in Hayes Township last summer.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof stated in a media release that Anthony Atkinson of Charlevoix was in Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court last week where he pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree.

In accordance to his plea, Atkinson "admitted engaging in penile-vaginal penetration on two occasions with an 11-year-old in



ANTHONY ATKINSON

physically assaulted her on three occasions between June 29 and July 21, 2017. The girl's mother took her to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, according to the court affidavit.

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Celebrate Together

in the tradition of a Community Thanksgiving Dinner

By Jim Akans

Joining around the Thanksgiving dinner table is an American tradition that reaches back nearly four centuries. It is a celebration of family, fellowship and food...oh so much delicious food! While the intimacy of a Thanksgiving gathering at home is a joyful event, celebrating the holiday with community, as those early Americans did, can be a memorable and rewarding experience.

About a week before Thanksgiving, on Friday, November 17, Charlevoix County Senior Centers in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan will have special Thanksgiving dinners from 11am to 1pm. They will have a traditional homemade full turkey dinner with all the fixings, including dessert, live music, and other entertainment. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors age 60 and over and \$6 for others. The senior centers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

In Boyne City, The Eagles will host their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 2pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at the Eagles Hall, 106 River St. The din-

ner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Anyone who would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles in advance at 231-582-6904. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries.

In Charlevoix, the 10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 23 from noon until 3pm at the Charlevoix Community Reform Church, located at corner of US 31 and Main Street. The gathering is open to the public and free of charge and is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. For information, (231) 675-2997.

The St. Joseph's Catholic Church in East Jordan will host their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 23. Social Hour starting at 1pm and Dinner served at 2pm. The St. Joseph's Social Hall, is located at 205 Nicholls Street. Table games for children and adults will be

available.

The Whi-Ski Inn of Boyne Falls is hosting their 3rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23 from 1-4 p.m. They will be preparing a delicious meal with all the fixin's for anyone that would like to stop in and enjoy. The meal will be by donation of your choice or by bringing in non-perishable food items. All proceeds will benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry.

This is "just a way to show our thanks and to give back to the community," the Whi-Ski Inn owners say. "Take a break from cooking this year and come on down for a traditional holiday dinner, watch a little football and give back to others at the same time."

At the core of each of these Thanksgiving celebrations is the embracing the spirit of community celebration by sharing food and fellowship. These wonderful gatherings are open to the public, free of charge...just bring along a hearty appetite and a heartfelt community spirit.



Registration open for Charlevoix Holiday Parade

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering the 7th Annual Charlevoix Holiday Parade presented by 4Front Credit Union. The parade will take place on Friday, November 24 beginning at 5:30pm on Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix.

Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals are welcome to dress up, decorate vehicles, bicycles, boats, tractors, trailers, people or pooches (there will be a canine costume segment for well behaved canines sporting their best holiday attire). The sky's the limit. Promote your business, cause or upcoming event, or simply participate for the joy of the yule tide season! There is no cost to be in the parade and lights are encouraged.

The Holiday Parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's annual Community Tree Lighting festivities, which run that same day. Tree Lighting activities will take place from 3 to 5pm and include complimentary holiday craft making workshops at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, complimentary photos with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank, hot cocoa and cookies in East Park, and of course, the lighting of the Com-

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MONDAY

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LOW: 32

TUESDAY

HIGH: 34
LOW: 25

WEDNESDAY

HIGH: 31
LOW: 24

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
NOV 16	.30°	...46°	..10° (2002)	.64° (1990)
NOV 17	.30°	...45°	...9° (1959)	.69° (1953)
NOV 18	.29°	...45°	...9° (1989)	.68° (1958)
NOV 19	.29°	...44°	...9° (1951)	.70° (1953)
NOV 20	.29°	...44°	..14° (1951)	.65° (1953)
NOV 21	.29°	...43°	..14° (1964)	.63° (1953)
NOV 22	.28°	...43°	...9° (1971)	.58° (1963)

Kathy Anne (Nelson) Towne, 66

(JAN. 7, 1951 - NOV. 9, 2017)

Kathy Anne Towne passed away peacefully at her home on November 9th, 2017 with her family present.



She was born in Boyne City on January 7th, 1951 to Leonard and Virginia Nelson. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian church and the

Boyne City Eagles. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1969 and married Donald Moore on April 25th, 1969. Following Don's passing in 2012, she met and married Gene (Delbert) Towne on February 28th 2015, and the two spent the past three years together making memories.

Being with her family gave her the most joy, especially watching Michigan State sports and spending time at holidays. Having cookouts on the back deck and bonfires were some of her favorite

memories. Listening to country music, especially Alan Jackson, always brought a smile to her face.

She is survived by her husband Gene (Delbert) Towne, Daughter Michelle (Tom) Reid, Son Matt (Heather) Moore, stepdaughter Jerry (John) Fay, brother Leonard Nelson, grandchildren Josh (Tracey) Force, Tyler Force, Kortney Force, Caitlyn (Brandon) Force, Tommy Reid, Benjamin Reid, Joel (Mandi) Bates, Lauryn Bates, Abby Fay, great grandchildren Parker Force, Cole Riddle, Weslie and Lilly McClintock and soon to be Charlotte Marr.

She is preceded in death by her late husband Donald Moore, son Marc Moore, brother Gary Nelson, sisters Kris Schoonmaker and Sally Sprague.

Funeral arrangements will be Friday, November 17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service; a luncheon will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders or the Boyne City Eagles in memory of Kathy.

Ronald Leon Barker, 55

(AUG. 26, 1962 - NOV. 8, 2017)

Ronald Leon Barker of Boyne City unexpectedly passed away on November 8th, 2017 at the age of 55.



Ron was born August 26th, 1962 in Lansing, Michigan to Roy Barker and Beverly (Miller) Barker. Ron graduated from Bath High School in 1980 and attended Lansing Community College for a couple of years studying Art. He relocated north to start a career and begin a family in 1988. Ron was employed by Lexa-Mar Corporation for over 29 years. He was a devoted, loving son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

He participated in boy scouts, played high school baseball and basketball. Ron enjoyed drawing and cartooning, building model cars and constructing creations out of Legos with his children. He was avid collector of GI Joe action figures and was an enthusiastic sports fan especially of the Michigan State Spartans and Detroit Red Wings. Ron had a love for muscle cars and recently purchased a 1982 Trans Am with his son to restore; the same year he owned, drove and loved when he was in his 20s. Ron was so proud of his kids and always bragged about their accomplishments. He was a dedicated fan of his nieces and nephews at their sporting events. Ron also had an awesome recollection and often shared humorous memories at cherished family events. His huge heart and even bigger hugs will never be forgotten by his loved ones and friends.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Debra Lynn.

Surviving are his children, Kelsey Barker (William Axford II) and Roman Barker; a grandson, Trey Axford. Also surviving are sisters, Laurie (Dan) Reed, Leigh Barker, and Lynette (Glen) Stevens; nieces and nephews, Justin Reed, Rachel Reed, Rachel (Timothy) Light, Will and Gabe Stevens and his great niece Sydney Light.

A memorial service will be held 5:00 PM Friday, November 17th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends being held from 3:00 PM until the time of service Friday.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be directed to Ron's son; Roman Barker, 417

Elm Street Boyne City, MI 49712.

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

Joseph Michael Blossom, 66

(JUNE 22, 1951 - NOV. 8, 2017)

Joseph Michael Blossom of Boyne City died November 8, 2017, peacefully in his home.

Born Joseph Michael Blossom on June 22, 1951, to parents Jon and Marion (Bauer) Blossom in Bryan, OH. In his early years Joseph lived in Montpelier, OH where he graduated from Montpelier High School. Soon after he graduated, Joseph moved to Boyne City, MI where happily spent the rest of his years.

Joseph was an Entrepreneur and founded Blossom Building, Blossom Pest Control, and Advance Mini Storage. After high school Joseph continued his education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. Joseph owned and operated Blossom Pest Control successfully for over 30 years.

Joseph was a happy and outgoing person. He loved to spend his free time outdoors and at his cabin hunting and fishing with his sons and friends. He was an extremely kind and giving person, always making sure his family came first. He was a wonderful friend and an amazing father of two sons. Joseph's bright spirit will remain in our lives and our hearts forever.

Joseph is preceded in death by his brothers Jon and Larry Blossom, Father Jon Blossom

He is survived by his sons Lee and Andy Blossom, his siblings Stephen, Theron, Ben, Lexi, Lisa, his mother Marion; loving cousins and lifelong friends.

A gathering of family and friends took place at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City on Tuesday November 14th, 2017.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or Ducks Unlimited.

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

Weldon F. Maurer Jr., 89

(OCT. 24, 1928 - NOV. 12, 2017)

Weldon F. Maurer Jr. of Charlevoix passed away on November 12, 2017 at the Georgia House.

Graveside services will be held in the spring of 2018 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing.

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

Susan J. Brown, 85

(NOV. 29, 1931 - NOV. 9, 2017)

Susan J. Brown of Charlevoix passed away on November 9, 2017 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Susan was born on November 29, 1931, in Petoskey, the daughter of Jay and Thelma (Milford) McMullen.

She was raised in Petoskey and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1950, then went on to Henry Ford Hospital nursing program and graduated in 1953. As a Registered Nurse, she worked for Dr. Myron Berman in Morton Grove, IL for 13 years. Upon Dr. Berman's retirement, she also moved on from nursing. Susan was a Mary Kay Consultant for many years.

She is survived by 5 sons, Thomas (Barbara) Brown of Chicago, IL, Robert (Melanie) Brown of Santa Fe,

NM, William Brown of Petoskey, Richard (Stephanie) Brown of Charlevoix, John Brown of Petoskey, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a sister Lois Gill of Indian River, MI.

She was preceded in death by her brother Robert McMullen, her sister Joan Johnson, as well as her parents.

Visitation for family and friends will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 4-6 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. A graveside service will be held Friday, November 17, at 10am at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Memorial contributions may be made to March of Dimes.

Jewell Mae Crickenberger, 90

(JAN. 30, 1927 - NOV. 8, 2017)

Jewell Mae Crickenberger of Charlevoix was ushered into the arms of her Savior and Lord Jesus on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

She was born January 30, 1927 in Salisbury, North Carolina, the daughter of William Young Allen and Ethel Mae Link.

Jewell graduated from Newport News High School in Virginia and worked as a telephone operator. She eventually retired from the Colonial Store in 1977 with over 20 years of service when the family moved to Coraopolis, PA. In 1981, the family made their residence in Charlevoix.

Jewel is best known as a beloved wife, a cherished mom, a devoted grandmother and great grandmother, and an amazing friend.

Surviving Jewell is her husband of 57 years, Aubrey Dillard Crickenberger; two daughters Crystal Ann Walker, Debra Lee Niswander; 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her daughter Jeanie Marie Ford, son John Walker, her parents, and brother William Young Allen, Jr.

A memorial service was held Sunday, November 12th at Center Point Assembly, M-66, Charlevoix.

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

Terrence J. Lewis, 59

(APRIL 3, 1958 - NOV. 5, 2017)

Terry Lewis went to our Lord November 5 with family and friends at his side.

Terry spent his youth around North Point in Charlevoix before moving to South Haven for high school, where he held a school record in swimming. Gifted with his hands, he was the youngest person in the state with OMC certification and quickly established himself as the best marine mechanic in South Haven and then in Charlevoix.

He raised his family there and in the UP, where he was a manager at Marquette Honda. Later he returned to Charlevoix to work in carpentry, where his perfectionist motto was "if you're going to do it, do it right". An extremely generous person, Terry volunteered for Charlevoix historical society and the senior center and was happiest when he was helping others. He enjoyed all types of motor sports, owning everything that has an engine at one time or an-

other, and loved taking his son on the go-kart racing circuit. Terry loved camping and hiking in the UP, snowmobiling, skiing, backpacking, woodworking, and building just about anything, especially if it was for his granddaughter. An avid bible reader, his spirituality extended to his connection to Native American culture and he loved to attend pow-wows. Music festivals and concerts were his thrill, his love of music starting as a tuba player in high school.

Terry was a dedicated caregiver for his parents, Jim and Karen, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by son Gordon and granddaughter Aydrach of Negaunee; brothers Mike (Pat) of Palm Bay, FL, Jim Jr. of Allegan, and Andy (Kerry) of East Lansing; and very special friend Donna Russell of Charlevoix.

Contributions may be made to AA. There will be a burial service in Charlevoix in the summer.

James Francis Forrand, 76

(NOV. 30, 1940 - NOV. 4, 2017)

James Forrand of Abington, MA died Saturday, November 4, 2017, in his home surrounded by his family.

James was born in Abington, Massachusetts, the son of Joseph and Elinor (Morrill) Forrand. He was a graduate of Abington High School. Before becoming one of Jehovah's Witnesses, he married Susan Henderson on June 13, 1964. He then went on to graduate from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Upon receiving his degree in Mechanical Design Engineering, he went on to work for Webb-Norfolk Conveyor in Cohasset, MA. He eventually transferred to Control Engineering, a division of Jervis B. Webb Co. in Harbor Springs, MI in 1994.

He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1974 and enjoyed talking to others about his faith. He will be remembered most for his infectious smile, his sense of humor, and his concern for others. He demonstrated this with everyone he met.

James is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susan Forrand and three daughters, Teresa Brockington of Brockton, MA (son-in-law Kevin), Joyce Lewis of Interlochen, MI (son-in-law Alan), Virginia Evans of Boyne City, MI (son-in-law Terry), six grandchildren: Hannah Dennis, Rebekah Cesaire, Benjamin Brockington, Sarah Brockington, Joseph Brockington and Jocelyn Lewis and three great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Joseph Forrand (sister-in-law Franny), Jerry Forrand (late sister-in-law Kathy), one sister, Marilyn Burke (brother-in-law Steven) and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 2:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 4925 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

Betty Jane (Strong) Sheldon, 91

(JUNE 22, 1926 - NOV. 11, 2017)

Betty J. Sheldon of East Jordan died Saturday, November 11, 2017, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Arrangements are pending.

Richard V. Fineout, 88

(FEB. 19, 1929 - NOV. 8, 2017)

Richard V. Fineout died on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in East Jordan. Arrangements are pending.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

As everyone celebrates Thanksgiving we will have early deadlines for Display Advertising, Classified Advertising and submissions for our News and Sports.

The Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News are normally published every Thursday. The Thanksgiving issue will be published on Wednesday, November 22. Deadline is Friday, November 17 at 5PM.

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Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Noah Sikora

Grade: 1st Grade

Parent's Name(s): Keith & Jen Sikora

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Noah would like to be a paleontologist when he grows up.

Favorite Book: "I Am Pusheen the Cat"

Hobbies and Interests: Besides, playing with friends at school and his neighbors after school, Noah enjoys skiing, swimming, and watching Sponge Bob and Jurassic World. What future paleontologist wouldn't?

School Activities: Math

Staff Comments: Mrs. Hoogerhyde enjoys Noah is Enrichments. He is always positive, an excellent role model for his classmates, and gives his best effort everyday. – Mrs. Hoogerhyde



Dalton Dunlop

Grade: Preschool (GSRP)

Parent's Name(s): Jennifer Kind & Larry Crocker

What do you want to be when you grow up? A Firefighter

Favorite Book: "Pete's a Pizza" by William Steig & Mickey Mouse Books

Hobbies and Interests: Dalton enjoys putting puzzles together and reading books. He can usually be found writing in his notebook, and each day he meticulously cuts out his work to bring home to share with his family.

Staff Comments: "Dalton comes to school with a smile on his face every morning. He consistently follows our classroom routines and is always doing what is expected of him. He is responsible, kind to everyone, and a pleasure to have in class. He is an important part of our school family and we are very happy to have Dalton in our program." – Mr. "Mitchell" Klooster, Ms. "Amy" Bielas, & Ms. "Emily" Matelski

Ellsworth Community celebrates recent improvements and looks forward

By Tina Sundelius

The small community of Ellsworth has been celebrating its many accomplishments this past week beginning with ribbon cuttings downtown, first at the new Community Square then another at the entrance to the township hall's great room. The celebration of accomplishments, State of the Community addresses and input sessions was aptly called "Looking back... Looking forward" which is exactly what the evening of refreshments and community input was about.

Speakers representing the Village, Township, Pig Roast, schools and the Breezeway talked about the progress made by each entity as well as future plans. The Village is improving on



Township Supervisor Thomas Mann, Clerk Donna Heeres and Treasurer Katy Postmus cut the ribbon on the newly restored stairwell to the upgraded great room in the Banks Township Hall at a looking back...looking forward celebration last Wednesday.

the Community Park on Lake Ellsworth with the addition of a Kayak launch reported Village President Hugh Campbell. Campbell also assured residents that the new Community Square was still a work in progress. The green space that rose out of the ashes

following a fire on December 9, 2011 that destroyed a service station that had occupied the space since the early 1900's was the result of a successful Crowd Funding campaign and has added significantly to the aesthetic quality of the community.



Residents enter the great room for the first time since historically accurate improvements were made by the township with the help of a \$30,000 rotary charities grant.

Banks Township has been especially busy with local upgrades to the Township Park located on Lake Michigan and the Township Hall nestled in the very center of Ellsworth. Both the park and hall have been made handicap accessible and for the hall that took the installation of a \$30,000 lift. The \$220,000 Hall Access Renovation Project included new infrastructure upgrades to the electrical system, heating, insulation and exterior stonework as well as the more striking facelift to the grand entryway and staircase including the addition of historically accurate chandeliers and wall sconces. "The Township Board is proud to open the renovated hall to the public. It has been a two year project that will assure community use and pride well into the future. Additionally, the Community Square enhances the township Hall's beauty and functionality. The Township Park project polished that gem and opens it to a wider range of users with its handicap accessible parking and pathways," said Township Clerk Donna Heeres.

Pig Roast Committee chair, Lynn Spearing spoke of the success of the small community's annual event but stressed the need for more volunteers and Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak was happy to report that the Breezeway was becoming a household term.

As far as the school was concerned they held their own ribbon cutting just 2 days later to showcase the many aesthetic upgrades to the middle/high school and to discuss the much needed heating, electrical and security improvements made there. The 3 million dollar renovation and construc-

tion project included a new gymnasium and bus loop for the elementary school and major site improvements to provide for better drainage and storm water removal on the elementary playground. A completely new infrastructure in the middle/high school, including all new electrical service and a completely replaced heating and mechanical system and entryway vestibule. Remodeling and additions in the middle/high school building have made it almost unrecognizable to alumni that attended the open house.

"The entire interior has been renovated to improve classrooms and facilities, and create exciting new student spaces including a locker commons and multiple student sitting areas," said School Superintendent Aaron Gaffney. The district has also hired a principal for the first time in 15 years, added new electives and is working with the Village to combine the building trades program with community improvements like the construction of new dugouts at the ball parks. "We are so excited to have reached this monumental moment in the life of our district. This ceremony reminds us that our mission to offer big school opportunities through small school relationships has been enhanced and deepened through the provision of better spaces. We remain confident and inspired regarding Ellsworth Community Schools future," said Chris Wallace, School Board Treasurer.

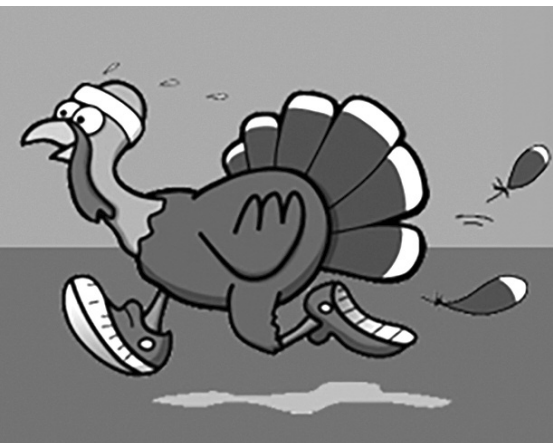
This State of the Community celebration promised exciting things on the horizon for this quaint village and the surrounding area.



Members of the Ellsworth Community School Board, Mark Groenink, Karl Krosnicki, Aaron Gaffney, Susan Gardner, Cani Randall and Chris Wallace Cut the ribbon signalling the start of an open house held Saturday to showcase the refurbished Middle/High School.



Some of the new spaces created at the middle/ High school. a commons area a secure entryway and trophy case, a handicap ramp



RUN. EAT. NAP. 2017 TURKEY TROT

A great way to balance caloric intake and expenditure this coming Thanksgiving Day is to participate in a Turkey Trot event. COURTESY IMAGE

Turkey Trot fundraisers on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City & Charlevoix

By Jim Akans

A great way to balance caloric intake and expenditure this coming Thanksgiving Day is to participate in a Turkey Trot event. It is a unique opportunity to get some exercise and provide benefit to area non-profit agencies before digging in to America's favorite gathering at the dinner table.

Registration for the Munson Charlevoix Hospital 5k Turkey Trot is now opened. The run/walk on Thanksgiving morning starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (14700 Lake Shore Drive). Register online, in person at our Wellness Workshop (411 Bridge St., Charlevoix) or on the day of the event from 7:30-8:30am. The 5k run/walk starts at 8:30. Order your

t-shirt or sweatshirt (extra \$10) when you register online. Early shirt pickup available on Nov. 22 at the Wellness Workshop or at the event. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support local food pantries. Costumes and leashed pets are encouraged - and you can get your photos taken at our photo booth. Registration is \$15/adult, \$10/youth (prices increase \$5 after Nov. 19). Get more information online or by calling the Wellness Workshop at 231-437-3482.

The Kiwanis Boyne City 6th annual 5k race and 1-mile fun run/walk Turkey Trots take place on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City at 9am, beginning and finishing up at the Boyne City Library. The individual entry fee is \$25 pre-

registration (one- t-shirt), \$30 day of event. Family Entry - \$50 pre-registration (two-t-shirts), \$60 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 13, 2017. Extra t-shirts will be available for purchase @ \$10 each while supplies last.

Entry forms can be picked up at: Boyne Area Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, and North Perk Coffee. Printable forms at , with online registration at and information at www.runmichigan.com

Packet pick-up day before event from 2-6pm @ North Perk Coffee. Pre-Race registration forms are available at the Boyne Area Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, or North Perk Coffee.

All proceeds from the event will

go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area. Event organizers also ask everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event, which will be delivered to local food pantries.

Joining a Turkey Trot event is fun, healthy and helps to support terrific community programs. It may even become a family tradition that makes a great excuse for enjoying that second helping at the Thanksgiving dinner table even more.

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Charlevoix recognized for positive entrepreneurial climate

The City of Charlevoix has been recognized for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Charlevoix was honored as a five-star community, the highest rating, along with 183 other communities across the state.

"We are on a roll," said Charlevoix Mayor Luther Kurtz, "we are excited about the good things happening in Charlevoix and thrilled that people around the state are

taking notice of our positive vision for the community."

In the past two years, the Charlevoix Main Street Program has engaged hundreds of volunteers in community projects, several new businesses have opened, long-vacant buildings have been revitalized, and the community has spent more than \$5 million updating its infrastructure.

"The City of Charlevoix is pleased to be recognized with a five star rating," said City Manager Mark Heydlauff, "we are leveraging public and private resources to build a stronger, more vibrant community."

Harsh winter weather in

2014 and 2015 caused many water line breaks and revealed the problems of aging underground infrastructure.

"Supplying water to homes and businesses should not be weather dependent," said Heydlauff who worked with the City Council to create an infrastructure improvement plan and the sale of more than \$3 million in bonds to fund the work.

Charlevoix Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Dotson credits a team approach for the business growth and development in Charlevoix, a resort community of just under 3,000 on Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix.

"Our Main Street volun-

teers, business owners, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and local leadership share a common vision of having Charlevoix be a vibrant, year-round community," she said, "we're on the same page and we are beginning to see the results."

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the

five-year period, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2 percent per year by purchasing public safety equipment and improving sidewalks and other infrastructure.

"While accounting for only about 15 percent of the cities and townships in Michigan, the 277 communities analyzed are home to nearly 70 percent of the population and 85 percent of the state's commercial property," Davis said. "By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in develop-

ing business and encouraging entrepreneurs."

Charlevoix was recognized on Tuesday, Nov. 14, during the eCities Panel Discussion, which discussed how talent, business policy and access to capital have impacted community growth in Michigan. The panel, moderated by DBusiness Magazine and DBusiness Daily News editor R.J. King, featured Beth Ardisana, CEO, ASG Renaissance; Antonio Luck, managing director, Endeavor Detroit; Anthony Tomczak, chief procurement officer, DTE Energy; and Amelia Zamir, co-founder and principal of acquisitions, Method Development.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SENIOR REPORT

To the Editor,
Seniors Targeted. We tend not to think about it much but as we age there come out of the woodwork a certain element of society that preys upon the elderly. This goes beyond the obvious bad guys, it lurks even in government, business, banking, and any vestiges of commerce we may be in contact with. Most agencies will not stoop so low but some will, often unbeknownst to the agency itself.

It's true, a cane, a walker, any sign of vulnerability can and will alert the opportunists among us to conniving for depredation. Even in the small town this transpires, sometimes in ways so subtle and unintentionally motivated that it might even be an unaware motive. We know that most people will take an undue amount of

change when mistakenly returned, thus we should know that some will venture beyond that innocent or innocuous transaction for whatever seems easily gained with little chance of being caught. We hear this often enough via press and electronic communications to verify the existence of this danger. Telephone, mail, internet scams are a daily menace but so are daily interactions in close proximity for that which is considered just daily commerce, as they say, when you least expect it.

It's no fun living in a paranoid state of mind, and with the latest round of feminine predator-prey assaults we know that the same old syndromes don't go away, just resurface, not necessarily in different garb but, in not-so-surprisingly same demeanor and tactic. It's as if the social world of entertainment and

commerce had been on vacation and returned to find some unruly ruffians had infiltrated. Meanwhile all we do is live pretty much as usual with some readjustments while we grow older and more infirm. And slowly or abruptly we wake from a nap to find diminished security of wellbeing and safety.

As folk balladeer Woody Guthrie sang, Some will rob you with a six-gun and some with a fountain pen. That's a shame on humanity but it's all too true. Police bulletins constantly remind us of schemes and scams perpetrated especially on the old. This topic would not have arisen if not for the recurrent stories about old folks being targeted for rip off of various sorts. Some of these plays are even quite legal, just unethical and undetected as oversights in protection of patients and

others. Geriatric folks are more susceptible to devious heists that may appear legitimate on the surface as much as more obvious criminal invasions. Personally I've never been mugged or even approached with larcenous violent intent but since I'm tall and was once quite active it was never a threat. But as the body begins to stoop and the gait slows, a la Tim Conway comedy skits, the awareness becomes palpable as defensiveness reacts with bristling hairs when danger lurks or dubious urgency seeking cash looms.

That is often a strong clue, by the way, urgency, namely fast cash, because the distraction throws many off balance rendering them susceptible to the haste ploy. We find this in honest business dealings too, the pitch to do it now, don't wait, to get the most value while it lasts -

Act now and save and so on. You save more by not acting now. Moreover, other clues involve linguistics in ethnic terms, namely spelling and accent. Second language speakers are apt to mistake more than normal word phrasings when they attempt to inject their versions of doubletalk into a sleight-of-hand trick of vocabulary. Written plays via internet are detectable through careful parsing of spelling and idiomatic expressions, sure giveaways like the British "colour" for color which exposes any English scam directed at a resident of the USA. Those Eastern European offers of thousands or millions from some desperate Count or Prince seeking escape from untenable circumstances and the like are, as they say, "too good to be true" because of precisely that.

We were all young once and we tend to imagine that this psychic state transcends the age processes that youth scoff at. The mind may stay vibrant but the body might not. So where does that leave us? A paranoid society reluctant to go to a country music concert, a church, a military installation, a high school, a grade school, answer a phone call, open a letter, respond to an email, open a front door to strangers, drive to a shopping center parking lot, even in your own home you're assailable lest you enact some means of defense. This is the world we live in now, not unlike those thrilling days of yesteryear when everybody packed a gun on his hip, women in their hoopskirts or handbags. Seniors beware for yourself - and others.

Mitchell Jon MacKay,
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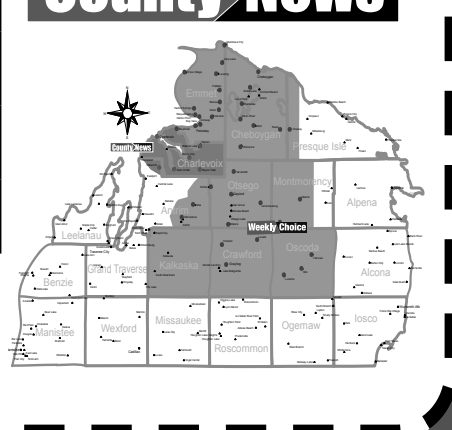
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Great American Smokeout is Nov. 16

The American Cancer Society marks the Great American Smokeout on the third Thursday of November each year by encouraging smokers to quit that day or to develop a plan to quit smoking. By doing so, smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life. This year's Great American Smokeout will be observed on Thursday November 16th.

To celebrate the Great American Smokeout, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is encouraging tobacco users to call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline (1-800-784-8669). The health department also encourages health care providers to ask their patients about tobacco use at every visit, provide advice to tobacco users about the benefits of quitting, and refer clients to the Quitline.

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline provides services including materials, text messaging, an online program, and referrals to all Michigan residents. In addition, the Quitline can provide free nicotine replacement therapy to those who qualify and free telephone coaching for the uninsured, pregnant women, residents enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, veterans, cancer patients, and American Indians.

According to the American Cancer Society, the body begins to recover within minutes of quitting smoking. Heart rate and blood pressure drops, and within 12 hours carbon monoxide levels in blood return to normal. Benefits continue over time, including improved circulation and lung function, reduced risk of coronary heart disease and reduced risk of cancer.

Tobacco products are highly addictive. Therefore, most users make several quit attempts before they are successful. However, there are proven resources, like the Michigan Tobacco Quitline,

available to help tobacco users quit. Quitters are most successful when using a combination of resources, including nicotine replacement, counseling, self-help materials, and a strong support network of family and friends.

"The Great American Smokeout is an opportunity to remind tobacco users that they can succeed, and to support tobacco users in their efforts to quit," stated Katie Joyce, Community Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Quitting tobacco use is the single best thing you can do for your health. The positive effects on health are both short and long term, and quitting benefits everyone, regardless of age."

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in Michigan, killing more than 16,200 residents each year. 20.7% of Michigan adults smoke cigarettes, and 29% of Michigan kids use tobacco. Each year, 5,800 Michigan kids become new, daily smokers. Thirty percent (30%) of cancer deaths in Michigan are attributable to cigarette smoking.

Providers can refer their patients and clients to the Quitline, and individual tobacco users can contact the Quitline directly at 1-800-784-8669, or enroll online at <https://michigan.quitlogix.org/>. Additional information, including a fax referral form for providers, is available at the website. Staff and providers in all health care settings can refer patients and clients to the Michigan Tobacco Quitline.

For more information about the Michigan Tobacco Quitline visit <https://michigan.quitlogix.org/>, or Katie Joyce at the health department at 231-350-2064. For more information about the Great American Smokeout, visit the American Cancer Society's website at www.cancer.org.



The new sign was put up on October 31 and the Howbert's stopped by for an up close look at the sign, so we snapped a quick picture to mark the occasion. From left: Lorraine Manary, Susan Howbert, Ed Howbert. COURTESY PHOTO

Char-Em United Way gets new sign

Thanks to the generosity of a pair of "Sign Angels", Char-Em United Way (CEUW) is excited to announce the installation of a new building sign at their 480 W. Mitchell Street location. The sign was made possible by a generous donation from Ed and Susan Howbert (pictured above). It was created by Big Splash Studio and installed by Sign and Design, both local organizations who support

Char-Em United Way and our communities.

Char-Em United Way has been in the Zion Plaza location for almost a year, but until now there was no indication on the building to reassure visitors that they were in the right place. With the addition of this signage United Way is now much easier for people wishing to visit the office to find.

CEUW welcomes drop-in visitors

interested in discussing volunteer opportunities or how they can contribute to the organization and would love to see an increase in community interaction now that they are easier to find. We can't thank our "Sign Angels" enough for their support and efforts in making this happen.

For more information about Char-Em United Way call the office at 231-487-1006, or email .

"Get your gear on" at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

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

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus

item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan

Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment."

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of

just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers... the list of items goes on and on.

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



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

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Boyne Falls Man Gets Jail for Large Pot Business

Last week, 33rd Circuit Court Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced Stephen Chandler Benton, 52, of Boyne Falls to nine months in jail, eight held in abeyance and 18 months probation related to his guilty plea on Sept. 11, 2017 to possessing marijuana with the intent to deliver, maintaining a drug house and being a habitual offender.

As part of a plea agreement in the case, prosecutors dismissed another charge of manufacturing marijuana.

The maximum sentence Benton could have received was six years in prison on his charges. Benton also agreed to forfeit \$100,000 that was seized by JOLT (Charlevoix County's Joint Law Enforcement Team).

JOLT also seized over 18 pounds of marijuana and 31 plants. According to price lists maintained by Benton, also seized by police, the marijuana seized and destroyed had a street value of over \$125,000.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting

Attorney Allen Telgenhof said that while the \$100,000 Benton lost through seizure was a significant penalty, it was important that his sentence include jail time.

"It is the wrong message that someone can buy their way out of their crime," Telgenhof said. "This sentence gives the defendant time in jail to consider his actions and a probationary term to make sure he does not go back into business. If he chooses to do so, he will spend a significant time in jail."

Benton operated a business that included massage and yoga as well as the illegal sale of marijuana, according to Telgenhof.

While on bond in the Charlevoix County case, Benton was arrested on drug charges out of Emmet County. That case is still pending.

Courtesy of AllenTelgenhof.com

TORRES

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offender for the next 25 years, he said.

Torres' conviction stems from an incident that occurred in the city of Charlevoix in 2015, however, the victim, who was then just 13-years-old, did not disclose the assault until 2016, Telgenhof said.

He added that the jury also heard from another witness who testified that Torres "had engaged in similar conduct with her when she was between the ages of 12 and 15."

He said Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Caitlin Borchard tried the case for the prosecution with defendant represented by John Jarema. "We thank the jury for their time and consideration," Telgenhof said. "It was a difficult subject matter and was a lengthy case. The number of questions they asked and the length of time they deliberated showed they paid very close attention to this important case."

The case was investigated by Charlevoix Police Department Deputy Chief Scott Hankins.

Torres is scheduled to be sentenced in Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court by Judge Roy C. Hayes at 9 a.m. on December 15.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



BY MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D., AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Itching for relief from eczema?

Itchy and Scratchy debuted on "The Simpsons" in the fourth episode of the first season, in 1990. Known for their gratuitous violence, they are two of the most unsavory cartoon characters ever. But ask anyone who has to contend with eczema, and they'll tell you that's about right! Their "itchy" and "scratchy" symptoms are just as unpleasant.

Eczema (also called atopic dermatitis, or AD) can cause dry skin, itchiness and scaly rashes that can become infected. It can make it hard to sleep, cause emotional distress, social awkwardness or embarrassment. Often, strangers are cruel, fearing that the skin condition is contagious. It isn't.

Treatment Breakthroughs: There are two new medications that can be very effective for some people. According to information coming from the recent American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Scientific Meeting:

—Crisaborole, the first new anti-inflammatory medication approved for treatment of mild to moderate AD in over 15 years, is an ointment that reduces itching, redness and swelling. It's for anyone 2 or older. A PDE-4 (phosphodiesterase 4) inhibitor, it tamps down immune system reactions that trigger inflammation, and stimulates changes in the cells on the outer layer of skin.

—Dupilumab is an injectable monoclonal antibody for folks 18-plus for whom other medications

aren't suitable or don't work. It blocks interleukins 4 and 13, two cytokines that are associated with allergic inflammation.

Ask your doc if either of these is right for you. We hope so, because it would be great to scratch eczema off your list of difficult-to-treat irritations and conditions!

Benefits of spirulina

Today, Mexico City sits in a dry basin, but back in the 16th century, the area was filled with the waters of Lake Texcoco. That was home to the Aztecs, who built a city on an island in the lake and used its waters as a food source. They would scrape a slimy blue-green substance they called "cuitlatl" off the water's surface using fine nets. They'd then dry it into square cakes that, according to a Franciscan missionary in the early 1500s, they ate a great deal of.

The Aztecs may not have known why this staple was good for them, but it sure was. These days, it seems their pond scum is the same substance we call spirulina, a photosynthesizing bacterium (nope, not algae) that's packed with all the essential protein-building amino acids, vitamins like niacin and the B's, minerals like calcium, iron and potassium, and inflammation-dousing antioxidants.

One animal study found that a spirulina supplement boosted immune activity, helping fight off fungal and bacterial infections. Another study published in 2017 found that 60 obese folks who took a 1-gram spirulina supplement daily for 12 weeks lost more weight and had lower cholesterol

levels than a control group. Is it better than a daily multivitamin (1/2 morning and 1/2 night)? We don't know, but both act as insurance against an inadequate diet.

So, if you're looking for a boost from a food that's like you'd get from a multivitamin, try mixing powdered spirulina into your smoothie or sprinkle it onto baked fish.

Trip the light? Fantastic!

Rosanne Barr, Al Roker and Rosie O'Donnell are outspoken about their weight-loss surgery and its life-changing benefits. Rosanne was a pioneer in 1998 when she hit 350 pounds on her 5-foot-4 frame; Al lost 150 pounds, regained 40, and has lost some again. Rosie chose the surgery after a heart attack at 50 scared her into action.

Not for you? Well, if you've been struggling to achieve a healthy weight, you may want to give nine servings of fresh produce daily, 10,000 steps a day, and 7-8 hours of sleep nightly another try ... but add this newly discovered, weight-loss step into the mix: Get more natural light during the day and a lot less artificial light at night (those glowing screens are following you).

A new study in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism found that exposure to more than three hours of artificial light at night resulted in a 10.2 percent gain in waist-to-height ratio and a 10 percent gain in BMI over 10 years! And that's independent of calories eaten, physical activity or sleep patterns.

Also true: The longer a person

was exposed to just 500 lux (a measure of luminosity) of natural sunlight and the longer nighttime light registered dim to dark, the greater the slim down. FYI: Indirect sunlight on a clear day delivers 10,000 to 25,000 lux; below 3 lux it's nicely dark; twilight is around 10. Clearly this is a bright idea that'll make it easier for you to lighten up!

Yoga and aerobics for the heart

What do LeBron James, Kevin Garnett and Kevin Love have in common? If you said they're championship-winning basketball players (one is retired), you'd be right. But it turns out they share something else: They do yoga to improve their on-court performance. "Yoga helps me calm down and ... center my energy so I'm balanced, instead of going out there and just spreading my energy all over the court," Garnett said during his championship season in Boston. Kevin Love has made a series of yoga videos. He says that yoga gives him a competitive advantage in the NBA. You can see his videos, along with LeBron's, on YouTube.

The good news? It turns out you can gain that focus and more from yoga. New research presented at the American College of Cardiology Middle East Conference this October in Dubai shows that practicing yoga, along with exercising, can dramatically reduce your heart disease risk factors. The study followed 750 people previously diagnosed with coronary heart disease: One group practiced yoga; one followed an aerobic exercise plan; and a third did both yoga and exercise. While all groups saw their bad cholesterol, blood pressure, weight and waist circumference decline, those who did yoga and exercise saw a two times greater reduction in those heart disease risk factors!

Whether you're a pro, an amateur or a workout newbie, yoga can help improve your stamina, focus, heart health and athletic performance in basketball, softball, golf, squash ... whatever. Sun-rise salutation and 10,000 steps a day, here you come!

ATKINSON

FROM PG. 1A

When initially interviewed by police, Atkinson denied touching the girl, but eventually was jailed on three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of second degree sexual conduct. Deputy Justin Kieliszewski and Sgt. William Church of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office led the investigation into the case.

Telgenhof said that because his victim was under age 13, Atkinson is now facing a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years to possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

Atkinson's sentencing is scheduled for 9 a.m. January 12, 2018 in Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court.

PARADE

FROM PG. 1A

munity Christmas Tree for the first time this holiday season. And don't forget about all the great deals and specials being offered by area stores and restaurants throughout the day!

All are invited to join the parade! No entry is too big or too small and there is no charge to participate. So, let's make the Community Parade a cherished tradition that will continue for years to come. Parade entry forms are available at www.charlevoix.org, or by contacting the Chamber at 231.547.2101 or info@charlevoix.org.

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Call for Student Artwork – 2018 New Year's Eve at the Arts Center

Crooked Tree Arts Center is looking for a student artist to feature for the eleventh annual New Year's Eve at the Arts Center event. Entry is open to all students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and the entry deadline is Monday, November 20, 2017.

The selected artwork will be used for promotional materials, t-shirts, and admission buttons. The selected artist will receive a \$50 gift certificate for art supplies, 2 t-shirts, admission buttons with featured artwork, and they will be featured in CTAC's winter newsletter. All student art entries will be on display during the event.

"There are so many talented students in our community; we want to give them the opportunity to show off their artistic interpretation of this annual event!" said Andrea Coronado, CTAC Events Coordinator. "The winning artwork serves as inspiration for this holiday tradition that we are thrilled to host with our partners, The Petoskey District Library and Blissfest Music Organization."

The eleventh New Year's Eve at the Arts Center will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. This event is an all ages, alcohol-free, celebration featuring performances and workshops by Crooked Tree Arts Center instructors, area artists and organizations, including Blissfest Music Organization and Petoskey District Library, among others. Admission buttons this year are \$10



Emma Hammons was the featured artist for the 2017 New Year's Eve at the Arts Center event. COURTESY PHOTO

for adults and \$5 for students, and will be on sale later this fall. Children under the age of two receive free admittance.

The evening concludes with a "Midnight at 9," Times-Square style ball drop on Division Street. The outdoor festivities begin at 8:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. New Year's Eve at the Arts Center is sponsored in part by the Kroeger-Mainland Family Fund at Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and by Moran Iron Works of Onaway, Michigan.

For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. Students may download a call for entry form and view previous winners work online. Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

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BOYNE CITY BOYNE MEETS BROADWAY DINNER THEATER

November 17 & 18, 5:30pm. Boyne Meets Broadway, an annual dinner theater and musical production by students at Boyne City High School, with live jazz and a tasty four-course dinner with coffee and dessert afterwards by Boyne's award winning hospitality team. Following dinner, at 7:30pm, you will get priority seating for a 90-minute Broadway Revue, including numbers from La La Land, 42nd Street and Hamilton. Tickets are \$25 and available from a cast member so they can earn money towards future drama trips. This event always sells out, so don't delay. Tickets are available from cast members or by contacting the BCHS office at 231-439-8100. Reserved tables for 4 or more available by calling Jen Houser at 906-281-1853

BOYNE CITY SENIOR CENTER THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 17, 11am-1pm. Charlevoix County Senior Centers will have special Thanksgiving dinners with traditional homemade full turkey dinner with all the fixings, including dessert, live music, and other entertainment. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors age 60 and over and \$6 for others. The senior centers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. The Boyne Area Senior Center is located at 411 E. Division St., Boyne City, phone 582-6682.

CHARLEVOIX "BROADWAY OURWAY!"

November 17-19, Charlevoix Middle-High School Performing Arts. Experience the magic of Broadway as your favorite performances take the stage. Students will dazzle the audience with performances from classic shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Mis, Hairspray, and Wicked. Watch as they put a creative spin on newer shows of Hamilton and Dear Evan Hansen. The talent of these Middle and High School students will amaze you. This is a performance you don't want to miss, so make sure you have your ticket when Broadway OURway comes to Charlevoix. Show times: Friday, Nov 17 and Saturday, November 18 at 7pm. Sunday, Nov 19 at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door. \$8/Adults | \$5 Students | \$20 Family (Sunday Matinee only). For more information call 231.547.3222 or email jthompson@rayder.net

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 HARVEST FESTIVAL AND CRAFT SHOW

November 18, 2-8pm,

Charlevoix Montessori Academy. We will have fun harvest games and activities for kids of all ages, delicious food, and a variety of vendors including: Lularoe | MaryKay | Arbonne | The Littlest Philanthropist | Grant Oliver| and more. There is no fee to attend, but donations are appreciated. For more information call 231.547.9000

BOYNE CITY HOSTAGE SHARES STORY OF CAPTIVITY

November 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street (use the Pine St. entrance). The program, titled "Lonely: Secrets Learned in Solitary Confinement," features a filmed interview with Tom Sutherland, a man who was kidnapped and held by Muslim radicals for nearly six and a half years. During the program Lifetree participants will have the opportunity tell about times they've encountered feelings of loneliness in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

PETOSKEY GREENLIGHT EAST JORDAN AND INVEST CHEBOYGAN PITCH NIGHT

November 20, 5:30pm, Beards Brewery, 215 East Lake Street. Winners from Greenlight East Jordan and Invest Cheboygan Pitch Night will compete for an additional \$25,000 in the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance "Grand Event." Entrepreneurs will have four minutes on the stage at Beards Brewery to state their business case. A panel of qualified judges will deliberate and select the top three after all pitches have been heard. A total of \$25,000 will be given away that night. The event is open to the public and angel and capital investors. For additional information about the Grand Event, or to apply, contact Hannah Sanderson with the NLEA at 231-582-6482

WALLOON LAKE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE VILLAGE

November 22, 6-8pm. Visit the Village for an evening of holiday cheer as the holiday lights are turned on for the first time this winter season. This year's lighting ceremony includes a large Christmas tree, donated by the Wally and Margy Kidd Family of Kidd & Leavy Real Estate, that will be in front of Hotel Walloon, welcoming all into the Village of Walloon. The evening's events include fun activities for the entire family including decorating sugar cookies and ornaments, hot cider, hot chocolate, coffee and homemade cookies from the Walloon Lake Inn. Santa and Mrs. Claus also plan on making an appearance. Live Christmas music will also be featured, courtesy of Walloon Lake Community Church. All activities will be happening on The Talcott Event Center patio area, next to the fire, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather, activities will be moved inside The Talcott.

CHARLEVOIX 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 23, Noon-3pm, Community Reformed Church, corner of US 31 and Meech Street. The meal is provided at no charge. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

CHARLEVOIX 7TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K

November 23, 8:30am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. Before you sit down

to the "Big Meal," join us for the 7th Annual Turkey Trot 5K. This event is for both runners and walkers. Strollers and leashed, friendly pets are also welcome. Wear your turkey hat, turkey costume, or dress like a pilgrim - costumes are encouraged! We will have a photo booth set up to help capture the fun. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Toddlers in strollers are free. Donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries are also requested. Pre-registration (mhc.eventsair.com/7th-annual-charlevoix-hospital-turkey-trot/) is now open. Pre-register by Sunday, Nov. 19, at midnight to guarantee your long sleeve t-shirt (or upgrade to a cozy sweatshirt for \$10 more) for the day of the event.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 23, 2pm, Eagles Hall, 106 River Street. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Anyone who would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles in advance at 231-582-6904. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries.

BOYNE CITY KIWANIS TURKEY TROT

November 23, 9-11am, starts and finishes at Boyne City Library, 5k and 1-mile fun run on Thanksgiving morning. All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area. Individual Entry - \$25 pre-registration (1-t-shirt), \$30 day of event.

Family Entry - \$50 pre-registration (2-t-shirts), \$60 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 14. Registration information at

BOYNE FALLS 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 23, 1-4pm, Whi-Ski Inn. A delicious meal with all the fixin's for anyone that would like to stop in and enjoy. The meal will be by donation of your choice or by bringing in non-perishable food items. All proceeds will benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry. This is "just a way to show our thanks and to give back to the community," the Whi-Ski Inn owners say. "Take a break from cooking this year and come on down for a traditional holiday dinner, watch a little football and give back to others at the same time."

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

November 24, 3-6pm. Holiday Craft Activity at Charlevoix Circle of Arts (3-5pm), free photos with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank (3-5pm), Cookies & Hot Cocoa in East Park (4-6pm), Holiday Parade on Bridge Street starting at 5:30pm and Community Tree Lighting Celebration in East Park at 6pm. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for additional information or to request a parade entry form.

BOYNE CITY SANTA PARADE & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

November 24, 5-9pm. Witness Santa's arrival to Boyne

City at the annual Santa Parade and Holiday Open House! A lighted evening parade welcomes the big man to Boyne City. Afterward, kids can line up to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Downtown shops and restaurants are open late for a fun holiday shopping experience, complete with specials and refreshments at many stores. Enjoy the festivities and welcome the holiday season in Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS DIAMONDS IN THE RUST

November 25, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. This is a five-piece band with upbeat energy and Midwestern swag. Tickets; \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Seating is limited so call to reserve. 231-582-2588.

EAST JORDAN SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 25. The Chamber will host a mini breakfast for shoppers from 8 - 10am at the Chamber Office. The first 200 shoppers will receive tote bags filled with goodies and a list of business specials for the event. Anyone is welcome to add items to the goodie bags.

BOYNE CITY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EXPLORED

November 26, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street (use the Pine St. entrance). The program, titled "Religious Freedom: Standing Up for What You Believe," features a filmed interview with former White House attorney and Air Force officer Michael Weinstein, who believes the U.S. military is under attack by a group that threatens both morale and battle-readiness: Christian fundamentalists. During the program Lifetree participants will have the opportunity share their opinions on recent situations in which religious freedom was threatened. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 27, 5:30-7:30pm, Blue Smoke Restaurant. Admission by donation (all proceeds to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry & Good Samaritan Food Pantry)

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BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

November 27, 8:30am-2:15pm, Boyne City High School. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross urges donor of all blood to give now to help keep the blood supply stable during the holidays.

EAST JORDAN EJ SNO-MOBILERS CLUB GOLDEN JUBILEE

December 1, 4-7pm. We are celebrating our 50th year as a club with an open house for our friends and neighbors and our snowmobiling families from all over. Come check out the history of the club and meet the members. You can see what we do for the local community and the snowmobiling community. We will be serving refreshments and have awesome displays. There will be a 50/50 drawing and prize drawings throughout the evening. Be sure to save the date, if we are lucky we will have some snow and you can ride in. Trails will be open that day weather permitting.

BOYNE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

December 1, 10am-2:45pm, Concord Academy, 401 E. Dietz Road. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross urges donor of all blood to give now to help keep the blood supply stable during the holidays.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

December 2. All area businesses will offer entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, raffles and more all day long. Children are invited to watch the movie Moana for free at 2pm at Charlevoix Cinema III. For entry, please bring a canned good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa during the 2017 Hot Cocoa Contest from Noon-5pm. For more information on this event, please visit www.charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

December 2, 9am-3pm, Boyne City High School. The Holiday Hobby Craft Show will again present 150 arts and crafts vendors. Admission is \$2 for adults and no charge for students. Hourly drawings will be held for \$20 Boyne Chamber Checks giveaways. Refreshments are also available for this 39th annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation.

BOYNE CITY LIGHTS OF LOVE CEREMONY

December 6, 6:30pm, Dillworth Hotel porch. Lights of Love tree-lighting remembrance ceremony. The event offers an opportunity to remember and honor loved ones during the holiday season with all proceeds going to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan to support patient care. In the past 30 years, Eta Nu has raised over \$100,000 for Hospice. You can make a donation by purchasing a colored light ranging from \$5 to \$30 or a personalized "heart of love" for \$40 for display on the tree. Donors will receive their hearts after the holidays. Followed by a dinner at Water Street Café.

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 14, 5:30-7:30pm. Holiday Business After Hours sponsored by Resort Rentals North at a client's home, 221 North St. No charge for admission or refreshments.

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 3-6pm, Charlevoix Library, through November 9. Plenty of fall produce, apples, cider, baked goods and more. Our Holiday Market Finale Nov. 21 is our only TUESDAY - as its right before Thanksgiving - and will include holiday craft sales and gift items from the Market, at

the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room, call 231-330-0968 to order fresh turkey, centerpieces, pies, breads, etc.

BOYNE CITY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, 9am-noon at 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.

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.

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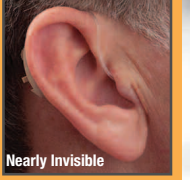


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Boyne Thunder proceeds awarded to three area organizations



Pictured from left to right: Camp Quality representatives Jean McDonough and Lisa Luebke, Boyne City Main Street representatives Michelle Cortright and Kelsie King-Duff, and Challenge Mountain Representatives Elizabeth Looze and Bill Aten. COURTESY PHOTO

The 14th annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run in July brought speed, thunder, and excitement to northern Michigan, and over \$197,000 in proceeds to three area organizations.

Based on an agreed upon formula for disbursement, Camp Quality received over \$108,000, Main Street over \$69,000 and Challenge Mountain over \$19,000 from the 2017 event. The event was able to provide the largest disbursement to date to each organiza-

tion.

Boyne Thunder is coordinated by Boyne City Main Street and supports Camp Quality, a non-profit organization serving children with cancer and their families by providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship, Challenge Mountain, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching and improving lives for the mentally and physically challenged through outdoor recreation and the Boyne City Main

Street program.

The poker run showcases over 100 high performance boats from all over the country, roaring through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 130-mile excursion in search of the best poker hand.

The 2018 event will take place on July 13 & 14. For more information about Boyne Thunder, visit www.boynethunder.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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- Congregate Meals
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- Hearing Checks
- Hearing Aid (Cleaning & Repair)
- Home Delivered Meals
- Homemaker Services
- In-Home Respite
- Information & Referral
- Medicare D Counseling
- Personal Care Assistance
- Project Lifesaver
- Senior Hi-Lites Newsletter
- Tax Assistance
- Volunteer Opportunities

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp

AREA NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS!

Hospice of NW MI Grief Support Group

Due to varied session locations and times, please call 231-547-7659 to register or for more information. www.hospicenwm.org

1ST THUR. EVERY MONTH, 12:00PM @ MUNSON

Munson Hospice Grief Support Group

Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital
For more info, call 800-252-2065 or visit our website at www.munsonhomehealth.org

11/2, 9, 16, THURSDAYS, 3PM-6PM

Charlevoix Farmers' Market

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

11/4, 11, 18, 25, SATURDAYS, 9AM-1PM

Boyne City Farmers' Market

In the Red Barn next to the Boyne

City District Library.

www.boynechamber.com

East Jordan Farmers' Market

CLOSED until MAY 2018
Sportsman's Park, 85 Bridge St., Off M-32 by bridge. www.ejchamber.org

11/18/17, SATURDAY, 10AM - 3PM

Hunter's Widow Bazaar

Looking for crafters! Help us raise money for The Christmas Project of Charlevoix. Event will be held at the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St., Charlevoix. Contact Karen Wolletz at (231) 536-9929 for more info.

11/18, SATURDAY, 7AM - 11AM

"Earlier Than The Bird" Holiday Shopping Event

Kick off the holiday season with friends & family, coffee and holiday shopping specials, all while in the comfort of your pajamas! Merchants are offering special deals along with refreshments. Stop at the Chamber

in your pajamas and receive an exclusive "Earlier Than The Bird" coffee mug, while supplies last. www.boynechamber.org

11/18, SATURDAY, 9AM - 4PM

Christmas Holiday Crafts, Art & Gift Show

The Christmas Holiday Crafts, Art and Gift Show will take place at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Bldg. Dozens of vendors will display their goods & services. Proceeds benefit Brother Dan's Food Pantry in Petoskey. Entry fee is \$2 or a non-perishable food item. www.petoskeychamber.org

11/24, FRIDAY, 3PM - 6PM

Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration

Enjoy Black Friday deals, holiday crafts, pictures with Santa, and cookies and hot cocoa in Charlevoix's East Park. The parade will start at 5:30pm and Santa will brighten the night by lighting the Community Christmas Tree at 6pm, followed by

Christmas Caroling by the Charlevoix Middle/High School Performing Arts. www.charlevoix.org

11/24, FRIDAY, 5PM - 9PM

Santa Parade & Holiday Open House

Enjoy a lighted evening parade to welcome Santa and the holiday season to Boyne City. Afterwards, kids can line up to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Downtown shops and restaurants are open late for fun holiday shopping, complete with specials and refreshments. www.boynechamber.com

11/25, SATURDAY, 10AM

Stafford's Downtown Petoskey Holiday Parade

The parade winds through downtown Petoskey with marching bands, floats, walking ensembles, reindeer, horses, and of course, Santa! Parade ends at the Perry Hotel where kids can talk with Santa. Lots of family fun! www.petoskeychamber.com

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 16
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, November 17
Veteran's Event
11:30am O.J. Adkins Raffle
Rummikub

Monday, November 20
Bingo
Rummikub
MSU Class 11am

Tuesday, November 21
Foot Clinic - By appt.
Wii Bowling

Wednesday, November 22
Various Card Games
Fit & Balanced class 11am

Thursday, November 23
CLOSED
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 16
11:30am-12:30pm MUSIC: Back Porch
1pm Mahjong
1pm Wii BC - Here
National Button Day - Wear a Button!

Friday, November 17
Thanksgiving MEal
9:30am Craft Class
11:30am Music: Kevin Johnson
Dessert: American House

Monday, November 20
Bridge
Woodcarving
Bible Study
** Puzzle Week **

Tuesday, November 21
1pm Mahjong
1pm Paint/Coloring
WORLD HELLO-SAY HI!

Wednesday, November 22
12pm Veteran's Affairs
1pm Bingo
1pm Hand & Foot cards

Thursday, November 23
CLOSED
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 16
Foot Clinic
11am Karaoke Day!
1pm Texas Hold Em

Friday, November 17
Thanksgiving Meal
11am Dollar in a Jukebox
Euchre/Bingo
Bake Raffle-Everyone bring something
Wear Red

Monday, November 20
8:30am-1:30pm Walking M-F
10am Daily Devotions
12:30pm Wii Bowling
1pm Ceramics

Tuesday, November 21
9:00am Veteran Social
10:30am Craft Class
12:00pm Free Veteran Lunch
12:30pm Bingo -Meal Ticket Prize
1pm Mexican Poker

Wednesday, November 22
Rummikub
1pm Card Bingo
1:30pm Paint Class

Thursday, November 23
CLOSED
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, November 16
MAC & CHEESE w/HAM

Friday, November 17
THANKSGIVING DINNER

Monday, November 20
GOULASH

Tuesday, November 21
BAKED CHICKEN

Wednesday, November 22
CABBAGE ROLLS

Thursday, November 23
CLOSED - HAPPY HOLIDAY!

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