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KICK Socks open distribution center in East Jordan

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

How would a businessman from the Mideast know about the small Northwestern Michigan city of East Jordan? What about this small community would make him want to move a significant segment of his business here? Baris Atmaca has many fond memories of his stay in East Jordan as a high school student and as a result a new distribution center celebrated their open house and ribbon cutting Saturday.

Atmaca arrived in East Jordan in 2005 as one of the East Jordan Rotary Club's Inbound exchange students. After his year abroad, he returned home to attend university, meet and marry his wife, Cigdem, and eventually join her at her father's company, Socks KICK, producing and marketing socks. But even with all the exciting changes in his life he never forgot his time in East Jordan or the people he met here.

While here he stayed with 3 different families, as is the Rotary protocol for exchange



Cigdem and Baris Atmaca and his father-in-law Abdullah Erdel cut the ribbon on the new Socks KICK warehouse opening in East Jordan. COURTESY PHOTO

students. His first 3 and half months were spent with Rod and Pat Tinney, then Bill Lorne and family and finally Debbie Chappuies and family. He has stayed in touch

with all his host families for the last 12 years and the Chappuies have even attended his wedding in Turkey and visited his family in Baltimore, MD when

his son was born. "The reason I'm here is because of these people, they are family to me," said Atmaca.

In 2015, Atmaca came to visit his host families and

brought them some of the socks his company produces. "They liked the socks so I visited some stores and

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Boyne City Chamber honor community leaders

A crowd of more than 300 people attended the Boyne Area Chamber Annual Awards Gala at Boyne Mountain Thursday night, enjoying great food and drink, entertainment and the presentation of awards to community leaders and organizations. The Chamber Board of Directors was installed by Mayor Tom Neidhamer, with Chris Bandy of Local Flavor Bookstore serving as president for the year ahead. Michael Doumanian of Boyne Mountain was honored for serving as president for the past year and a half. Full board.

Here are the award winners, as determined in online voting by 425 people:

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mike Castiglione of Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen conducted a beautiful renovation of the historic railroad building and turned it into a great bar and restaurant, which opened in January 2017. Not only does Mike brew great beers, but he has innovative ideas like "Brew School" and "Brewing Up Business," as well as event ideas for the community. Al-



Congratulations to the award winners from the Chamber Annual Awards Gala! From left are Michelle Cortright, Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award; her son Michael Cortright, Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Denise Holmes of Boyne Eta Nu Charities, Community Pride Award; Bob Mathers, Heritage Award; Becky Harris, Volunteer of the Year; Mike Castiglione, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Michael Doumanian, Outgoing Chamber Board President. PHOTO BY KIM METTLER

ready, he is working with other organizations and groups to promote downtown and give back to the community with things like a pub crawl to benefit the Cancer Crusaders and cosponsoring the "Fat & Flurrious" fat tire bike race on January 20th. He was also awarded historic tax credits, which is a testament to his hard work in historic preservation, as these credits are rarely

awarded to projects smaller than \$5 million.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Michael Cortright took over North Country Cycle Sport last year, the business where he purchased his first bike at age 9, worked as an employee, and finally took the risk to become the owner - right out of college. With the increasing popu-

larity of Boyne area bike trails, NCCS is meeting a need for repairs and rentals and Michael broke revenue records in his first year as owner. He promotes Boyne as a trail town and has personally taken on grooming trails at the Boyne City School Forest and Avalanche Preserve. He has organized the "Fat & Flurrious" fat tire bike race that will debut on January 20th and he is also working with local volunteers to start a bike share program, which should debut this spring.

HERITAGE AWARD

Bob Mathers is general manager of Bob Mathers Ford, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2017. The auto dealership was originally started on September 22, 1917, and has been Bob Mathers Ford since 1973. The dealership is now owned by the four Mathers siblings - Bob, Cheri, Trish and Wendy. Bob has been with the dealership since 1979. The dealership has gone through several changes through the

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Ice Boat Race championship event in Boyne City January 25



The North American Ice Boating Championship Race will be taking place on Lake Charlevoix on Thursday, January 25. PHOTO BY AMANDA PALMER.

BY JIM AKANS

Boating season is arriving early in Boyne City. The North American Ice Boating Championship Race will be taking place on Lake Charlevoix Thursday, January 25. Organized by DN North America, the race was originally scheduled to take place last Saturday in New Hampshire but was postponed due to conditions. The call was made to move the race to northern Michigan and Lake Charlevoix.

The race will be featuring the DN, which is the most popular iceboat in the world. It will be held on a one-mile course from Whiting County Park to Young State Park and be based out of Whiting Park.

"This is our North American championship with racers from Canada, Nova Scotia, Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands," stated Deb Whitehorse, Executive Secretary for Inter-

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FRIDAY



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LOW: 36

SATURDAY



HIGH: 38
LOW: 24

SUNDAY



HIGH: 30
LOW: 14

snowfall

1/23/17	33	ATLANTA	1/22/18	16.1
1/23/17	75.9	BOYNE FALLS	1/22/18	62.5
1/23/17	40.8	CHARLEVOIX	1/22/18	61
1/23/17	44.4	CHEBOYGAN	1/22/18	39.6
1/23/17	71.7	EAST JORDAN	1/22/18	91.1
1/23/17	122.8	GAYLORD	1/22/18	79.4
1/23/17	95	KALKASKA	1/22/18	60.2
1/23/17	34.6	LEWISTON	1/22/18	27
1/23/17	33	MIO	1/22/18	14.2
1/23/17	48	ONAWAY	1/22/18	42.2
1/23/17	83.2	PETOSKEY	1/22/18	78.4

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 25	.11°	...	29°	...	-10° (2004)	.51° (1950)
=JAN 26	.11°	...	29°	...	-15° (2000)	.51° (1973)
=JAN 27	.11°	...	29°	...	-21° (2000)	.52° (2002)
=JAN 28	.11°	...	29°	...	-25° (1963)	.52° (2002)
=JAN 29	.11°	...	29°	...	-8° (1986)	.46° (1990)
=JAN 30	.11°	...	29°	...	-33° (1994)	.48° (1988)
=JAN 31	.10°	...	29°	...	-16° (1980)	.49° (1988)
FEB 1	...	...	29°	...	-28° (1962)	.47° (1998)
=FEB 2	...	...	29°	...	-31° (1961)	.46° (1991)
=FEB 3	...	...	30°	...	-18° (1996)	.52° (1991)

Nancy Lou Zimmerman, 85

(FEB. 7, 1932 - JAN. 16, 2018)

Nancy Lou Zimmerman of Ellsworth died peacefully Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at home.



Nancy was born February 7, 1932 in Detroit to Stanley and Estelle (Bos) Ruszkowski.

Nancy worked as a stenographer and executive secretary at Chrysler Corp in Detroit, Michigan.

On February 9, 1952 she married Alfred Kowalewski in Harper Woods, Michigan. They had three children; Sandra, Mark and Pamela. Alfred died in 1968. Nancy then married Alfred's brother Sigmund Kowalewski. Sigmund died in 1995. They had one daughter, Jennifer.

On December 21, 1999, she married William Zimmerman in Coral Springs, FL. They made their home in Ellsworth. They enjoyed bowling, fishing, camping and volunteering together in Ellsworth, Michigan.

Nancy was a member of

the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and the Ellsworth Lions Club. She was a volunteer for many years at Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth. Nancy enjoyed volunteering, crocheting, bowling, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, and baking.

Surviving are her husband William (Bill) Zimmerman; children Sandra Sauer Stein (Donald Stein) of Ellsworth, Mark Kowalewski of Las Vegas, NV and Pamela (Daryl) Smith of Mesa, AZ; four grandchildren, Michael Sauer, Brian Sauer, T.J. Smith and Aubrey Smith; one great-granddaughter, Estelle Sauer; and a brother, Stanley (Marti) Ruszkowski of Williamsburg, MI; nephew James (Myongsoon) Olson, great-niece Christine Olson (Josh) and great-nephew Tim Olson; niece Connie Olson, stepchildren William Zimmerman Jr. (Christine), Deborah May Zimmerman (Dale) and Larry Zimmerman. She was preceded in death by husbands Alfred Kowalewski and Sigmund Kowalewski, sister Elaine Olson and daughter Jennifer Kowalewski.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 11 a.m. at the

Ellsworth Wesleyan Church in Ellsworth, Michigan. Immediately following the service there will be a luncheon provided in the church hall.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to: Good Samaritan Family Services, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729 or Ellsworth Lioness Club, P.O. Box 142, Ellsworth, MI 49729

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Lawrence Wynsma, 95

(APRIL 5, 1922 - JAN. 20, 2018)

Lawrence "Larry" Wynsma

of East Jordan died Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Belaire.



He was born April 5, 1922 in Banks Township, Antrim County to Egbert and Jennie (Essenberg) Wynsma.

Larry was a veteran of

WWII, serving with the U.S. Army in Japan.

Larry worked at Will-Flow in Charlevoix until his retirement. He loved buying and selling cars, doing yard work and spending time with his grandchildren.

On January 6, 2001, he married Ruth Loper in Central Lake. They made their home in East Jordan. Ruth died in 2004.

Surviving are his children Diane Evans of Petoskey, Mary Patton of Boyne Falls, Arlis "Butch" (Kay) McCall of Boyne City, Larry (Barb) Loper of Manistee, Rita (Brian) Bennett of Boyne Falls, Brenda Chanda of East Jordan, Barry (Sandy) Loper of Charlevoix, Gary (Linda Helminiak) Loper of Freesoil, Monty (Lisa) Loper of Boyne Falls, Rodney (Diane) Loper of Boyne Falls, son-in-law Arnold Nettles of Charlotte, TN; 34 grandchildren; over 50 great-grandchildren; and brother John Wynsma of Byron Center. Besides his wife Ruth he was preceded in death by his daughter Melody Nettles, grandson Robert Bayha, sister Eva Padavana, and brothers Marvin Wynsma and Arthur Wynsma.

The funeral was held Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan

Church with the Rev. Chris Wallace officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

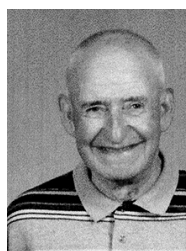
Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

DeVere O. Middleton, 92

(MAY 28, 1925 - JAN. 16, 2018)

DeVere Middleton of

Boyne City passed away on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.



DeVere was born May 28, 1925 in Boyne City to Howard and Dora (Decker) Middleton. He lived his entire life in Boyne City.

His wife Joan preceded him in death on June 21, 1993; daughter Christine and infant grandson Jeffrey David Neer; parents; brother Norman Middleton; and sisters Juanita Hadix and Shirley Wuerth.

DeVere is survived by his son David (Chito) Middleton;

daughters Debbie (Art) Neer and Brenda (Al) Roisen; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with one more to arrive in March; and his dear friend Helen Anzell.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 29th, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Boyne City with a military burial to take place following at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

The family suggest memorial donations to be directed to the United Methodist Church or charity of choice in memory of DeVere.

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

Jean (Combest) Lent, 73

(MARCH 9, 1944 - JAN. 22, 2018)

Jean Combest Lent died Monday, January 22, 2018, at her home in East Jordan.

Arrangements are pending at Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

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Free Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop

To help seniors become better self-managers of chronic health conditions the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM), the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine in conjunction with Partners in Aging Strategies and Training (PAST) are offering several free Healthy Aging workshops in northern Michigan. The first Chronic Pain PATH workshop will take place on Monday mornings in Febru-

ary and March at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Developed by Stanford University, Chronic Pain PATH provides information and techniques to cope with the challenges associated with chronic pain.

The free, six-session workshop is for adults living with chronic pain and their family caregivers.

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more confident that they can manage their health. PATH is taught by trained and certified leaders who understand chronic illness and have a personal connection to chronic pain.

To achieve the full benefit of Chronic Pain PATH, please plan to attend all six workshops. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-442-1713 for more information or to register, or register online at www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration.

Applicants sought for FoodCorps School Food Changers program

FoodCorps, a national organization that connects children in limited resource communities to healthy food in school, is accepting applications until March 15 for its seventh annual class of AmeriCorps service members. The selected community leaders will dedicate one year of full-time, paid public service in school food systems—teaching hands-on lessons in growing, cooking and tasting food, collaborating with food service staff to steer students toward the healthiest options in the cafeteria, and working alongside school administrators and teachers to foster a school wide culture of health.

"What we feed our children in school—and what we teach them about food there—shapes their health and success over a lifetime," said Curt Ellis, FoodCorps co-founder and CEO. "By joining FoodCorps, you will have a chance to do something incredibly important: connect children in your community to healthy food, and give them the opportunity to grow, learn and thrive."

FoodCorps addresses the root causes—access and connection to healthy food—by partnering with schools and communities to address these issues in the place where our country's most vulnerable children eat the majority of their calories. School food programs provide a significant portion—in some cases up to half—of a student's daily calories.

The 2014 "Framework for Healthy Communities in Northwest Michigan" prepared by Networks Northwest, reports that "about a third of residents living in the region are obese (Body Mass Index greater than 30) and another one-third are overweight", and those conditions are even higher for those in poverty. The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in our region is higher than the state level, and particularly for those in poverty.

Boyne Falls Public Schools is among the schools in northwest Michigan that have teamed with the Groundwork Center to host FoodCorps service members over the past two school years.

"Boyne Falls Public

Schools food service has a strong commitment to offering healthy, local food to our students," said superintendent Cynthia Pineda. "Our partnership with the Groundwork Center has helped our food service program reach new heights by supporting our school cafeteria, in-class lessons on healthful foods, and even revising our district wellness policy."

Current FoodCorps service member Lindsay Hall has worked at Boyne Falls over the past two school years and at Pellston Public Schools in 2017-18.

"Serving for FoodCorps has been an incredible experience," said Hall. "I've grown personally and professionally, but more importantly, I've grown with the people, students and community I serve. I am proud to have promoted positive change through education and hands on experience in the place I call home, and feel connected and engaged in a completely new way."

In its first seven years, FoodCorps has brought important progress to the schools it serves, demon-

strating measurable change to children's eating habits and helping the schools it partners with become healthier environments. Hundreds of AmeriCorps service members have introduced new healthy recipes into cafeterias, built and taught in hundreds of school gardens from New Mexico to Connecticut, and engaged thousands of volunteers and parents in their efforts. In addition, FoodCorps provides valuable skills and training to the service members who go through the program, setting them up for careers in school food, public health and education. The benefits of AmeriCorps service include a \$18,250 stipend, health care, training, and a \$5,920 education award.

This year FoodCorps seeks up to 230 men and women, nationwide, with a passion for serving their communities, a commitment to social justice and an interest in jumpstarting their careers. Applications are due March 15. Emerging leaders interested in getting more information should visit FoodCorps.org/apply.

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Thirtieth annual Boyne "Lights of Love" event a success

The Eta Nu Charities of Boyne held their Thirtieth Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The event was held at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City following a dinner at the Water Street Café. This event is very special to those who have lost loved ones or have friends or family who cannot be with them during the Holidays. It gives them an opportunity to remember and honor them with personalized heart ornaments and memorial lights on the tree.

Eta Nu and Hospice of Northwest Michigan would like to thank everyone who purchased hearts and tree lights and the sponsors who contributed. It could not be a success without their support. Sponsors included Bob Grove and the Dilworth Hotel who hosted the tree, Andre Poineau Woodworking for the painted hearts, Industrial Magnetics Inc. who provided the printing and The Brook Retirement Communities who provided beautiful flower arrangements.

This year there were 38 personalized hearts and 119 memorial tree lights with



Pati Scott of Boyne Eta Nu Charities and April Lamb Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan. COURTESY PHOTO

\$145 raised from the post event dinner raffle. Boyne Eta Nu presented April Lamb, the Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, with a check in the amount of \$4,100 from the monies received. In the past thirty years, this event has

raised more than \$100,000 and has supported Hospice of Northwest Michigan with unfunded patient needs. Thanks again for all your support and making this event such a success.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a 501(c)3 non-

profit, community based hospice, serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Call (800) 551-4140 or email a.lamb@nwhealth.org for more information on hospice services, or to learn more about how you can help.

Free radon test kits available at the Health Department Jan 29 - Feb 2

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is offering free radon test kits the week of January 29 - February 2 to encourage testing during National Radon Action Month. Free test kits—which include the testing device, postage to send the device to a laboratory, laboratory analysis, and report—are available at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord.

Be sure to bring your Tax Identification Number with you to receive a kit from the Health Department. Kits are also available from some hardware stores and home improvement centers, but they don't always include postage and analysis, so be sure to read the packaging carefully.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon results in more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. every year.

"Radon levels can vary significantly from home to home," said Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health at the Health Department. "You can't smell it, taste it, or see it. The only way to know if your family is at risk for radon exposure is to do the test."

If the test shows high levels of radon, the Health Department will provide consultation for further testing or resources to find a contractor to fix your home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground and, when released to the atmosphere, it is quickly diluted. When it enters a building through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it tends to be more concentrated than outdoors. Exposure to radon over time increases a person's risk of contracting lung cancer.

For additional information, call your local Health Department office.

KICK SOCKS

FROM PG. 1A

talked to the buyers to see if a distribution network was possible while I was here," he

said. Now Socks Kick produces high quality socks in their production center in Istanbul, Turkey then ships them to their new 7,000 square foot distribution center located off Bridge Street in East Jordan.

Presently, the company has shipped over 120,000 pairs of socks to East Jordan and KICK socks will be heading

to the shelves of local retail outlets soon. Their online store will be live next week. Eventually Socks KICK will open a retail presence of their own in East Jordan. "We're trying to establish the brand. Eventually you can order KICK socks and put your name and business on them," he said. Their goal is to expand statewide and na-

tionally. The next step will be to move some of the production from Turkey to here so that they can have Made in U.S.A. products. With production in the USA they will be able to create more jobs locally. "This is a perfect spot to start a business. I knew this town would support me," he said.



Shoppers fill their arms full of socks during an open house at the KICK distribution center on Bridge Street Saturday.



An employee at Socks KICK production center in Istanbul, Turkey.



East Jordan Rotary Student exchange hosts Bill Lorne and Debbie Chappuies stand in front of 120,000 pairs of socks with business owner Baris Atmaca at a newly opened distribution center for KICK socks in East Jordan.



Baris Atmaca and his father-in-law Abdullah Erdel, stand in front of a bulletin board that shows the chain of events leading to the migration of Socks KICK to East Jordan at an open house held Saturday.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, January 8, 2018
0837 911 hang up from the 900 block of Brockway. Misdiagnosed
0924 Report of lost billfold
0932 Report of vehicle left in the Fotchmann lot for over a week.
1040 Suspicious situation reported in the 300 block of E Division St
1352 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of S Lake St.
1437 Report of found keys with bob

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
0132 Bond violation reported via social media
0859 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St

1449 Report of inappropriate Instagram photos in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1503 Received information regarding subject with warrant in the 300 block of E Division St
1545 Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
1608 Citation issued for speed at N. Lake St and State St.
1847 Removed a dead deer from the road at E Division and Lewis
2237 Report of CSC and assault from Boyne Av

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
0304 Parking ticket issued and vehicle towed for snow removal at

Lake and Water
0346 BE in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1316 Report of contraband in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1617 Report of a truck loosing load all over the road, northbound on Lake from North. Unable to locate truck. Did remove several chunks of lumber from the road.
1922 Assist EMS on Grove St.
2157 Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Water and Park.

Thursday, January 10, 2018
111 Assisted MSP with OWI traffic stop on Pleasant near Prospect.

1004 Suspicious subject in the 400 block of N Lake St
1055 Arrested subject on Warrant in the 400 block of Poplar St
1045 Citation issued for parking blocking a private drive in the 200 block of S Lake St
1550 Vehicle unlock in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
1927 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Grant St.

Friday, January 12, 2018
0002 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
1126 Car deer accident on Anderson Rd near Marshall
1557 Civil complaint on Roosevelt

1600 Found credit card turned in to PD
1606 Car deer accident on E Division St near contractor Dr
1720 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of E Main St
1800 Report of a parked vehicle blocking the road at Water and Lake. Gone on arrival

Saturday, January 13, 2018
0027 Assist EMS in the 100 block of W Ann St
0334 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Boyne City Rd
0956 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of Pleasant Ave.
1127 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

1953 Animal tied up outside on W Main St. Gone on arrival.

Sunday, January 14, 2018
0251 Assist Sheriff Dept. with civil complaint at the PD
1144 Report of a vehicle in the roadway at S Lake and Division St
1230 Civil dispute in the 300 block of E. Division St
1952 Civil dispute in the 900 block of Wilson.
2131 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mountain

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Michigan, a national destination

**BY SEN. WAYNE SCHMIDT
37TH SENATE DISTRICT**

The winter season in Michigan provides unlimited opportunities for the entire family. One specific pastime, though, is a favorite in my district and throughout northern Michigan.

It is no secret that Michigan ranks among the best states in the nation for snowmobiling. Our rugged landscape and consistent snowfall draw riders from all over the country. In fact, the annual snowmobiling season provides a seasonal boom for local economies throughout my district.

I personally recommend exploring the Pure Michigan wilderness via our state's extensive snowmobile trail system. Michigan boasts

6,400 miles of designated snowmobile trails. The groomed, interconnected trail network conquers a variety of terrains as it winds through our state forests and is sure to provide fun for the whole family.

If you're looking to plan a snowmobile trip, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides maps in a variety of formats for the state's designated snowmobile trails. Find information on trail maps and permits, regulations, registration and more at www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling.

While enjoying the outdoors, it is important to do so legally and remember to always put safety first. Not all roads or road should

ers have been opened to snowmobile travel, so it is best to be safe and stick to the trails and designated snowmobile routes. Be sure to dress in layers to stay warm, never ride alone and avoid crossing bodies of water. Most importantly, riders must remember that alcohol and motor vehicles never mix.

In addition to the cold weather and snow, this time of year brings another popular pastime and tradition — the Sault Ste. Marie International I-500 snowmobile race.

For decades, tens of thousands of diehard fans and enthusiasts have come to enjoy the festivities and the main event the I-500 brings. The idea was originally thought up by Sault Ste. Marie residents and would eventually

take shape in the late 1960s as land was acquired and designers began creating the oval, one-mile track. This year's race marks the event's 50th anniversary of the 500-mile challenge.

I hope you and your family are able to get out and enjoy the Pure Michigan winter season or are able to attend this year's I-500 festivities. This year's I-500 celebrations begin on Monday, Jan. 29 and close with the final race on Feb. 3. For more information, please visit www.I-500.com.

Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, represents the 37th state Senate District, which includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac counties.

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national DN Ice Racing Association. "We will have up to 75 competitors heading to the northern Michigan area. We are looking forward to experiencing the beauty of the area. There will be media representatives covering the event from Rolling Stone magazine and possibly from CBS."

She adds, "We thank local northern Michigan residents Bill Cutting, J.R. Francis, Julie Richards and Dick Wollam, who helped find the ice for us and made arrangements at the very last minute."

The race will take place on Thursday morning starting at 10:30am.

For further information visit <http://na.idniyra.org/2018/01/23/2018-north-americans-called-on-for-lake-charlevoix-mi/>

While Mother Nature may have delivered a huge meltdown with warm temperatures and sunshine, the 37th Annual East Jordan Sno-Blast Winter Festival continued with traditions, great events, good food and family fun for all to enjoy.

The Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight were crowned on Friday evening at the East Jordan Middle/High School during the East Jordan Rotary Chili Supper. Congratulations to Belle Lisa Dunson-Richter and Winter Knight Conrad Loucks. Members of the court include CJ Cutler and Jessica Cutler, Tracey Johnson, Kari Vrondran. Thank you to all of the candidates for their participation in this event. All proceeds raised from the competition are used to support the Sno-Blast Winter Festival and to promote winter/business in East Jordan.

The East Jordan Sno-Mobile's popular Bean Soup Pot, Obstacle Course and Sno-Lovers Breakfast attracted attendees of all ages. Winner of the Obstacle Course was Courtney Fender. The long running Antique Sno-Mobile Show featured snowmobiles from several areas. The Blessing of the Sleds was held Saturday morning with Father Chet Collins giving a blessing to the riders and snowmobiles.

For those not up for an outside winter fun blast, the 2nd Annual Grand Story Hours with Luanne Reed was well attended at the Books and More bookstore. Attendees listened to two winter themed stories and then created two crafts. One of the crafts were "Frosty - The Wobbly Snowman."

The festival was not without snow sculptures. The popular snow sculpture contest, proudly sponsored by South Arm Café (owners CJ and Jessica Cutler) awarded first prize to the Sladics Family with their spectacular sculpture created to the theme - "Proud to be a Michigander"

A Euchre Tournament and a Winter Dance were held on Saturday evening. The card tournament was a fundraiser for the Class of 2018 and the dance was held at the Jordan River Arts Council.

The Sno-Blast Coloring Contest sponsored by BC Pizza of East Jordan saw a record number of student entries. The artwork drawing was drawn by Alissa Huckle one owner of Not 2 Shabby in East Jordan.

The Sno-Blast Winter Festival would not be possible without the support of the many generous sponsors and the Sno-Blast Winter Festival Committee. Special thank you to committee members - Connie and Don Massey, Kelly and Alan Kava and East Jordan Chamber Festival/Event Coordinator Shannon Fender.

37th Annual East Jordan Sno-Blast Huge Success



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EAST JORDAN ROTARY NEWS

Boyer Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Chevelle Lowery

Grade: 1st
Parent's Name(s): Todd and Connie Urman
What do you want to be when you grow up?: Chevelle would like to be an artist or a gymnastic teacher when she grows up.
Favorite Book: Her favorite book is called Owls. She is also enjoying listening to the Magic Tree House books.
Hobbies and Interests: Chevelle likes to spend time playing with her dos Bear and Molly. She also enjoys reading.
School Activities: She likes being on the spirit squad and playing with her friends.
Staff Comments: Chevelle is a kind and caring person. She has a wonderful smile. She is always willing to help her classmates. She encourages them to do their best. She is a great friend to everyone.
 Submitted By: Mrs. Powers



RIGHT: The East Jordan Rotary presented Eagle Scout Keenan O'Neill a check for \$700 at their January meeting. Keenan will be helping TOMMBA (Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association) with the mountain bike trails behind the East Jordan schools by constructing a trailhead kiosk, bridges and installing a bike repair station. The trails known as Brown's Creek Pathway uses property owned by the schools and the city. The Rotary Club of East Jordan Facebook page has a link to his go fund me page. Every Eagle Scout must complete a project that benefits the community. O'Neill who is a freshman at East Jordan High School and member of troop 17 needs \$2,500 to finish the project. O'Neill is pictured with rotary President Tammy Vincent and Happy Hour Chair Kathy Keyser.

LEFT: At the January meeting of the East Jordan Rotary, student exchange outbounds, Max Mitowski from Boyne Falls and Alleah Sundelius from Ellsworth received their country assignments. They will both be heading to South America, Bolivia and Chile respectively. The club is presently hosting a student from Chile and has one of the most active student exchange programs in the country. The East Jordan Rotary typically only sends students from East Jordan but due to having no East Jordan applicants this year and both Mitowski and Sundelius being very persistent, the club generously decided to sponsor them. The students will be living and attending school for 11 months in South America. They are expected to research the country and learn the language while the Rotary maintains a network that walks beside them through a very complicated process. Pictured are Rotarian Karen Brennan, Max Mitowski, Alleah Sundelius and Rotarian Bill Lorne.



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

BY JIM AKANS



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.

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

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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

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

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head

gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

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

stickers...the list of items goes on and on.

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

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years, but the focus on customer satisfaction has always stayed the same. Bob, like his father, has been a classic car enthusiast and has long been a member of the Boyne Thunder Committee, which has been a major fund-raiser for Camp Quality, Challenge Mountain and Boyne City Main Street.

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

Boyer Eta Nu Charities is being honored for the impactful fundraising projects that they organize each year. Dress for Chill, now in its 10th year, provides outerwear for preschool through 4th graders. This year, they provided 167 children with warm winter gear. Lights of Love, now in its 30th year, is Eta Nu's holiday event that raises money to benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. And Eta Nu volunteers participate as clowns in the 4th of July parade to raise money for fireworks, including a total of \$5,000 in 2017.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Becky Harris. Her work on the Boyne City Farmers Market, Veterans Park

Pavilion Committee, Challenge Mountain board, and Main Street board only scratches the surface of Becky's volunteer hours for our community. She has donated more hours than can be counted this year, stepping in as the interim Farmers Market Manager. She has not taken a paycheck, and has kept the market going as strong as ever, including the start of the renovation of the Veterans Park Pavilion and moving the indoor winter market to City Hall.

THE SALLY ROSELLI BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Michelle Cortright of Harbor House Publishers is one of Boyne's most successful business women. She is generous with her time on several community boards, including Boyne City Main Street, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Leadership Charlevoix County, Evangeline Township, the Economic Development Corporation, and the Boyne Area Chamber board. Michelle recently started a local initiative that promotes positivity and civility in our community, particularly in organizations dealing with the public. She is an extremely positive driving force in the Boyne Area.

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Over \$216,000 in People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2017

Great Lakes Energy, with the help of its members, continues its commitment to local communities through the People Fund. During 2017, the People Fund awarded \$216,155 in grants to charitable and community organizations. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

The grants funds were awarded to 60 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members we've awarded more than \$3.3 million in grants since 1999 to local non-profits groups and organizations," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "The local communities in our service area benefit greatly from this program that is fully funded by our members who allow their bill to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month."

Members of the electric cooperative who wish to participate are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"People may not think 50 cents a month can do much, but when added with the contributions of other Great Lakes Energy members, we are able to help so many," explains Scott. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' generosity."

The following northern Michigan groups were among those receiving People Fund grants in 2017:

- Bellaire Community in Action: \$2,500 for scoreboards at the community ball fields.
- Boyne Valley Township, Boyne Falls: \$2,500 for restroom facility at Dam Road Park.
- Challenge Mountain, Boyne City: \$5,000 for multi-use truck.
- Charlevoix Area Community Pool: \$5,000 for renovation and repairs.
- Charlevoix Historical Society: \$5,000 for computer, scanner and server.
- Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs: \$2,000 for fabric and labels for baby blankets.
- Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Grayling: \$3,849.99 for commercial freezer.
- Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: \$7,000 to replace heating system at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.
- For the Love of Music Community Concert Series, Petoskey: \$1,000 for community concerts.
- Friends of the Kalkaska County Library: \$1,500 for defibrillator.
- Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$2,000 for Meals on Wheels vehicle.
- Gaylord Gators Swim Club: \$1,935.99 for deck cables and a computer.
- Grandvue Foundation, East Jordan: \$5,000 for Terrace and Recreation Park.
- Grass River Natural Area, Bellaire: \$2,000 for construction of the Perception Pathway.
- Hayes Township, Charlevoix: \$10,000 for rain



The Grandvue Foundation, of East Jordan, is just one of many local organizations helped by the People Fund. COURTESY PHOTO

gardens to contain storm water runoff at Hayes Township Park.

- Injured Soldiers, Inc., Pellston: \$10,475.28 for whole house generator for Brave Hearts Estate.
- Kalkaska Conservation District: \$3,000 for tree planting along the Kalkaska Area Recreation Trail.
- Kiersten's Ride, East Jordan: \$5,000 for suicide prevention conference.
- Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild, Harbor Springs: \$1,000 for supplies for Quilts of Valor.

- Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs: \$6,000 for partnership project with local farms for fresh produce for pantries.

- Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: \$2,000 for video cameras, blinds and a projector screen for the Education Center.
- Otsego County Historical Society, Gaylord: \$972 for restroom remodeling.
- Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society (OWLS), Gaylord: \$5,600 for repair and resealing of building.
- Raven Hill Discovery

Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for energy efficient lighting and heating/cooling improvements.

- The King House Association, Good Hart: \$5,000 for restoration of The King House.
 - Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for bike trailer for the Kids Biking Initiative.
- The 2017 People Fund Annual Report is included in the January issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine recently mailed to Great Lakes Energy members. Others

may obtain the report by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting gtlakes.com and downloading the report.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting applications for 2018 grants from local non-profit organizations. Deadline for applications for the 2018 grant cycles are April 15 and Oct. 15. Request an application by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 1313, or request it online by visiting gtlakes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CHARLEY REESE'S FINAL COLUMN

To the Editor,
ACTUALLY FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1984 by the Orlando Sentinel where Charley worked for 30 years as a journalist, as relevant now as then, perhaps more so, reprinted since then multiple times:

"Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politi-

cians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget, the president does. You and I don't have the constitutional authority to vote in appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code. The Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy; the Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy; the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred Senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court Justices – 545 human beings out of 238 million (currently 320+ million) – are directly,

legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Bank because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913 Congress delegated its constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I exclude all of the special interest and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a Senator, a Congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million in

cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Don't you see now the con game that is played on the people by the politicians? Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault; they cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of Tip O'Neill, who stood up and criticized Ronald Reagan

for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating appropriations and taxes. O'Neill is speaker of the House. He is the leader of the majority party. He and his fellow Democrats, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto.

Just 545 Americans have fouled up this great nation.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of [320] million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted – by present facts – of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem, from an unfair tax code to defense overruns, that is not traceable directly to those people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise complete power over the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist. If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in Lebanon, it's because they want them in Lebanon.

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom

they hire and whose jobs they can abolish, to lobbyists, whose gifts they can reject, to regulators to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take it.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exist some disembodied mystical forces like 'the economy', 'inflation', or 'politics', that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people and they alone are responsible. They and they alone have the power, they and they alone should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses – provided they have the gumption to manage their employees."

That's it, one short unsweetened column from 1984 tells all we need to know about the US government. Now that this looms so much larger due to unintended transparency, the exigency of reclaiming the country looms ever larger. Media is complicit. Uninformed public opinion is complicit. It is nevertheless these 545 that restrict fixing anything. Certainly they have hirelings for redoubt and roundup but we outnumber them by hundreds of millions. For Charley, the US Constitution, for We the People, can we not fix this?

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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FRESHWATER CONCERT; CHASTITY BROWN

January 27, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. Based in Minnesota, Chastity grew up surrounded by country and soul music. In the full gospel church of her childhood, she found her singing voice and a passion for music. Her new album is "Silhouette of Sirens" ...NPR Music says... a work of brooding soul eloquence, alt-rock wiriness, atmospheric pop sweetening and folk-inflected naturalness. Seating is limited. Tickets (\$30) & info 231-582-2588

EAST JORDAN

ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING/DINNER/AUCTION

January 27, 5:30-9pm, Castle Farms. The Chamber's largest event of the year, the Annual Dinner in January at the majestic Castle Farms, kicks off the new year with an awards program, dinner and live and silent auction. Community members, Chamber Member businesses and organizations are honored and recognized annually with the Citizen of the Year and Spirit Award presented to deserving individuals and business owners.

CHARLEVOIX

SNOWMAN STORY TIME

January 27, 10am-noon, Castle Farms. Kids love playing in the snow at the castle! Enjoy interacting with snowman activities, and sipping on some delicious hot cocoa while listening to fun winter stories read by 'Miss Michigan Junior Sweetheart' Desiree Herrst. Story time includes a hot chocolate bar, snowman making (weather/snow permitting), snowman crafts, treats and interactive trains! Stories will be read at 10:30am. Admission is just \$5 per person, ages 3 and up.

PETOSKEY

CROOKED TREE YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

January 28, 2:30pm, Crooked Tree Arts Center. The concert will feature performances by the Crooked Tree Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, and Symphonic Jazz Orchestra. The Symphonic Jazz Orchestra is a new ensemble at CTAC, combining the Jazz Orchestra with the string players of the Chamber Orchestra. The Winter Concert is free and open to the public. For more information about the CTAC School of Music or the 2018 Winter Concert, visit www.crookedtree.org or call (231) 347-4337.

BOYNE CITY

SECRETS OF FRIENDSHIP CONSIDERED

January 28, 6:30pm, Lifestree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Friends for Life: 10 buddies. 38 years. 1 week a year," features the filmed story of a group of guys who have remained friends 38 years after graduation from middle school. During the program participants will have the opportunity to discuss the factors involved in making and keeping friends, as well as the benefits of longtime friendships. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance. Please join us for a potluck at 5:30. Bring a dish to share.

PETOSKEY

WASTE IN FARMING AND THE LEAN APPROACH

January 30, 6-8pm, NCMC Student Community Resource Center, Room 536. Lean waste isn't about the physical garbage you throw out. Lean waste is about those things that create waste of time and effort on the job. It is all about making the job easier and more effective. Combine this with 5S and you have the power to redefine the way work happens on your farm. Understanding what creates waste in your process and begin to get rid of it. Free. To register, call 231-348-6613 or email ccfeaq@ncmich.edu.

CHARLEVOIX

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BREAKFAST

February 2, 7-9am, Castle Farms. Please join us in celebrating the award winners; Outstanding Citizen; Mark Greyerbiehl, Business of the Year; Michigan Scientific Corporation, New Business of the Year; Harwood Gold Cafe, Young Professional of the Year; Jamie McLane, Customer Service Award; Jim Sylvain and Chamber Ambassador Award; Leanne Ackert. Tickets (\$30 per person) available at Charlevoix Chamber; (231) 547-2101 or email; info@charlevoix.org

CHARLEVOIX

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

February 3, 10am-5pm. Come in from the cold! Take your child to the library for a day of extra fun building kits: Lego Simple Machines, Snap Circuits, and Lincoln Logs.

WALLOON LAKE

WINTERFEST

February 3, Noon-5pm. Help us celebrate winter in the Village of Walloon. Barrel Back Restaurant, Tommy's, The Walloon Lake Inn, and Hotel Walloon welcome you to join in the fun. There will be games, prizes, food and drink specials at the Barrel Back and much more. The Petoskey Snowmobile club will be on site with free bean soup for all. Stop by and play! The event is open to the public and free for all ages.

BOYNE CITY

FBI INFORMANT MARK WHITACRE INTERVIEW SCREENED

February 4, 6:30pm, Lifestree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The Archer Daniels Midland price-fixing scandal resulted in a record \$100 million fine—and at the center of the scandal was ADM executive Mark Whitacre. An exclusive filmed interview with Whitacre will be screened and discussed. The program, titled "Whistleblower: The True Story of an FBI informant," will explore why Whitacre participated in a crime that defrauded millions of American consumers. It will also explore the effects of his decision to cooperate with authorities in prosecuting the crime. During the session Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to discuss times they've faced difficult moral decisions. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

"BUSINESS KILLERS" WORKSHOP

February 6, Boyne City Taproom. The Boyne Area Chamber is sponsoring an upcoming event, "Business Killers Workshop: Avoid the 6 Mistakes That Could Destroy Your Business." This workshop will be conducted by Chamber-member partners including Design Financial Group; Mason, Kammerman, Rohrbach CPAs; Schraw & Associates and State Savings Bank. The workshop is sponsored by Boyne City Taproom; there will be snacks, and people can purchase drinks at Tappy Hour prices for the event. The evening will start with networking from 5-6pm and the one-hour program will begin at 6. This informative workshop will help business owners learn more about their business and make important plans for the future. The workshop is a \$35 value, but we are inviting Chamber members to attend at no charge. To register call the Chamber office at 231-582-6222.

PETOSKEY

NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; THE SILVER TSUNAMI

February 9, NCMC Library Conference Room. Baby boomers are at it again. On the verge of retirement, they now want long-term care that promotes comfort and quality of life in a homelike environment. In response, long-term care managers are moving from a traditional medical model to a more ho-

listic approach for this growing population. Lisa Ashley, executive director of Bay Bluffs and Mike Greer, chief financial officer, will explain the challenges ahead for the county's medical care facility. Lunch begins at 11:30am and the program begins at 12:15pm. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12 at the door, cash or check only.

BOYNE CITY

11TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE COVERED BOYNE

February 9 and 10. Sponsored by the Main Street Program, the event includes more than 40 businesses offering chocolate treats and sales. Chocolate-Covered Boyne has a combined chocolate/Valentine theme. There will be a Chocolate Dessert Contest and tasty specials, treats and sales offered by many downtown businesses. It's a great way to chase away the winter blues and indulge in delectable creations.

CHARLEVOIX

TOAST TO LITERACY MARDI GRAS PARTY

February 10, 7-10pm, Castle Farms. Support childhood literacy at the event of the year! Join Char-Em United Way for an evening of live music, strolling entertainment, silent auction, a fun and delicious food competition by local caterers, plus tastings from local breweries and vineyards. Wear your best Mardi Gras outfit and get ready to party! Proceeds benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, providing a FREE book each month to over 1300 children age 0-5 in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Support childhood literacy while enjoying an evening of fun like no other! Advance registration \$30 or \$35 at the door. Ticket includes entry, food tastings, entertainment, plus a commemorative glass OR 1 beverage tasting ticket.

EAST JORDAN

ALL YOU CAN EAT SWISS STEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER

February 10, 5-7pm. The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All you care to eat Swiss Steak Dinner with Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salads, rolls, and homemade pies. The dinner will be held at the United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 ages 5-12, under 5 free.

CHARLEVOIX

GLCO SUNDAY SERIES; BRASS QUINTET AND THE DRUMHEADS

February 11, 4-5:15pm, First Congregational Church. Join us for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Brass Quintet and the Drumheads. A free will donation will be taken at the door. This program is made possible due to generous support provided by Carolyn Klender. For more information, please contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

BOYNE CITY

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SCANDALS DISCUSSED AND EXPLORED

February 11, 6:30pm, Lifestree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program—titled "In the News: Sexual Misconduct"—provides an opportunity for participants to discuss the recent avalanche of sexual misconduct accusations. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss how to know when someone has crossed a line from accidental misconduct to sinister behavior. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

February 13, 1-2pm. Free Blood Pressure Clinic hosted at American House Charlevoix by Hospice of

Michigan.

CHARLEVOIX

MARDI GRAS SOIREE

February 15, 4-7pm, French Quarter New Orleans Bistro, 100 Michigan Ave. The Charlevoix Area Community Pool invites you to attend a Mardi Gras Soiree, fundraiser for the Pool Renewal Project. Cost: \$50 per person for dinner, + cash drinks Enjoy a New Orleans style happy hour and buffet dinner at the hottest new restaurant in downtown Charlevoix. Live music by saxophone player Marty Ward. A full spread will be presented including soup, baby greens and mufuletta salad, a variety of pizza entrees and house made desserts. \$30 of each ticket sale goes toward Pool Renovations. Pay at the door or for advance tickets purchase online at www.charlevoix-pool.org or call or stop by the Pool: 231-547-0982.

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

February 15, Boyne City Taproom. Business After Hours is the Chamber's monthly business networking event, held at member businesses. Except for the Annual Meeting, Regional BAH and Business Expo, there is no charge for admission or refreshments, although there will be a cash bar if the host is a restaurant that has a liquor license.

CHARLEVOIX

WINTER INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES

February 16-19. Enjoy countless bargains and more on a variety of great merchandise at participating stores. Take advantage of substantial reductions on seasonal inventory that must go. Shoppers will find great discounts on gift items, home decor, clothing, books, art, jewelry, accessories and more. While in town, be sure to enjoy a bite to eat at one of our many fantastic restaurants. Charlevoix is open for business, so Shop Local for spectacular deals over the holiday weekend.

BOYNE CITY

PURPOSE AND DIVINE INTERVENTION EXPLORED

February 18, 6:30pm, Lifestree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program—titled "Does God Have a Plan for You?"—features a filmed interview with Operation Baby Lift volunteer LeAnn Thieman. In the final days of the Vietnam War, Thieman and other volunteers extracted hundreds of at-risk babies from Vietnamese orphanages. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

ADOPTION STORIES DISCUSSED

February 25, 6:30pm, Lifestree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. Please join us for a Potluck beginning 5:30 sharp. Bring a dish to share. The program, titled "Finding the Family I Never Knew," features filmed interviews with two women, one who searched for and connected with her birth mother and one who, after 35 years, still searches for the child she placed for adoption. During the program, Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own personal connections to adoption. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, 9am-noon. Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is located in the main lobby area of the new City Facilities Building, which is right next to the summer market location in Veterans Park.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Since it was founded in 1992, the Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$39 million. Grants and scholar-

ships totaling more than \$22 million have been distributed to enhance and enrich the quality of life for everyone in Charlevoix County—and for generations to come. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Thursday, March 1, 2018. For a complete list of the recent grant awards, visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org and click on "What's New," then "Recent Grants."

CHARLEVOIX

CHRONIC PAIN PATH WORKSHOP

Charlevoix Senior Center, 6909 Norwood St. Mondays, 9:30am-Noon, February 19-March 26. Each two-and-a-half hour session focuses on self-management tools to: Manage symptoms through planning and pacing, and using your mind, Exercise safely, at a pace that's right for YOU to help reduce frustration and fatigue, Improve problem-solving, decision-making and communications and Make action plans based on YOUR goals. Through weekly goal-setting activities participants become more active and more confident that they can manage their health. PATH is taught by trained and certified leaders who understand chronic illness and have a personal connection to chronic pain.

To achieve the full benefit of Chronic Pain PATH, please plan to attend all six workshops. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-442-1713 for more information or to register.

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.

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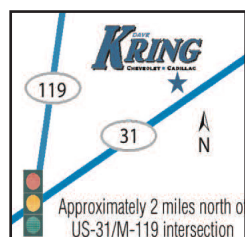
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