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Downtown Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales this weekend



It may be cold outside, but the deals are hot at the Charlevoix Winter Sidewalk Sales taking place over Presidents' Day weekend. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 16 and runs through Monday

February 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. Shop-

pers 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!

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or info@charlevoix.org.

Lawsuit filed by Par-T-Pak owner dismissed by state appeals court

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a ruling by Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Roy C. Hayes III and dismissed a lawsuit filed by a Boyne City party store owner against the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Michael Long, owner of the Par-T-Pac liquor store at 123 N. Park Street in Boyne City, claimed in a lawsuit he filed in 2016 that the state liquor commission acted unlawfully in 2013 when it issued the same class of liquor license to the Family Fare grocery store at 430 N. Lake Street, roughly two blocks from his store.

Long, who has had a specially designed distributor (SDD) liquor license since he opened the Par-T-Pac store in 1990, argued that his sales have markedly



(FILE PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY) The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a ruling by a Charlevoix County Judge in a lawsuit against the state liquor commission filed by Michael Long, owner of this Par-T-Pac store in Boyne City, where Long made his complaint public in this photo taken last May.

dropped since the retail grocery chain got its similar liquor license-and that he's meanwhile been un-

able to keep his sales momentum high enough to stay in business.

Although Boyne City al-

ready had met its quota of businesses that qualified

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COURTESY PHOTO

Boyne City Hospitality Program earns gold

Boyne City Hospitality Class participated for the 15th consecutive year in SkillsUSA Regional Competition in Commercial Baking and Culinary Arts on Friday, February 2nd at the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon. At what has become a tradition started by Chef Dennis Crissman fifteen years ago, Boyne City Hospitality Class has always had an outstanding performance in the competition and this year was no different. Jared Hausler placed 1st winning the Gold medal in Culinary Arts and moving onto SkillsUSA State Competition in April at The Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. In the same category, Makayla March placed 4th and in Commercial Baking, Talesin Gallup also placed 4th. It was a tough competition where students from other school's Hospitality programs showed their talents, abilities and skills in the kitchen and their integrity in the competition.

11th Annual Project Connect



The 11th Annual Project Connect will take place at Odawa Casino on February 28 from 11am to 5pm. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. If you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges or health concerns please join us for a day of free services!

This event will connect individuals with a range of free health and human services provided by over 65 local non-profit agencies and other business. Free services are available in areas such as: Education &

Employment, Food & Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, Kids & Parenting, Veterans Affairs and other Social Services. Guests can receive gifts of household and personal care items.

The Veterans Corner will return for a second year of offering local Veterans the opportunity to meet with representatives from Fed-

eral, State and County offices. This year Project Connect will also have expanded services related to Food & Nutrition, kids summer camps as well as resources for free tax preparation and filing.

No pre-registration is required, however, in order to register for assistance, agencies recommend that you bring certain documents es-

pecially if you are looking for tax preparation assistance. For more details including information on transportation to the event, or to download a brochure, go to www.ProjectConnect231.com.

Volunteers are also needed to help with Project Connect. You can register to volunteer and get more information at www.ProjectConnect231.com.

Project Connect believes that by helping people on the road to a more self-sufficient life, we will in turn strengthen our community as a whole.

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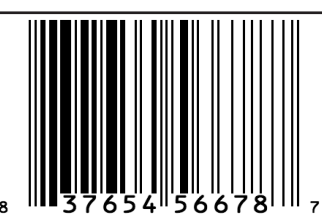
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THURSDAY



HIGH: 35
LOW: 16

FRIDAY



HIGH: 18
LOW: 13

SATURDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 24

SUNDAY



HIGH: 41
LOW: 25

snowfall

2/6/17	44	ATLANTA	2/5/18	.26.2
2/6/17	89.4	BOYNE FALLS	2/5/18	.83.5
2/6/17	50.3	CHARLEVOIX	2/5/18	.79
2/6/17	59	CHEBOYGAN	2/5/18	.53.4
2/6/17	97.5	EAST JORDAN	2/5/18	.115.7
2/6/17	154	GAYLORD	2/5/18	.97.4
2/6/17	119.7	KALKASKA	2/5/18	.85.5
2/6/17	45.1	LEWISTON	2/5/18	.36.5
2/6/17	43.7	MIO	2/5/18	.25.4
2/6/17	60.8	ONAWAY	2/5/18	.55.9
2/6/17	100.1	PETOSKEY	2/5/18	.97

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
FEB 15	...11°	...32°	...25°	(1963)	.56°	(1999)
FEB 16	...11°	...32°	...28°	(1963)	.50°	(1981)
FEB 17	...11°	...32°	...41°	(1979)	.52°	(1981)
FEB 18	...12°	...33°	...13°	(1989)	.57°	(1994)
FEB 19	...12°	...33°	...21°	(1979)	.56°	(1994)
FEB 20	...12°	...33°	...21°	(1950)	.57°	(1983)
FEB 21	...12°	...33°	...20°	(1978)	.52°	(1983)
FEB 22	...13°	...34°	...24°	(1963)	.57°	(2000)
FEB 23	...13°	...34°	...20°	(1962)	.57°	(1984)
FEB 24	...13°	...34°	...24°	(1963)	.54°	(1976)

OBITUARIES

Carole (Foote) Sevenski, 75

(JAN. 2, 1943 - FEB. 8, 2018)



Carole Sevenski returned to the arms of our God on February 7th at 10:03 am, while surrounded by her loving husband and family. She was born on January 2, 1943 in Crystal Michigan on her grandparent's farm. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Thelma Foote, her sister Marilyn Shassberger, and her son James Sevenski.

She is survived by her Husband William Sevenski, sons William Sevenski II (Kimberly), Robert Sevenski (Isa) and daughters, Theresa Guerrero (David), Kathleen

Nordgren (Paul), and Brenda Sevenski. She is also survived by 10 beloved grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, Brother Robert (Diane) Foote and Constance (Jeffrey) Baker. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and nana. She will be greatly missed, but her love for us will live in our hearts forever.

A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, February 13th at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls.

Burial will take place St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls, MI at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. www.Stjude.org

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

Scott Edward Stackus, 54

(SEPT. 2, 1963 - FEB. 7, 2018)

Scott Edward Stackus of Petoskey passed unexpect-

edly Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Scott was born on September 2, 1963 the son of James and Eleanor Stackus. He was raised in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School and proceeded to mortuary school, getting an associate's degree in science. He then married Sarah Mathews and together had a son Aaron Stackus. Scott went on later in life to have another son, Payton Hensen and then a daughter Amber Stackus. He remarried in 1991 to the love of his life Linda Wilber. Scott and Linda had one more daughter, Tianna Stackus.

Scott loved skiing and sailing for over thirty-five years. He also enjoyed stock car racing, mud truck running and spending time with his kids and grandkids; they were his passions in life.

Scott is survived by his wife Linda Stackus; sons Aaron Stackus, Peyton Hensen; daughters Amber Stackus and Tianna Stackus; mother Eleanor Stackus; sisters Cheri Stackus, Leslee Wiltjer and Kelly Stackus; and brother Kevin Stackus.

He is preceded in death by his father James D. Stackus and brother Craig Stackus.

The family will always remember Scott saying, "Real Men Cry and Tough Guys Wear Pink."

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 13th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

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

Ralph Donald Lemieur, 76

(APRIL 1, 1941 - FEB. 6, 2018)



Ralph Donald Lemieur of East Jordan died Tuesday,

February 6, 2018, at the Highland Cottage in Petoskey.

He was born on April 1, 1941, in Petoskey, the son of Ralph Albert and Helen Frances (Dashner) Lemieur. He graduated from Petoskey High School in 1960.

On August 17, 1984 in Charlevoix, he married Bonnie Hull.

In Ralph's working life, he had worked sandblasting under the Mackinac Bridge, at Maple Block in Petoskey, at Curtis Wiring in Petoskey and as a self-employed painter. Ralph had last worked as a crib attendant at EJ USA, Inc., formerly known as the East Jordan Iron Works, in East Jordan. He retired in 2007.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. Ralph loved family "get togethers".

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Lemieur of East Jordan; six children, Lisa (Michael) Campbell of Massachusetts, Todd, (Bridgette) Lemieur of Alanson, Brad (Kelly) Lemieur of California, Ralph Lemieur, II of East Jordan, Amanda (Kevin) Karlskin of Michigan and Michael Karlskin, Jr. of East Jordan; nine grandchil-

dren, Zane, Nicholas, Jacob, Riley, Chloe, Drew, Jace, Nick, and Zachary; four brothers, Joe (Barb) Lemieur of Petoskey, Denny (Shelly) Lemieur of Arizona, Nick (Deb) Lemieur of Pennsylvania and Gary (M.J.) Lemieur of Petoskey; four sisters, Diana Powers of Petoskey, Millie Henning of Harbor Spring, Helen Kevoian of East Jordan and Debbie (Randy) Matelski of Boyne Falls; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. at Harvest Barn Church, 210 S. Lake Street, East Jordan, MI 49727. Rev. Kimon Criner will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to Bonnie Lemieur, 36 Manning Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

DNR NEWS

DNR values online muskellunge survey

This is second year for online public survey of muskie anglers

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the Michigan Muskie Alliance, continues to investigate the state's muskellunge fisheries through its online angler survey.

The 2017 Muskellunge Angler Survey is gathering information about muskellunge angler demographics and catch data. Muskellunge anglers have been surveyed since 2014, but only online since 2016. Traditional methods, including creel and postcards, have not been as successful at collecting this type of information. The current survey can be found on both the DNR's website at michigan.gov/muskie and the Michigan Muskie Alliance website at michiganmuskiealliance.org/.

During the winter months muskellunge anglers who hook-and-line fish through the ice or spear-fish are invited to complete the survey. Most survey efforts are done during the open water periods, so collecting catch-and-harvest data during the winter through this survey is a valuable opportunity for the DNR.

Questions currently in the survey have been modified to reflect winter fishing for muskellunge. Just like "follows" during the open water months, recording the number of fish that anglers see in the winter is very helpful when evaluating densities.

All information collected via the 2017 Muskellunge Angler Survey plays a key role in proper fisheries management. Anglers may fill out one survey per person, per trip and they may complete a

survey for each angling trip they make.

The muskellunge harvest season on all inland waters, Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and the St. Marys River ends March 15. For additional season closures, check the 2016-2017 Michigan Fishing Guide.

In order to harvest a muskellunge in Michigan, a harvest tag is required. These tags are obtained when purchasing a Michigan fishing license or any date thereafter, as long as the angler has their fishing license and a valid driver's license.

Starting April 1, 2018, the muskellunge harvest tag no longer will be required. However, anglers who decide to harvest a muskellunge after that time must register their fish with the DNR. For more information, visit michigan.gov/muskie.

Arctic Grayling Initiative seeks to restore fish

Last year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Michigan Technological University received a \$117,175 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation to support Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative, an effort to reintroduce Arctic grayling into the state.

Recently completed work supported by this grant addressed two immediate needs for a successful Arctic grayling reintroduction. The first was to collect stream habitat and fish community data in the upper Manistee River. This data collection allowed for both the evaluation of current stream habitat conditions and the development of criteria to determine which other streams may provide suitable habitat for Arctic grayling.

Additionally, funds from the Consumers Energy Foundation grant supported collaboration among interested partners, including the development of



The Arctic Grayling Initiative is seeking to reintroduce the fish into Michigan waters. (COURTESY OF DNR)

the initiative's official action plan, which was released in July 2017. This document provides direction for all activities related to Arctic grayling reintroduction, including research, management, fish production and out-

reach.

"The Consumers Energy Foundation grant, and funds from other contributors, are helping us to move forward with determining how and where we can most effectively reintroduce Arctic grayling in Michigan," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "We are anxious to use the information we've gathered on habitat and fish community data to take the next appropriate steps."

Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative is a statewide partnership effort focused on restoring self-sustaining populations of this native fish and was founded by the DNR and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in June 2016. Interest in this initiative has grown rapidly since 2016, and the partnership now includes more than 40 organizations. For more information on Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative, visit migrayling.org.

LAWSUIT

FROM PG. 1A

for the SDD type of liquor license Long had, in terms of population and locations, Family Fare was nevertheless able to obtain its license under a designation that can apply to "resort" communities like Boyne City.

Long stated in his lawsuit that the liquor commission's issuance of the Family Fare license boiled down to its "unfair taking" of his own license and thereby stealing all of the "equity and value" he has in his business and handing it to the grocery store chain.

The state liquor commission, however, maintained that regardless of Long's history as a liquor store owner in the area, he is not free from competition. In its ruling dismissing Long's appeal, the panel wrote: "...in actuality, the 'property' which (Long) contends has been taken is not his liquor license, it is the right to be free from increased competition and to retain a set market share in the liquor industry in Boyne City based on the quota and distance requirements which governed SDD licenses before Family Fare obtained its license in 2013."

Long was arrested in May, 2017 after staging a public protest about his case during

which he used a ladder to climb up on the roof of the Family Fare store and painted the letters "UN" in red paint between the words "Family" and "Fare" above the store entrance.

Long stayed on the roof for more than an hour, detailing his protest to onlookers and police.

He was later charged with resisting and obstructing police, destruction of property less than \$200 and disturbing the peace.

Long pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and destruction of property, but the resisting and obstructing charges were dropped. He was sentenced in August to 93 days in jail with credit for

one day served, five days community service in lieu of jail time and 87 days held in abeyance, to pay \$525 in fines and costs and six months probation.

Long had also blanketed his store with numerous signs and effigies slamming the state liquor commission and local officials, which were removed shortly after his arrest last spring.

Long has since placed his Par-T-Pac store for sale by owner.

He and his family declined comment to the Charlevoix County News regarding the recent appeals court ruling.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Memorial Park Pavilion project upgraded with new bathrooms

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - Commissioners in Boyne City have voted to bite the bullet and provide funding so that its Veterans Memorial Park pavilion renovation project will include new bathrooms when it opens just in time for summer.

The city commission voted unanimously at its meeting earlier this week in favor of approving a contract not to exceed \$92,000 that will allow Kroondyke Construction of Boyne City to add better bathrooms to its punch list in the renovation of Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion overlooking Lake Charlevoix's waterfront.

Kroondyk already landed a \$244,000 contract from the city to proceed with Phase I of the project, which began last fall.

The matter of funding and proceeding with the much-needed remodeling of the popular pavilion, which had long been a visibly dated facility, was a target point debated by city officials for years.

The commission voted this past September to move forward with the project.

Once complete, the renovated pavilion will be larger and will feature a new facade to reflect that of the nearby and newly built Boyne City Hall. The improved pavilion will also have garage style doors on its side to allow for seasonal accessibility along with four remodeled bath-



City officials have voted to move forward with funding phase two of the Veterans Memorial Park pavilion project, which will bring new bathrooms to the facility that's been under construction for the past several months. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY;

rooms, new fixtures, wiring, and eventually a heating system and commercial kitchen.

City officials expect the upgraded facility to quickly become a hot spot for countless community functions, from the local Farmers Markets to being a gathering spot for groups and businesses or family events.

The funding approved this week will allow the construction firm to move forward with Phase II of the project, which includes the bathroom remodeling, a move

which city manager Michael Cain initially recommended against in hopes of finding grant funding to pay for it.

But when the grant funding didn't come through in the amount needed, Cain advised the commission to go ahead and pay for it so the bathrooms can be completed while the construction firm already is on site completing Phase I of the project. "It makes sense to me," Cain said.

He said he expects the first two phases of the project will see the pavilion "up and running by the May 1st deadline."

Mayor Tom Neidhamer said he favored the city paying for the upgraded bathrooms in the facility since it's the city who plays host to the "hundreds" of locals and visitors alike who visit Veterans Memorial Park-especially on weekends- to enjoy its amenities, the view of Lake Charlevoix and for the many high profile events that are held there during summer months. He added the park's playground is also frequented by countless children, all who occasionally may need a nearby bathroom.

"It's up to us to provide bathrooms to look like the classy town that we are," Neidhamer said.

Boyne City public works superintendent Andy Kovolski, who is overseeing the pavilion project, said he also favored the city footing the bill for the bathrooms simply so those could be finished in tandem with the ongoing construction phase and be open for the summer crowds.

He advised the commission that, "It just doesn't make sense to wait," adding the pavilion project otherwise is going along well. "It's really looking to be a first class facility," Kovolski said.

In other business at this week's meeting, the city commission voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the purchase and installation of a new computer server, including hardware, software and labor, at a cost not to exceed \$23,304.

The city will pay ten percent of that amount with the remainder funded through a SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management & Waste-water) Grant the city has procured.

Martin sentenced to prison for driving truck at deputies

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

A Charlevoix County man was sentenced last week to spend between 18 months and 15 years in prison for an incident that resulted with a shootout with police in 2016.

This past December, a jury found Steve A. Martin, 64, of Charlevoix, guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon-but not guilty of a felony charge of assault with intent to murder, which carried a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on October 21, 2016 in Charlevoix County during which Martin and his son, Jared, were involved in a shoot-out with sheriff's deputies.

According to affidavits filed in the case, the incident occurred that Friday night after Charlevoix County Deputy Nathan Kaminski initiated a routine traffic stop on Jared Martin in Hayes Township along See Road near Boyne City/Charlevoix Road.

Court documents show that Kaminski pulled the younger Martin over for driving a vehicle with a broken tail light and flat tire. Deputies also saw an open brandy bottle on Martin's dashboard. A breathalyzer test revealed Martin blew a .17 alcohol content, more than twice the state legal limit of .08.

As they were arresting Jared Martin, his father, Steve, arrived at the scene driving a 1998 Chevrolet truck. Jared Martin then began to resist arrest and struggled with Kaminski and another deputy and Kaminski used his taser on the suspect.

Court documents state eyewitnesses at the scene reported Steve Martin then "flooded it" and "almost hit a male officer."

Kaminski fired his weapon at Martin's truck three times, striking Martin, who stopped his vehicle immediately.

The elder Martin was later treated at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for a gunshot wound to the arm, which was the only injury reported during the incident.

Eyewitnesses agreed the shooting was "in self-defense," stated Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof in a piece last year for the Charlevoix County News.

Due to a conflict of interest, Telgenhof said he was not the prosecutor for Martin's case, which instead was handled by Cheboygan County Prosecuting Attorney Daryl Vizina.

Jared Martin was earlier sentenced to spend six months in jail for driving drunk and resisting arrest at the time of the October, 2016 incident.

Architect's rendering of what Boyne City's new Veterans Memorial Park pavilion will look like when construction is complete just in time for summer. COURTESY IMAGE



BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, January 29, 2018
 0252 Suspicious subject in the 600 block of E. Lincoln.
 0900 Unlocked vehicle at the Post Office
 1000 Damage to fence in the 400 block of High St.
 1022 Threats complaint from the 200 block of N Park St
 1029 Request for welfare check in the 400 block of Harris St.
 1030 911 check in the 100 block of S Lake St
 1046 Found wallet turned over to officer. Returned to owner on Court St
 2316 Private property damage crash in the Industrial Park.

514 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Front St
 0929 Citizen assist on the ice.
 0948 Report a possible runaway on North St.
 1157 Stolen property recovered in the 200 block of North Street.
 1550 Report of a missing dog from Elm St. Dog returned short time later.
 1555 Driving complaint on Charlevoix St
 1731 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of E Lincoln St.
 1909 Assist citizen in the 400 block of Harris St.
 2109 Served ExParte order in the 100 block of W Morgan.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
 444 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S. Park
 1210 Report of subject possibly skinny dipping near Chamber. Was just swimming in swim suit.
 1520 NSF check complaint from the 400 block of N lake St
 1759 Subject arrested on our warrant and lodged.
 2022 911 hang up from the 500 block of N East St.

of Front St
 1546 Assisted Sheriff Dept. with warrant attempts
 1631 Assist Sheriff Dept. units with ATL on E Main St
 1954 Driving complaint coming in to town from Walloon.
 2301 Civil complaint in the 400 block of Groveland.

Boyne Av
 1320 Assist to CPS on Brockway St
 1342 Driving complaint on Vogel St
 1955 Two car Property damage crash on Water near S. Park.
 2339 Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of North St.

637 Car deer accident on Boyne City Charlevoix Rd at the City Limit.
 1240 Report of confused looking subject walking in the road on Lake between downtown and Division. Gone on arrival.
 1304 Parking complaint in the 800 block of S Park St
 1352 Assist EMS in the 600 block of Call St.
 1519 Report of hit and run crash in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1757 Checked on possible water main break on W Michigan.
 2159 Report of possible child neglect in the 500 block of Jersey St.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Thursday February 1, 2018
 0910 Property damage crash on N Lake St
 1333 Parking violation reported in the 100 block of E Water St
 1525 Alarm in the 300 block

Friday, February 2, 2018
 0938 Assist EMS on Terrace St
 1008 Suspicious vehicle in the 900 block of Roosevelt
 1051 parking violation at N East near Arthur
 1104 Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N lake St
 1109 Report of inappropriate photos in the 1000 block of

Saturday, February 3, 2018
 638 Report of medications missing from the 300 block of E Division St during the night.
 1533 Assist EMS at Avalanche

Sunday, February 4, 2018
 418 Removed dead deer from the roadway in the 800 block of State St.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Madison Gardner

Grade: 4
 Parent's Name(s): Jennifer Boyer
 What do you want to be when you grow up?: A teacher
 Favorite Book: Betsy Ross
 Hobbies and Interests: Reading, Swimming, Playing with friends
 School Activities: Kindergarten Buddies, Computers
 Staff Comments: Madison is a super fourth grade student because she is a hard worker and always follows directions. She helps her friends and teacher without being asked. She is trustworthy and kind to everyone.
 Submitted By: Mrs. Wind

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

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

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

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

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

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



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculik, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and EJ schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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Boyer City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full Story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

Boyer Area Community Christmas

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Over the last 60 years your generous donations ensured thousands of Boyne area children had a merrier Christmas.

With the holiday season approaching we, the volunteers of Boyne Area Community Christmas, are asking for your support. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and can be in the form of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, games or books. If you would like to donate monetarily, please make checks payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas and send them c/o Eleanor West, Treasurer at 915 Robinson Street #15, Boyne City, MI 49712. All donations can be dropped off at the Boyne City Education Center by using the Pine Street entrance. We will be accepting donations from November 19 until December 19, 9am to 4pm.

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

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Ellsworth FFA Chapter celebrates National FFA Week

The Ellsworth FFA in Ellsworth MI will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 17-24. National FFA Week embraces more than 90 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than 653,000 members with a passion for agriculture will participate in activities at local, state and national levels.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their schools and communities learn about FFA and agricultural education. Ellsworth FFA will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in the following activities: Teacher appreciation day, Wild west day, flannel day, future career day and Blue and Gold day.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural education and hands-on learning, they are preparing for 255 unique career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industries. National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

New oral health services minivan unveiled

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's (HDNW) new oral health services minivan was unveiled at a school-based oral health clinic earlier this week at Boyne Falls Public Schools.

The new minivan, funded with \$30,000 from the Delta Dental Foundation, will allow the HDNW's School Oral Health Services to run more efficiently and screen more students who may need dental sealants. Since 2011, HDNW has been oper-

ating the school-based oral health screenings program without a dedicated vehicle for transporting equipment to schools. In the 2016-2017 school year, HDNW started an additional school-based dental sealant program.

The program is a partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and SEAL! Michigan.

The new minivan can accommodate all the necessary equipment to run the program, including three

dental compressors, patient and operator chairs, portable lights and large dental supply containers, materials and oral health kits. The vehicle will also serve as an opportunity to brand the school-based sealant program as a community service and provide a chance to expand services through regional partnerships.

The vehicle will alleviate the transportation burden of providing service to rural communities during winter

months in northern Michigan. During the 2016-17 school year, HDNW's registered dental hygienists screened 4,619 students and found that 55 percent of them could benefit from dental sealants. The new sealant program aims to increase the percent of children with dental sealants on their permanent molars to 50% by 2020 while encouraging children and their families to establish a dental home.

Good Samaritan in Ellsworth seeks volunteers



Our sorting room has been overhauled. Space for volunteers, space for donations and space for storage. We even have room to play! COURTESY PHOTO

We love our volunteers, our family! Sometimes I refer to them as our "cast of characters" because they are all so different and bring so much to our ministry. Good Samaritan volunteers are men and women from all over our area, some short and some tall, and range in age from three to pushing 90.

Usually our volunteers work a shift of three hours a week, depending on their social calendar! Some are gone for the winter; some don't like to work in the summer, and some come in when they have time.

The jobs range from picking up food or furniture, sorting clothing or toys, greeting

customers or neighbors in need. We need help stocking shelves, displaying treasures, or selling furniture. Some of our volunteers enjoy folding bedding, others making things pretty.

With everyone working together, using their talents, we have an amazing ministry that honors God and serves

our neighbors in need. It helps that our volunteers care about each other and have a good sense of humor.

Would you consider joining us? We need help in our pantry, resale shop, furniture store, and with pickups! Give us a call or stop on in, (231) 588-2208

Support Children's Trust Fund during income tax filing

The Children's Trust Fund is reminding people filing their state income taxes to remember to check a box that will help prevent child abuse.

A checkoff box on a state income tax return form allows residents to donate \$5, \$10 or more to fund programs in local communities that prevent child abuse. Through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Children's Trust Fund serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health,

safety and welfare by funding local programs and services statewide that prevent child abuse and neglect.

The checkoff box can be found on both the online and paper versions of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642.

"It's imperative that Michigan supports the local programs and services that protect children and prevent abuse and neglect," said Michael Foley, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund. "By simply checking a

box, tax filers have the power to directly impact those services and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the children in their communities. Every dollar donated through the tax campaign has generated \$31.64 in grants to local communities."

Grants from the CTF support a wide range of programs and services through the statewide network of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils. Based on local priorities, local councils use funding for initiatives such as

shaken baby and safe sleep education, parent support and child sexual assault prevention and education. CTF also funds 37 competitive grants that target at-risk families with services such as home visitation, support for families with incarcerated parents and respite care.

The CTF relies heavily on the contributions donated through the state income tax campaign to fund direct service and local prevention programs across the state of Michigan that help build

strong, healthy families and keep children safe. Since its creation in 1982, the CTF has raised more than \$70 million and provided support to over 7 million children and families.

Michigan income tax return forms are available on the website for the Michigan Department of Treasury. For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, how to contribute and the tax campaign, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf.

Bay Harbor Arts Festival now accepting applications

The Village at Bay Harbor is delighted to celebrate the 2018 Bay Harbor Arts Festival, now its 19th year. The Bay Harbor Arts Festival will be held on the waterfront lawns Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm.

As usual, the fine arts portion of the festival is juried, and monetary prizes will be awarded. New this year is the addition of a "Green Market" category. The Arts Festival Committee also recognizes and celebrates the talents and creativity of those who create one-of-a-kind high-quality food and similar items. The "Green Market" is a non-juried component that intended for artisan items; soaps, lotions, items produced with commercially available beads, essential oils, specialty food mixes, and similar items.

Children are encouraged to make their own artwork in the popular "Make and Take Tent," open both days during the festival. Music and child-friendly entertainment are also scheduled.

Artists can submit an application in the category of their preference, now through April 15, 2018. A fee of \$40 is required for applying. In the juried category, there will be cash prizes awarded for the artistic quality of the artist's displayed body of work. First prize will be \$600, second place \$400, and a third place award of \$200.

Bay Harbor is a unique destination, which attracts visitors from across the country throughout the year. The festival is set along our beautiful waterfront and celebrates the talents of the finest local and national artists. The Bay Harbor Arts Festival encourages the creation of high-quality art and artisans demonstrating creativity, innovation, and an appreciation of the arts. Bay Harbor residents, boaters, locals and visitors from across the Midwest converge to the festival to celebrate the arts while enjoying great music and performances.

The festival is extensively marketed through regional advertising in many publications, newspapers, social media, e-newsletters, and websites. Amenities for the artists include overnight security, onsite parking and a beautiful waterfront resort locale.

Please register by visiting <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=6508>

More information at <http://www.bayharbor.com/events/bay-harbor-s-annual-arts-festival>

Winter Free Fishing Weekend

BY SEN. WAYNE SCHMIDT, 37TH SENATE DISTRICT

For many northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula residents, being outdoors is a way of life — something that is passed down through generations. Whether it is hunting, hiking or fishing, among other hobbies, the love for the outdoors is a common denominator throughout my entire district.

As the winter months have closed in and that first layer of ice has frozen over the lake, anglers all over the state are preparing for one of Michigan's most treasured pastimes: ice fishing.

Dedicated ice fishermen are a special breed in that they believe there is no other way to fish than through a hole in the ice. Some prefer a heated ice fishing shanty with all the bells and whistles, while the minimalist ice fisherman prefers nothing more than a rod, a hole and some bait. Despite their varying philosophies, they all agree that there is nothing better than reeling in their catch through a hole in the ice.

Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula are home to some of the best ice fishing in the nation. There are countless lakes

and ponds where fishermen can set up shop — and of course, there are the Great Lakes.

If you're unsure whether ice fishing is for you, I encourage you to find out by giving it a try during the upcoming Winter Free Fishing Weekend. The state of Michigan hosts two annual Free Fishing Weekends: one during the summer and one during the winter. During the Free Fishing Weekends, all fishing license fees are waived, allowing residents and visitors a chance to fish on all rivers, ponds, inland lakes and the Great Lakes free of charge. Though licenses are not required, all fishing regulations will still apply during the Free Fishing Weekend.

For more information on Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend, including a list of activities across the state, visit www.michigan.gov/freefishing. This winter's free fishing event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18.

While ice fishing is a great way to enjoy Michigan's beautiful outdoors, it is important to remember that safety is paramount while out on the ice. Not only should you dress in several layers of loose clothing and wear mittens or gloves, a warm hat, and

socks that will keep your feet warm and dry, there are several additional safety measures that must be taken when crossing the ice.

Be sure to always have life jackets or a flotation device on hand and be wary of dark spots, as they are a sign of thinning ice. Winter anglers should also be sure to carry an ice spud to test the ice thickness as they make their way out to their favorite spot. For additional ice fishing and safety tips, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr and click the "Fishing" tab on the left.

I hope anglers across Michigan have a chance to get out with family and friends and hit the ice next weekend. If you're joined by someone experiencing their first time on the ice, do your best to make it enjoyable and help pass on this Michigan tradition to the next generation.

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.

Planning continues for 2018 Annual Bridge Walk

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) meets Friday to discuss logistics for the 2018 Annual Bridge Walk, including whether the walk will include transporting participants as in past years, or will begin from both ends and eliminate the need for busing, as well as other options for the event.

In November, the MBA board had requested that the communities of Mackinaw City, St. Ignace and Mackinac Island present a proposal for planning and financial support for busing, if that is to be included in this year's event. The board supported continuing to make the bridge available for the annual event, and determined it would take place on Labor Day Monday this year.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. at the Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace on Feb. 16. The meeting also will be available to view on the Michigan Department of Transportation's LiveStream channel at <https://livestream.com/MDOT/MackinacBridgeAuthorityMeeting2-16-18>.

"For decades, the Authority has borne nearly all of the responsibility and cost for this event, and we've been honored to do so," said

MBA Chairman William Gnodtke. "However, in light of the changes to the event beginning last year, and the logistical challenges they brought, it's apparent that we need increased assistance and support from the community in future years. More than ever, this is an event of these communities and beyond."

MBA staff proposed options for how to run the walk in future years, including:

- Starting the walk from both ends and having participants turning around at the midpoint, but requiring no busing;

- Starting the walk from Mackinaw City rather than St. Ignace; and

- Continuing to start the walk in St. Ignace, but re-vamping the bus loading and unloading locations.

The bridge asked the communities to develop plans considering those options, which are posted on the MBA website at <http://www.mackinacbridge.org/mba-staff-proposals-2018-annual-bridge-walk/>.

MBA staff had also suggested the board consider other days for the bridge walk other than the traditional Labor Day, including

the Saturday or Sunday of Labor Day weekend, Memorial Day weekend, or another weekend in the spring or early summer.

One thing that will not change for future walks: at the recommendation of Michigan State Police (MSP) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the bridge will remain closed to public traffic during the event.

"The goal is to make it a safe event, economically viable, and that's where we're headed," Gnodtke said.

The Authority also is expected to resume discussion of a recommendation from the MSP Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division to take steps to protect pedestrians and bicyclists during other special events on the bridge, including the possibility of closing the bridge for those events as well. Those events would include the Memorial Bridge Run in May, the Big Mac Spring Bike Tour in June, the DALMAC, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Bike the Mighty Mac, the Mighty Mac Bridge Race in September, and the Fall Colors Bridge Race in October.

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Gov. Rick Snyder's 2019 budget maximizes Michigan's momentum, provides tax cuts for Michiganders

Key investments address transportation and infrastructure, education, safety, and the environment

LANSING, Mich. — Gov. Rick Snyder, along with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and incoming State Budget Director John Walsh, outlined the Fiscal Year 2019 executive budget recommendation to a joint session of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees today.

The final executive budget recommendation from Gov. Snyder capitalizes on the positive momentum that has been created by his implementation of fiscally responsible policies and investments throughout his tenure. The fiscal year 2019 budget recommendation includes investments that will more immediately improve Michigan's highways and bridges, increase the safety of communities, and provide students the support they need for a successful future. Also, several tax cuts are providing additional relief for Michiganders.

"We have accomplished so many great things together since I first took office, but our work is not done," Gov. Snyder said. "The budget I presented today is exactly what we need to keep the state moving in a positive direction. By continuing our relentless support of areas like education, safety, and transportation, we maximize the impact of the strategic initiatives we have implemented over the years. We need to ensure that the important work happening here in Michigan keeps accelerating."

The total budget includes \$56.8 billion, which is an in-

crease of 0.6 percent from the previous year. The 2019 general fund stands at \$10 billion, which remains unchanged from the previous year. Inflation for FY2019 is estimated to be 1.9 percent.

"All indicators show Michigan heading in a very positive direction, and the ground we have covered since Gov. Snyder took office cannot be ignored," Lt. Governor Calley said. "We rank number one in the Great Lakes Region for private-sector job growth and per-capita income growth. We have seen the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years. It is important that we keep this positive traction going to provide the right support for Michigan not only for today but also for tomorrow."

Michigan once was ranked at or near the bottom in many areas of economic prosperity when compared to other states. Under Gov. Snyder's leadership, the state has seen a remarkable comeback. Michigan now ranks number one in manufacturing jobs, and has the second most diverse agricultural industry in the country. Inbound migration is on the rise, as well as home prices. By implementing fiscally responsible budgets, the prosperity of the state is outpacing many others in the Great Lakes Region and in the nation.

"The momentum we have seen in the state during the past several years is turning heads," said incoming State Budget Director John Walsh. "Not only are we making sure we have a sound, balanced budget that Michiganders can feel good about — we are paying down long-term debt, maximizing returns on program investment, and saving taxpayers money."

A large part of the budget story reflects tax reforms that have been adopted in the preceding years, which will have a direct and positive impact on residents and businesses in FY2019. The Homestead Property Tax Credit will see an increase of \$300 for hardworking homeowners and at the same time see an increase in the income cap of \$10,000 — benefitting even more families. Sales tax on trade-in vehicles is phasing out, and Personal Property Tax reform will aid businesses across the state, helping to further grow the economy and create more private-sector jobs.

Other investments and highlights of the FY2019 executive budget recommendation include:

Investing in Michigan Roads and Infrastructure

In 2015, the governor signed a \$1.2 billion road funding package to address the state's crumbling infrastructure and provide a long-term solution for the state. This budget recommendation supports the road funding package and further invests in the repair of Michigan roads.

A total of \$150 million to support the required deposit to the road funding package.

An accelerated commitment to the road funding package of \$175 million from the state's general fund for a total of \$325 million. This matches the investment required for 2020.

Combined with over \$600 million in new revenue generated by the 2015 package, the required deposit of \$150 million, and the accelerated commitment of \$175 million, increased resources approach nearly \$1 billion for maintaining and improving Michigan's transportation

infrastructure.

Providing Quality Education for Students from Kindergarten through College

Gov. Snyder's relentless support for K-12 education is again made clear in the 2019 budget recommendation by the highest increase in the minimum per-pupil funding amount in the past 15 years, with additional funding for high school students and those students in career and technical training programs. Special needs students and at-risk students also see investments.

Total funding for K-12 schools in Michigan is set at \$12.6 billion. Since FY2011, schools have seen a \$1.9 billion increase in funding.

Per-pupil spending sees a \$312 million investment. This provides a \$120 to \$240 per-pupil increase.

Up to a \$50 investment per high school student enrolled in a career and technical training program also is included.

To benefit Michigan's 200,000 children with special needs, a recommendation of \$1.4 billion is included to provide them with critical services and support. Another \$5 million in new funding will support the Early On program to help identify and address learning needs as soon as possible.

University funding will see a 2-percent increase in the FY2019 budget recommendation to provide students with more access to higher education opportunities.

Investing in Michigan's Safety

Ensuring the safety of Michigan's cities and counties continues to be a top priority for Gov. Snyder. The FY2019 budget recommendation reflects this with further

investments to support the security of the state.

An additional 50 Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers will be funded with \$3.8 million on-going funding, and a \$3.1 million one-time payment

Funding to support 80 new MSP troopers for the state's attrition school is recommended in the amount of \$3 million.

The Department of Corrections will train over 350 corrections officers to fill department vacancies with the support of \$9.2 million.

The Department of Natural Resources will fund 10 new conservation officers with a recommended \$1.5 million investment.

To help reduce and eliminate sexual assault on college campuses, the governor recommends a \$600,000 investment for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Initiative.

Commitment to a Clean Environment

In an effort to ensure we are leaving the best state possible for our children, Gov. Snyder places special importance on making sure the state has a Pure Michigan in which they can prosper. To do this, a projected \$79 million in revenue from the Renew Michigan Initiative will replace bond funds that have been depleted, help clean up contaminated sites, improve solid waste management and recycling, provide water quality monitoring, and improve state parks infrastructure. The average cost per family is just \$4.75 each year.

To address the extensive water infrastructure needs across the state, a Water Infrastructure Investment of \$110 million will fund integrated asset management, grant and loan funds for water and sewer infrastructure, and start a fund for water and sewer emergencies. The phased in maximum cost is just \$5 per person each year for water systems of 1,000 users or more.

Strategic One-time Investments

Along with continuing in-

vestments, the governor recommends several one-time investments that support people and programs across Michigan. These strategic investments are a responsible way to use taxpayer dollars to make investments in technology, the economy, and other important areas that are critical to state success.

A \$20 million investment in statewide broadband access will help Michiganders in all corners of the state access fast and reliable internet services. This will strengthen the state's position in the 21st century and beyond.

Continuing his strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, the governor proposes using \$112 million in one-time lapsed funds from fiscal year 2017 to provide an up-front pre-payment on capital outlay projects. Of the \$112 million, \$42 million would be used for veteran home construction in Grand Rapids and Detroit, while the remaining \$70 million would be used for the current infrastructure upgrades to the state Capitol. A total savings of \$48 million in interest costs is avoided through this pre-payment.

A \$2.5 million investment in the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator to be used over the next five years through a cost-sharing agreement is expected to further spur investment between the two nations in manufacturing, mobility, defense, and life sciences.

Continued support in the amount of \$2 million for the Rising Tide Program that helps smaller rural communities in Michigan that may not have been included in the great economic comeback. State resources are provided for talent development, economic development, and community development to assist their local economies.

The Employment First program, which promotes opportunities for all working-age individuals with disabilities, is funded with \$500,000.

The state's new fiscal year begins Oct. 1, 2018.

Good Samaritan Furniture & More offers quality finds in downtown Ellsworth

BY JIM AKANS

"Our inventory at the Furniture & More showroom changes daily and is priced to move," states Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Food Pantry/Resale Shop, an affiliate of the Furniture & More store in downtown Ellsworth. "We offer a wide variety of very nice quality furniture, home décor accessories and appliances, and the proceeds from the sales are utilized to help our Food Pantry serve area families in need."

The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan

Furniture & More showroom is located at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth. Since 1990, Good Samaritan Family Services has been helping area families in times of need through a diverse offering of services, including a Food Pantry, guidance for new mothers, providing clothing, coats and shoes, assistance with home heating, and more. The Furniture & More showroom helps to support the Good Samaritan Family Services mission.

Peterson notes, "This is a great place to shop and browse for items for the

home or cottage. We are located in a beautiful, original building in downtown Ellsworth that was home to the Shooks Market for many years. People enjoy the ambience of the showroom, with vintage wood flooring and several living area vignettes we have set up. While we have a wide variety of items on display, and if there is something in particular a shopper is looking for that we don't currently have, we will put them on a waiting list and give them a call when an item that fits their needs comes in."

The showroom is full of

gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate the home. The items are donated by local individuals and businesses, and donations are accepted during normal business hours.

The Good Samaritan Furniture & More Showroom is located on Center Street in Ellsworth diagonally across from the Front Porch Café. The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday.

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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 muffledetta 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, Lifetree 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.

CHARLEVOIX

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

February 18. The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will celebrate its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, February 18 beginning with a 10 am service. Come hear an inspiring sermon by Pastor Randy Hitts, music by both pianist and organist, and 3 choir selections. An old fashioned potluck will follow featuring recipes from community cookbooks. Please bring a dish to pass. A nursery is provided during the service. All are welcome to attend, including past members and any interested folks. Church located at 104 State St., Charlevoix. Call/text Pastor Randy for info (231) 622-3565. Web page is chxumc.com or Facebook@Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

EAST JORDAN

EJ SNO-MOBILERS CLUB CHILI POT

February 24, noon-4pm (or until gone). We will be having a Chili Pot going at the clubhouse with dogs and snacks and hot and cold drinks. Who doesn't like a nice hot bowl of chili to warm you up before or after a pleasant ride through the Jordan Valley.

Ride in or drive in to the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Inc Clubhouse. We have plenty of parking for vehicles and trailers, we are a DNR trailhead on trail 4. So stop in and warm up by our charming fireplace.

BOYNE CITY

ADOPTION STORIES DISCUSSED

February 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree 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.

CHARLEVOIX

NORTHERN MICHIGAN BRASS BAND CONCERT

February 25, 3pm, First Congregational Church, 101 State Street. The 28- piece, British-style brass ensemble will perform a wide range of

music including transcriptions and arrangements of well-known classical works, as well as marches and popular favorites. Highlights of the program include the well-known Light Cavalry overture, Henry the Fifth by Vaughan Williams, popular tunes Mack the Knife and MacArthur Park, and the rousing Sousa march, Stars and Stripes Forever. A highlight of the program will be the British Eighth march by Zo Elliot, when members of the Charlevoix High School Band join the NMIIBB. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 general admission; students and seniors over 70 are free of charge. Please visit www.northernmichiganbrassband.org for more information about NmiIBB.

BOYNE CITY

MONEY MANAGEMENT CLASS

February 26, 7pm, Boyne District Library. Local business owner Kim Mettler will be teaching a Financial Peace University nine-lesson class on money management. Financial Peace University is offered in conjunction with America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. His teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. Take control of your financial future once and for all. For information and to sign up, contact Kim Mettler at kimmnettler01@gmail.com or (313) 617-3623.

EAST JORDAN

REPRESENTATIVE COLE COFFEE HOUR

February 26, 4-5pm, East Jordan City Hall. State Representative Triston Cole will hold a Coffee Hour.

PETOSKEY

11TH ANNUAL PROJECT CONNECT

February 28, 11am-5pm, Odawa Casino. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. If you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges or health concerns please join us for a day of free services, including Education & Employment, Food & Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, Kids & Parenting, Veterans Affairs, Tax Preparation and other Social Services. Guests can receive gifts of household and personal care items. No pre-registration is required, but bring certain documents especially if you are looking for tax preparation assistance. For more details including information on transportation to the event,

or to download a brochure, go to www.ProjectConnect231.com.

EAST JORDAN

EJ PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXTRAVAGANZA

March 3, Castle Farms. This annual fundraiser for East Jordan Public Schools features a dine-around, free happy hour from 5:30-6:30pm sponsored by The Landing, fun and games, awards, and dancing to Brena Band from Grand Rapids. Funds raised this year go toward upgrading playground equipment at the Elementary School, funding a new scoreboard for Middle and High School Track and Football at Boswell stadium and funding AP Scholarships at the High School. Tickets are \$50 each and are on sale at the Elementary and Middle/High School Offices and Essence Salon. Donations for silent and live auctions are appreciated and being accepted at the Elementary Office. Volunteers are most welcome. Celebrate our schools while raising money for our kids.

BOYNE CITY

THE ART OF PROBLEM SOLVING EXAMINED

March 4, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled “You've Got a Problem! Your One-Hour Guide to Making Better Decisions,” features an exclusive film showing four strangers struggling to emerge from an escape room. Escape rooms are themed rooms where players are locked inside and then must uncover clues and solve puzzles to escape the room before time runs out. During the program, Lifetree participants will consider current problems they're facing and explore new strategies for solving those problems. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

6TH ANNUAL DOGMAN CHALLENGE

March 10, Noon at top of the bunny hill at Mt. McCauba. Revolution Bike in Charlevoix is proud to host the 6th Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race with the support of Bickersteth Brown & Associates, The City of Charlevoix, and Charlevoix Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.8 mile loop through the trails of Mt McCauba and North Point Nature Preserve. Prizes awarded. Also fire pits, s'mores and more. For more information or to register to for the race, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

BOYNE CITY

LINDSAY'S 3RD ANNUAL BOYNE BEE

March 21, 7pm, Boyne City Tap Room at Pine Lake Lodge. This adults-only spelling bee will involve teams of two vying for bragging rights to be the biggest Queen (or King) BEE in Boyne City. This is a fundraiser for the 4th Annual Walkabout Sculpture Show. Register at online at www.boynecitymainstreet.com

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 scholarships 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, or register online at

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.

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BOYNE CITY

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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 playground facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
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- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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