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Charlevoix Hospital welcomes Chief Operating Officer

John J. Singer, IV, MBA, FACHE joined Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital as the Chief Operating Officer on February 19. As a member of the hospital's senior leadership team, Singer will work closely with Munson Healthcare's system leadership, the hospital's board of directors, senior leadership team, physicians and departmental leadership.

"John Singer is an accomplished healthcare leader and we are happy to have him join our team. During his career with Lakeland Regional Health System, John excelled and demonstrated

outstanding leadership abilities. We are confident that his operational focus will enable us to continue to provide exceptional healthcare to our patients and the communities we serve," said Joanne Schroeder, president of Charlevoix Hospital.

Most recently, Singer served as director of the Cancer Care service line at Hollis Cancer Center at Lakeland Regional Health System in Lakeland, Florida. While there, he managed strategic, operational and fiscal oversight for the system, substantially increasing patient access and managing 60,000 outpatient



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visits annually. Under his leadership, the Cancer Care service line received the Commission on Cancer three-year accommodation and was recognized in the Becker's Top 100 for Quality Cancer Programs in 2016. Prior to joining Lakeland Regional Health System, John served as ambulatory director of The MetroHealth System in Cleveland, Ohio. His background also includes a tour of duty as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy.

Singer earned a Masters in Health Administration and Bachelors in Science from the University of Phoenix. He also received the Case Western Reserve University Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification in 2014, and served as a board member on the Cleveland, Ohio Community Service Alliance.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and to be establishing our family's home in beautiful northern Michigan," said Singer. "I believe the future holds many opportunities for the hospital and I am honored to have this oppor-

For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/char levoix.

Charlevoix United Methodist Church celebrates 140 years

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - When the Charlevoix United Methodist Church was built at 104 State Street back in 1878, its founding fathers certainly knew they were bringing the first church of its kind to the heart of the city.

But little did they know that what started as a gathering place for its faithful congregants would 140 years later also have grown to become a focal point and treasure to the community for those of any denomination-or none at all.

Members of the church hosted a community potluck luncheon after services last Sunday to celebrate its 140th anniversary, featuring dozens of foods -from casseroles to cookies-made using recipes collected from church members between the years of 1907-1978.



The Charlevoix United Methodist Church has graced this corner at 104 State Street in the city's downtown since

Pastor Randy Hitts made it clear that the luncheon was specifically dedicated as a "community" luncheon because that's exactly who has taken ownership of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church over the years the community.

years-the community.
"This church, because of

The cafeteria crew was all smiles as they served up dozens of homemade foods made with recipes collected from church members between 1907 and 1978 for a potluck luncheon to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Charlevoix's United Methodist Church. Among the helpers were Chuck Holms, Gwen King, Gail Seidel, Betty Rowe, Jan Gibbs and Corrine Russell. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

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where it's located-everyone has driven past it how many times; everyone knows where it is and everyone has been there for some reason at one point or another. And it has played a history in people's lives because of these many connections they have to it. So it kind of becomes everyone's home church, even if they don't go here," Hitts explained, 'And that's OK! We are a community church and a church that is a treasure to this community and we were certainly glad to see everyone here celebrating with us. That's what we wanted."

Of the dozens who attended the anniversary celebration, Hitts noted the reasons could vary whether they were past or present congregants-maybe they'd lapsed from the church for

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personal reasons, or maybe they'd moved away or married into another denomination.

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Others may never have attended services there at all but just feel a strong connection to the church for sentimental reasons-like maybe their parents were married there-or a grandparent's funeral held there.

Still others may have connected with the church through any one of the many outreach programs held at its adjacent multipurpose facility through a local ecumenical group that organizes from the site.

They may be someone who comes to the church for the twice weekly free community lunch program on Mondays and Thursdays.

Or they may be one of the homeless women and chil-

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S'never too snowy for Sunday beach combing. (CHARLEVOIX LIGHT-HOUSE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018)

Residents encouraged to share thoughts on Lake Michigan Beach Park project

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - Members of the community here will have a final chance on March 8 to share their thoughts about which of three proposed design layouts should be applied to the city's Lake Michigan Beach Park enhancement project.

City officials in recent months have been moving forward with a plan to bring significant upgrades to the lakefront park, which has long featured a playground, sandy beach trails and a public fishing pier leading to the city's iconic red lighthouse.

According to the city's website, Lake Michigan Beach Park was donated to the city and an effort to make improvements there was launched as a Bicentennial project in 1976, but little work has been done there since that time. However, in 2016 the city commissioned a Forestry Management Plan and began to remove invasive species and dead trees throughout the park area.

City officials along with members of the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission then partnered with Professor Ken Polakowski, professor emeritus at the University of Michigan's school of landscaping architecture, to develop "a conceptual design based on community input that envisions a park with non-motorized pathway connecting

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Beverly Mae (Duncan) Whittet, 87

(MAY 1, 1930 - FEB. 13, 2018)



Beverly Mae (Duncan) Whittet, age 87 of Petoskey died Tuesday February 13, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Beverly was born May 1, 1930 in Escanaba, MI. Beverly is survived by Belinda (Ken) Slager, Dana (Kris) Whittet, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, husband Gilbert Whittet; son Troy Whittet.

The family honored Beverly's life with a gathering of family and friends Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Beverly are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.c

Mary Margret (Marie) Schmittdiel, 95

(AUG. 31, 1922 - FEB. 18, 2018)



In the presence of her family, Marie Schmittdiel passed to eternal rest quietly on Sunday, February 18th, 2018 at the age of 95. A resident of Boyne City since 1949, Marie was a friend to many and a loving matriarch of her family. She was a shining light to all she interacted with, and she will be dearly missed by her friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made

to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Grandvue Medical Care Facility Auxiliary or the

Boyne City Senior Center.

Marie was born on August 31st, 1922 to Raymond McNamara and Zita (Carey) McNamara in Mt Pleasant, MI. She married John Schmittdiel in 1947 and they relocated to Boyne City in 1949. Together they built their family and engrained themselves into the community. She was a retiree of Top of Michigan Rural Electric (Great Lakes Energy) where she worked for more than 20 years. Marie was involved with many civic and charitable organizations in Boyne City including the Community Chest, Eta Nu Sorority/ Boyne Fire Works Committee, and Red Cross Blood Drives. She was involved with the Grandvue Medical Care Facility's Auxiliary for more than 40 years. She was an active member at St Mathews Catholic church for 69 years serving on various committees and volunteer roles. She loved sports and will always be cheering on her Ramblers, MSU Basketball, Notre Dame Football and Detroit Red Wings. However, her passion was dancing which she did as often as possible and throughout her

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Dr. John C. Schmittdiel, her mother and father, her brothers Robert McNamara, James McNamara and Raymond McNamara. She is survived by her sister Katherine (Nan) McNamara McCord of San Diego, CA, and her two sons Andrew C. Schmittdiel of Boyne City and Daniel C. (Julia K. Dunlop Schmittdiel) Schmittdiel of Chicago, IL and 2 grandsons Damien & Brandon Conlin.

Services will be held at St. Mathews Church in Boyne City. On Thursday February 22nd, Visitation from 5 pm – 7 pm will be held, followed by a Vigil service in the church.

On Friday February 23rd, Visitation from 10 am until 11 am will be held in the Church, followed by Mass at 11 am. Marie's family would like to invite all to a luncheon that will be served in the St Mathews Hall following Mass.

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

Michael J. Coyne, 55

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(JULY 15, 1962 - FEB. 18, 2018)



Michael J. Coyne of Charlevoix passed away on February 18, 2018.

Michael was born on July 15, 1962 in Detroit to Charles and Joan (Eby) Coyne.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1981. Michael enjoyed music by singing and dancing. He was a very social man and a people person with a great

sense of humor. Michael is survived by his parents, Bud and Joan Coyne of Charlevoix, brother, Dennis Coyne of Charlevoix, niece, Shawna Coyne, great nephew, Callan Damon, lifelong friends, Sue Cooper of Petoskey and Cathy Ward of Charlevoix along with several aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and rosary at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment will take place in the spring of 2018 at Norwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary Catholic School.

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

www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Richard S. Napont, 75

(JUNE 30, 1942 - FEB. 16, 2018)

Richard S. Napont of East Jordan passed away on February 16, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Funeral mass was held on Monday, February 19, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church

with Fr. Denny Stilwell officiating.

A full obituary will be published at a later date.

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Lance R. Parker, 63

(JULY 12, 1954 - FEB, 14, 2018) Lance R. Parker of



Charlevoix passed away on February 14, 2018 at his home.

Lance was born on July 12, 1954 in Royal Oak to the late Kay and Marion (Kleve) Parker.

He enjoyed spending his time listening to music and being outdoors. Lance was an avid fisherman and grouse hunter.

In October 1999 in Kaanapali Beach, Maui, Lance married Kathryn Wimbish who survives. He is also survived by his brothers, Scott Parker, Brian Parker, Barry (Tammy) Parker, Dean (Kelley Jervey) Parker, sister, Suzanne (Philip) Sherman, niece, Katie Parker, nephew, Stephen Parker, pets, Barney, Gracie, Maddie, Romeo and Juliet.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memory sharing time was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society at 614 Beardsley St. Boyne City, MI 49712 or Ruffed Grouse Society at 451 McCormick Rd. Coraopolis, PA 15108.

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Judy D. Przybylski, 66

(FEB. 17, 1951 - FEB. 13, 2018)



Judy D. Przybylski of Charlevoix passed away on February 13, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Judy was born on February 17, 1951 in Charlevoix to the late Robert and Beatrice (Beardsley) Somerville.

She worked for the City of Charlevoix in several different positions for over 33 years until her retirement in 2009. Judy was a strong willed Scottish/Irish woman. She was hard working and took care of everyone who crossed her path. Judy always tried to brighten everyone's day and will be remembered for the smiles she brought to people through the fun hats she wore. She enjoyed spending her time traveling. She loved animals especially her dog Shilo but her greatest joys in life were her grandchildren.

Judy is survived by her daughters, Kelly (Edward Jr.) Pitcher and Misty Falting both of Charlevoix; brother, Darryl (Sandy) Somerville of Bay Shore; grandchildren, Morgan (Willie) Jacobus, Jacob Zeeryp Jr., Lauren and Logan Pitcher, Bailey and Justin Falting; one great granddaughter, Lilah on the way and several nieces and nephews.

On October 14, 1972 Judy married Michael S. Przybylski who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents and half-sister, Donna Byers.

A celebration of life will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the Greensky Hill Fellowship Hall in Charlevoix. Interment will take place in spring 2018 at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to the Charlevoix Area Human So-

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IS ARE CHILDREN LEARNING?

To the Editor,

UM, NO. NOT. Many younger people can't add, subtract, multiply and divide, carry the leftovers to complete arithmetical calculations. They have calculators for all that, easier, simpler, faster, foolproof. Good, yes? Well, yes and no. Yes, as long as a calculator works, no, when it doesn't. Some sort of mini chip in there does all the work powered by battery, sunlight, motion, whatever, and few truly understand the whatever but most accept the ease with which complex - or simple - math is achieved. We know that batteries wear out but we don't know about the BIG PLUG, namely electrical power. That's a George Dubya Bush

statement, of course, above, in his heyday as dress rehearsal storm trooper flying over Afghanistan and maybe preparing for a parachute jump to the fray below – in his mind. You go, George, go get 'em. He had a lexicon of goodies of the malapropism-solecism kind, delightful to encounter in the highest office in the land, unfortunately leaving the floodgates open to a twittering moronic coprolalic

The crux of the onslaught remains one of the dumbing-down of American education. With cell phone and computer lingo limits of characters and brevity,

one might say ADD, the messaging syndrome is reduced to gibberish many times, not far afield latable. from primitive-speak. It might be presupposed that students

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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now carry cell phones to school to not only communicate but to take photos, videos, send and receive texts, and more ominously carry with them answers to test questions and other relevant ready storage of that needful to get through the school day. That is to say, without study hall practices or even reading, if there is indeed study hall as learning process anymore. The rationale, as espoused by the Capricious-In-Chief, is to disregard all former formal means and measures of education and governance in lieu of a braggadocio version of Telesis, or innate knowledge without preliminary preparation. Nar-

cissism has overcome the challenge of formal education. The American English language has its flaws to be sure. Rules of grammar are about as sensible as rules of conduct in Washington DC, US English being a composite of many tongues. Though much attention has been given to English grammar and the literary/journalistic/industrial products thereof, there remains much confusion and certainly everyday noncompliant vocal and written inflections. Quite similar with all means of transferring messages one to others mathematically, technically &c, and each trade

and profession has its unique nomenclature not readily trans-

To encapsulate this diverse linguistic into tweets, and cell phone shorthand renders language altogether incomprehensible to any not already attuned to it. No definitive examination of this phenomenon has appeared to date, suffice at present to say language is undergoing some modulation. Attempts at consolidating a universal language, such as ESPERANTO, haven't caught on leaving American English prey to any gibberish slang that the mostly young find attractive or perhaps undermining.

Languages are disappearing rapidly too, American Indian dialects relatively rare or sporadic now, innumerable worldwide idioms long gone. But like any species in danger of extinction, this has happened before and will happen again, the regenerative powers of biology beyond the entropy of man and his languages, himself one specimen of biological manifestation. It is questionable nonetheless to consider the reduction in quality of speech garnered over so many centuries. And it is concerning to suppose that artificial means can support the needs of all functions of human brain and coordinate bodies. The question of is are children learning? bespeaks of the answer within the question. Of course they're not learning if the US President

talks illiterately.

language within one and often transfers to other languages, in one sense anglicisms, the conflating of English and French, inclusive of Canadian French, or Franglais. Atop Mount Royale in downtown Montreal Canada were overheard two French-Canadian girls one saying to the other, "No mattere" with French accent on "tere". C'est cool, non? One hundred and forty characters though does limit the language to guttural caveman grunts that even if fun to play with subtract from the rich variations of language. Factor in the lack of learning the formerly proper way of speaking and writing - two differing things - and we have a debased linguistic on our hands and homonyms, or fingers and fricatives. Maybe all is being lost like Latin. English is spoken in many other places than England, Canada and America. Germany for instance is said to have 3/4th English speakers, bilingual naturally. If English is the current Esperanto it's fading fast via our high school and college graduates, speeded along by our techie innovators. If US Presidents are symbolic of this trend we might surmise that it's already here and tweeted. No. George, are children really isn't

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

News

U.S. MILITARY **VETERAN** OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the Month of February, 2018, is George Nelson Campbell. Born March 7, 1835 to parents Archibald and Hannah Atwell Campbell, in up state New York. As a youth it is unknown where he grew up, however on September 29th, 1861, Campbell at the age of 26 years, enlisted for 3 years into the Military joining Company B, 8th Regiment, Illionis Calvary at Kalb, DeKalb County, Illionis. Shortly thereafter he along with other Union Soldiers were taken prisoner by the Confederate Army. During the march to be interred in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, this being the newly formed capitol of the Confederate States of America. As word spread among the prisoners as Libby being as bad as Andersonville, Campbell felt that he would rather die escaping, than to die in prison. Many prisioners did escape, including Campbell, who eventually made his way back to Union Lines. On January 1, 1862, at Camp California Virginia, Campbell was given a disability discharge due to his poor health. He gained his strength back, and reenlisted back into his original unit, to complete his 3 year enlistment.

After Campbell completed his Military service, he moved to the Fife Lake area. and because of his Military service was given 80 acres of land to homested. On November 26, 1876 at Fife Lake, Michigan, Campbell married Martha Milks Campbell. They farmed and raised 9 children. After Campbell died, his widow moved to

East Jordan, living with a



GEORGE NELSON CAMPBELL

daughter until she could purchased her own home from the East Jordan Lumber Company. On February 11, 1908, George Nelson Campbell answered the final call and is being honored by his extended family.

To HONOR a deceased Honorably Discharged U.S. MILITARY VETERAN, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Michigan at 6:15 p.m. followed by a potluck supper. For more information call the phone number listed above and request a Veteran Of The Month Program be sent to you that will explain what the program consists of and what information is used to write the Veterans biography.

BEACH

FROM PG. 1A

other pedestrian points of interest in the neighborhood and community, site vistas to the water of Lake Michigan, meadows and glades, woodland plantings and parking areas," the city website notes.

The city paid just more than \$24,000 to St. Joseph consulting firm Edgewater Resources to oversee a survey process to gather input from the community in terms of what amenities they would like to see surface at the park. The firm has now entered Phase 2 of the survey process and offering three design concepts for the public to consider.

A public meeting to discuss the three proposed designs will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 8 in Community Room B at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Concept A: Focuses the park enhancements on creating a more "woodland arboretum" type of feel by making minimal improvements in the existing woodland areas, adding wood chip trail connections, and planting of more native species of trees and plants. It would also include landscaping of the "meadows" along Park Avenue and adding more places to sit and picnic tables.

Concept B: Focuses on

become known as a place to go for "quiet reflection" while maintaining its natural characteristics and protecting its biodiversity through limited site clearance. It would also bring improvements along Park Avenue in terms of land scaping and adding more places to sit and paths linking a multi-purpose trail along Grant Street to the public beach.

According to the design documents, this plan would also include "cantilevered overlooks along the trail between upper and lower dunes which could be constructed to be fully accessible for parks users of all ages and abilities."

Concept C: Focuses on bringing improvements that would angle the park towards being more of a "visitor destination," in part by creating a point of interest, or "unique recreational draw" at its west end for community use.. This option would also bring more family friendly amenities, including environmentally safe playground equipment and a public restroom facil-

For more details about the three proposed design concepts for the Lake Michigan Beach Park enhancement project or to take the survey, go to the city's website at: www.cityofcharlevoix.org

The survey and design options are also available at the Charlevoix City Hall at 210 State Street.

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East Jordan high school competed on WCMU's Quiz Central

East Jordan and White Cloud competed on WCMU Public Television's Quiz Central on Wednesday. Quiz Central is an educational and entertaining academic quiz show. Teams from 48 Michigan high schools competed in four divisions based on school size.

East Jordan is coached by Sarah Malpass, and team members include Captain Hayden Ferguson, Joshua Ziebarth, Madeline Malpass and Trent Graham. Their alternates are Anna Roskamp and Nick Norton.

White Cloud is coached by Tony McHattie, and team members include Captain Cameron Karnes, Jennifer Shepherd Kiranna Franklin, and Delton Dowling. Their alternates are



East Jordan is coached by Sarah Malpass, and team members include Captain Hayden Ferguson, Joshua Ziebarth, Madeline Malpass and Trent Graham. Their alternates are Anna Roskamp and Nick Norton. Courtesy photo

Janessa Shepard, Parker Karnes and Brendan Lod-

Teams competed in elimination rounds as they vie for the championship in

their division. The four starters and three alternates of the division championship teams will each receive a two year, \$4,000 room and board scholarship from Central Michigan University Residence Life.

The division champions will face off to determine the overall season winner. In addition, four lucky Quiz Central seniors will receive textbook scholarships from the CMU Bookstore.

Now in its 13th season, Quiz Central is locally produced by WCMU Public Television. As the results of the face off were not available as of press time, visit to view the team scores.

Chamber to host Business Expo/Taste of Charlevoix

On Wednesday, March 21, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 8th Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix from 4:00 to 7:00pm at Castle Farms.

The Expo is one of the largest business and public trade show events in northern Michigan. Now in its 8th year, the Expo is dedicated to serving our business community, visitors and residents. This is a must-attend event for small business owners & executives who want to gain a competitive advantage, network with other business owners from throughout the area, and develop new business and client contacts. Join us



for one day only and take your company to the next level.

The Expo is not just for businesses. The public is welcome to come out and explore the 70 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of Castle Farms to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. If you're looking for a new banking institution, pharmacist, insurance agent or health care provider, this is it. Don't miss the opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you.

The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes and culinary specialties for the opportunity to win the title of 2018 Best In Taste.

Admission is just \$5 and includes 9 tastes, Happy Snappy Photo Booth, exciting give-a-ways, a cash bar, live radio remote broadcast and more. For more information call 231-547-2101 or

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, February 5, 2018 Assisted MSP on traffic stop Vogel and Park. Arrested subject for 1240

domestic violence in the 400 block of Poplar St. The rear window of

vehicle blew out during the day in the 300 block of N Lake St. No evidence of MDOP, appears weather related.

Report of harassing

Assist Sheriff Dept. at BC-EJ Rd and Deer Lake Rd. Tuesday, February 6, 2018

report of someone plowing snow onto property in the 300 block of S East St. Will be removed.

Assist citizen in the 1437 400 block of State St 911 hang up on Fall 1508 Park Rd

1520 Fraud complaint in the 800 block of N Lake St

Report of dogs running at large on Second Citizen in to renew No Trespass Order Car deer crash on

Boyne City Rd at the city limits. Report of two dogs left in a vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St. Gone on arrival. Subject seen throwing a mostly empty Bud Light can out of car while driving through the high scnooi ioop

Request for civil

standby in the 400 block of State. Domestic violence 2018 complaint in the 400 block of Harris.

1936

2217 Attempt suicide in the 700 block of Wenonah.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1319 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Boyne Av

Thursday, February 8, 2018

959 Private property damage crash in the 300 block of N Lake St. 1035 Fraud complaint from

Leroy St. 2 vehicle Property 1148 damage crash on Park St near

Water. Suspicious situation 1306 reported on Charlevoix St. at

W. Michigan Arrested subject for

Friday, February 9, 2018

Private property damage crash in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

1300 Report of PPO violation in the 300 block of E Division St Subject advising of 1315

threat complaint Driving complaint 1929

coming into town on Front St. Arrested subject for OWI on Anderson Rd near Bersano Rd. Saturday, February 10, 2018

0113 Civil complaint on Hannah St

Report of barking 637 dogs in the 900 block of Wilson

Private property 1132 damage crash on Front St near Property damage

crash on Trent St. near First St. Subject cited for Expired Registration. Assist Sheriff Dept.

1535 with PIA on Mountain Pass Rd. Arrested subject on 1732 warrant out of Charlevoix County

Sunday February 11, 2018 649 Alarm in the 400 block of N Lake St

1344 Juvenile complaint in the 900 block of Roosevelt St.



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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked

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 tened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure improvements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are look-ing 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 con-cluded.

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Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements product to accompany 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.

See **State of the Community**-11A



DDA ChairmanTom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak, 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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Boyne 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:

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If you need any addi-If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witenski 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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Community Potluck with Democratic focus

Three local groups are joining together to host a community potluck and offer information on Democratic candidates and ways to get involved in preparation for the upcoming election. The March Toward November potluck will be held from 5 to 8:30pm on Friday, March 9,in the Commu nity Building at the **Emmet County Fair**grounds in Petoskey. The Community Building is located at 1129 Charlevoix Avenue (US 31 S), with the entrance on Eppler Road. The Emmet County Democratic Committee, Charlevoix County Democratic Party and Cheboygan County Democratic Party welcome members and non-members to attend the potluck, and families are welcome to bring children

Special guests will be Patrick Miles, Democratic candidate for Michigan Attorney General and Melissa Fruge, Democratic candidate for Michigan's House of Representatives 105th District. For more information on the candidates, visit their websites. https://www.milesformichigan.com/ and https://www.melissafruge.com/. Other candidates who are unable to attend will be sending representatives and/or video greetings.

Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert to share. Attendees may choose to bring homemade items, or a restaurant take-out item such as pizza, sub sandwiches, etc. Coffee, tea, soft drinks and tableware will be provided. No alcoholic beverages are allowed due to the building rental agreement. After the meal, children age four and older can enjoy a special area with games and activities during the program. Candidates will share their information, answer questions, and local leaders will offer a variety of ways to get involved during this election

Raffle tickets will be sold for a 50/50 drawing. A donation is appreciated but not required. Donations may be made by cash or check at the door or by credit card at actblue.com/donate/marc htowardnovemberpotluck. Donations will defray expenses of the potluck and go towards electing Democratic candidates in November 2018.

Please RSVP by March 2 at emmetdems@gmail.com or call (231)-330-5446 and provide the number of adults and children who will attend, to help with planning.

Northern Michigan Brass Band presents a Winter Concert



The Northern Michigan Brass Band (NMiBB), under the direction of Ralph Schweigert, will present a concert at 3pm on Sunday, February 25 at First Congregational Church, 101 State Street in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

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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



The Northern Michigan Brass Band will perform under the direction of Ralph Schweigert, COURTESY PHOTO

NMiBB.

When planning a program, Schweigert said he likes to offer a variety of music, keeping in mind that people listen in different ways.

"Some people listen with their heads, others with their hearts and still others with their feet," Schweigert said. "On any one program, I try to include music that will appeal to all these listening styles

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Since it was organized in January of 1999, the NMiBB has presented over 100 concerts throughout the state. The all-volunteer ensemble has attracted accomplished adult brass players from across the region.

According to NMiBB President Dr. Edward R. Bahr, "We draw on such a wide area for our membership that we really don't consider ourselves tied to any one community. We belong to all of northern Michigan which is why we perform concerts in so many different venues throughout the area."

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 NmiBB.



Inner Circle Gallery Talk with Mary Stewart Adams

Mary Stewart Adams, director of Headlands International Dark Sky Park, will return to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on Thursday, February 22 at 10am, for another riveting session of star lore and storytelling. In celebration of the beginning of the Chinese New Year, "Year of the Dog," Mary will be leading us on adventure through the dog constellations that are visible this time of year, and how they intertwine with the lunacy of our lunar rhythms. Gallery Talks are always open and free to the public. For more information, please visit our website: www.charlevoixcircle.com or call 231-547-3554. Courtesy photo

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dren who take shelter at the church during cold winter nights.

Hitts noted the importance of understanding the church's rich history in being the first of its kind built in the city and religious home to many of the city's most prominent citizens and first leaders, two of whom were honored as part of the anniversary with the revealing of two ornate stainedglass memorial windows gifted to the church in 1877 by prominent Charlevoix banker Archibald Butters and M.J. Stockman.

Hitts said the windows have flanked the church's main entrance since it was built but had for years been covered up and unnoticeable until recently cleaned and lighted, exhibiting an exquisite craftsmanship and vibrant colors that haven't been seen in countless years.

Scrapbooks detailing the church's genesis from its start until today were on display along with various items donated and designed in its name.

Hitts, who is in the middle of his first year as pastor in Charlevoix, lives at the church parsonage with his wife, Susan, who is also a pastor at the United Methodist Churches in Alanson and Harbor Springs. The couple has six children-five girls and a boyranging in ages from 9 to 32, and two grandchildren.

He said he hopes to gradually uncover other hidden treasures like the memorial windows at the church and maybe down the line restore some of its original architectural features that were removed over the years.

Hitts said he's humbly devoted to honoring and preserving his church's history as well as its future.

"We are standing on the shoulders of those before us, and it's our responsibility to keep the tradition and the church going," Hitts said.

2018 Annual Bridge Walk will start in both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City

Focused on maintaining safety and maximizing participation, the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) today voted to begin the event from both ends of the bridge a change touted as the best way to keep the tradition alive. With the decision, participants in the 2018 Annual Bridge Walk will start from whichever end of the bridge they arrive at, walking to the midpoint of the bridge before turning back. Walkers will be able to start anytime between 7 a.m. and noon, and walk as much of the bridge as they're able before the bridge reopens to traffic.

"We take very seriously the safety of all walkers and the busing issues during last year's walk that prevented many people from participating as they'd planned," said MBA Board Chairman William Gnodtke. "It's not a given that this event will continue forever, and while this is a big change, the Authority felt it is the best way to address those concerns and

keep this 60-year tradition going."

This Labor Day, walkers will begin from both the St. Ignace and Mackinaw City ends of the bridge in one outside lane to the halfway point, then cross the center lanes of the bridge and head back to their starting point in the other outside lane. Those who wish to, and if they begin the walk early enough, will have the option to continue across the entire bridge. Those who do walk the full length of the bridge will need to walk back across the bridge - for a 10-mile hike round trip - or make their own transportation arrangements to get back to the side they started from after the bridge reopens to public traffic. The center two lanes will remain open to emergency vehicles.

Board member Matthew McLogan, who voted in favor of starting the walk from both ends of the bridge, said that while it is a significant change, it allows continuation of an important tradi-

"This is probably the only viable option to preserve the walk," he said. "The only other realistic option is not to do it."

Gnodtke, who cast one of the "nay" votes in the 4-2 decision, said that while he loves the walk and has participated all but one year since his appointment to the board in 2002, the mission of the MBA is to maintain and preserve the bridge, not provide the Annual Bridge Walk.

"The cost far outweighs, as it applies to the Mackinac Bridge Authority, the benefit," he said.

The board had also considered two other options for the walk: one starting the walk in St. Ignace as has been done since 1965, and the other starting in Mackinaw City and ending in St. Ignace. Both of those options would have required the continued busing of participants to the starting line before or after the walk, which has been a

significant expense for the event.

MBA staff expect the selected option for the walk will cost the Authority \$360,000 in 2018, primarily in staff time. The second option, walking north to south, would cost an estimated \$560,000, while the option of switching the walk direction would cost an estimated \$840,000.

At a special meeting in November, when the board decided to keep the walk on Labor Day for 2018, the Authority asked the communities of St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, and Mackinac Island to develop plans for logistics and financial support of busing if it were to continue. At the recent meeting, representatives of businesses and tourism agencies in Mackinaw City presented a proposal for continuing busing for the event, but suggested the board raise the price to ride the bus to \$10 per person and seek corporate sponsorships to bear the remaining costs. A St. Ignace representative said the community will continue to provide free busing between Little Bear Arena and the north end of

the bridge.

"As long as the Annual
Bridge Walk continues, the
MBA will undoubtedly bear a
significant portion of the responsibility and expense,"
Gnodtke said. "The difficulty
we've had in securing buses
in the past, and the growing
cost, make the option we selected that much easier to

choose." Every year, between 25,000 and 60.000 people from several states and countries come to the Mackinac Bridge for the Annual Bridge Walk, which has taken place since 1958, the year after the bridge opened to traffic. The event is still planned to begin at 6:40 a.m. with the start of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Jog, followed by a greeting from Gov. Rick Snyder at 6:55 a.m. Walkers will begin across the bridge at 7

m. As it was last year, the bridge will remain closed to public traffic during the 2018 walk, at the recommendation of Michigan State Police (MSP) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Authority also voted to not close the bridge for seven bicycle and pedestrian events that have crossed in past years, effectively ending those events. The decision followed 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.

The events that won't continue 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. Other vehicle crossing events on the bridge can continue as



East Jordan Schools "Extravaganza" fundraiser March 3

The Annual East Jordan Public Schools Extravaganza is nearly here! This fundraiser for East Jordan Public Schools, on Saturday, March 3 at Castle Farms, features a dine-around, free cocktails from 5:30-6:30pm sponsored by The Landing, fun, awards and dancing to Brena Band from Grand Rapids. Celebrate our schools while raising money for our kids! Tickets are \$50 each and are on sale at the Elementary and Middle/High School Offices. Do-nations for silent and live auctions are appreciated and still being accepted at the El-ementary Office. Join us in celebrating Black and Red! For more information see our facebook page at facebook.com/EJPSX or call 231-536-7564.

CAPE Council donates Sleep Sacks



McLaren Northern Michigan extends their thank you to the Child Abuse and Prevention and Education Council of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties for the donation of over 500 infant sleep sacks to the Obstetrics Unit. Each child born at the hospital will receive a sleep sack along with important safe sleeping information and education for parents. Pictured L to R: Maggie Kromm, Executive Director of CAPE Council, Sarah Shepherd, MSN, Clinical Education Nurse, Laurie Laughbaum, RN, Obstetrics Nurse, Lauren Hill, BSN, Obstetrics Nurse, and Chandra Delorenzo, DO, Pediatric Hospitalist.

Good Samaritan Resale Shop & Food Pantry

Serving area families in need for 28 years

BY JIM AKANS

Back in 1990, Ellsworth resident Mary Peterson had an idea...or perhaps it was more of a calling.

"I was visiting a local resale shop and I saw people searching through the trash for something they could use," she recalls. "I just knew there had to be a way to set up a new system for distributing goods to those in need, so I began looking for people who could pursue that idea.'

Over twenty-seven years later, the result of that inspiration; Good Samaritan Family Services, continues following a mission statement of "servicing the Lord by reaching out to those in need," providing food and outreach programs to local families who could use a lit-



Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops stands among the 700 pairs of shoes in a closet at the Good Samaritan resale shop. Sammy's Shoes is a program designed to provide every child with a NEW pair of shoes. COUR-

Petersen recalls, "When we began our mission, it was located in the old fire hall in town, we received support from local churches and it was ran by a small group of volunteers." At that time, about 30 families visited the

families visit Good Samaritan's Food Pantry each

month, primarily from Antrim County though about a quarter of those families are from Charlevoix County. A crew of some 90 volunteers helps to stock and distribute the food sup-Good Samaritan Furniture &



facility each month. Today, approximately 700

"The need has grown over the years," Mary relates. "People's stories tug at your heart. Our senor population has grown and we are seeing more seniors seeking assistance here, though they can be reluctant to ask for help.'

She adds, "Everyone who gets food also gets free clothing. People can visit once a month, and we try to give them enough to last a bit longer. A lot of our food comes from the Manna Food Project, which we receive at a very good discount, so we can really stretch dollars that are donated.'

Good Samaritan Family Services also offers "Sammy's Shoes" at the Resale Shop, which has a huge assortment of new shoes in virtually every size, style and color. Families in need can pick up a brand new pair of shoe for a small donation or even for free if they are unable to afford the dona-

Good Samaritan will be sponsoring "Music in the Lake Street Pavilion" downtown Ellsworth from 6 to 8pm (rain location will be the Ellsworth Town Hall.) Food will be available. This new concert series will run through August 30. There is no fee to attend the show, just come enjoy and have

Good Samaritan's hours of operation are Tuesdays, 10am to 7pm, Wednesdays through Fridays from 10am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. They are located at 9746 Main Street in Ellsworth and can be reached at (231) 588-2208 or on the web at www.thegood-

Green lights on plow trucks getting noticed by drivers

Where are the plow trucks? With more widespread use of flashing green lights on state and local winter maintenance vehicles, Michigan drivers can spot them more easily, even during whiteout conditions.

In this second winter since the Michigan Legislature passed a bill allowing public maintenance vehicles to use flashing green lights in addition to the

traditional flashing yellow, city public works departments, county road commissions, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have been outfitting plow trucks with the more visible beacons.

A video about the changes can be found on MDOT's YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/watch?v =AUCHgrktrK8. Dr. Bernie Tekiele of the Michigan Eye Institute, who appears in the video, says of the new lights, "Our visual system would be more attracted to a bright green light versus a bright white flashing light

The County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) reports that 70 percent of Michigan's 83 county road agencies used the flashing green lights on all or part of their fleets last winter, a number that has since expanded, and MDOT now has them on more than 200 of its 300 winter maintenance vehicles.

"While we heard some initial concerns that the new lights would be confused with green lights on traffic signals, in reality they would be difficult to confuse with each other," said Mark Geib, administrator for MDOT's Operations Field Services Division. "Now we hear more and more often from drivers how much more visible

Resale Shop



With more widespread use of flashing green lights on state and local winter maintenance vehicles, Michigan drivers can spot them more easily, even during whiteout conditions. COURTESY IMAGE

> these lights are, particularly in blowing snow with reduced visibility.'

"Driver education has been a very important piece of green light implementation, as drivers weren't expecting this light," said CRA Director Denise Donohue. "County road agencies did lots of interviews, and put green-light trucks in local Christmas parades and on their social media feeds, which has helped."

The next issue of the Michigan Secretary of State's (SOS) What Every Driver Must Know manual will also illustrate green lights, educating the next generation of drivers. CRA cautions that private plow operators are not authorized to use the green lights.

MDOT plans to have all of its winter maintenance vehicles equipped with green lights by the beginning of next winter. The cost to convert lights is less than \$100 per truck, and green lights are now specified in any new plow trucks purchased.

Studies suggest that humans can differentiate more shades of green than any other color, and is more sensitive to the green/yellow part of the light spectrum. Better visibility with green lights means safer roads for winter maintenance workers and motorists.

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News Briefs

ELLSWORTH ANNUAL PIG ROAST MEETING

February 22, 6pm, Banks Township Hall. There are two big announcements to make: Betsy Smith Randall will be the new Coordinator for this year's event. Please help congratulate and welcome her. This year's theme will be, "Tiny Town, Huge Heart." The tradition will be maintained and the Ellsworth High School art students will submit images for the t-shirts. Public is invited to attend the meeting.

EAST JORDAN EJ SNO-MOBILER'S 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.

ELLSWORTH EUCHRE FUN NIGHT

February 24, 7pm, Banks Township Hall. The Ellsworth Lioness Club is sponsoring its annual euchre fun night. The cost is \$10 per person and all profits will be used for community projects. There will be prizes and refreshments. For additional information, call Jan Olach at 231.588.2213

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 NMiBB. 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 NmiBB.

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

kimmettler01@gmail.com or (313) 617-3623.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COLE COFFEE HOURS

February 26. State Representative Triston Cole will hold three coffee hours in Charlevoix County; from 10:30-11:30am at Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room A, from 12:30-1:30pm at Boyne CityHall's Parkview Room and from 4-5pm at East Jordan City Hall.

BOYNE CITY FINANCIAL 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 starting on Monday, Feb. 26. 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 kimmettler01@gmail.com or

(313) 617-3623. Class details.

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,

CHARLEVOIX SHREK THE MUSICAL

March 2 at 7pm, March 3 and March 10 at 7pm, March 11 at 2pm Charlevoix Middle/High School Auditorium. Join us for Ogre-Sized Family Fun, as the Charlevoix Middle/High School presents "Shrek the Musical". Meet Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Lord Farquaad, and all the Fairy Tale Creatures, as we follow Shrek on his journey to get Lord Farquaad to give him back his swamp. Ticket Prices are: \$10/Adults, \$5/Students and Seniors. Also \$20/Family (good for Sat Mar 3 and Sun Mar 11 Matinee shows only). For more information call 231.547.3222 or email jthompso@rayder.net or emchap26@hotmail.com

EAST JORDAN EJ PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXTRAVAGANZA

March 3, Castle Farms. This annual fundraiser for all East Jordan Public Schools features a dinearound, 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.

BOYNE CITY Grow Your Business On-

line Workshop March 6, 9-11am, Boyne City Hall Conference Room. This hands-on workshop will cover three things you can do right now to grow your business online. You'll learn about email and social media marketing, getting the most out of your Google listing, and tips and tricks for getting customers to notice you, now, plus much more. This workshop will also cover step-by-step instructions about how to get found on Google search and maps and the next steps you can take with your business to reach your goals. Breakfast pastries and coffee will be served. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for not-yet-members. Register

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL; "MARY POPPINS"

March 9 & 10 at 7pm and March 11 at 2pm, Performing Arts Center. You'll be able to see Mary Poppins fly when the Boyne City High School Drama Department presents its next musical. Musical director Erin Zucker promises "amazing sets, props and lots of magic" for the "Mary Poppins" production. TICKETS are \$10 and \$15. All seats are reserved and available online at boynehs.tix.com, at Lynda's Real Estate Service, or at the door one hour before curtain.

CHARLEVOIX 6TH ANNUAL DOGMAN CHALLENGE

March 10, Noon at top of the bunny hill at Mt. Mc-Sauba. 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 McSauba 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

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL; "MARY POPPINS"

March 16 & 17 at 7pm, Performing Arts Center. You'll be able to see Mary Poppins fly when the Boyne City High School Drama Department presents its next musical. Musical director Erin Zucker promises "amazing sets, props and lots of magic" for the "Mary Poppins" production. TICKETS are \$10 and \$15. All seats are reserved and available online at boynehs.tix.com, at Lynda's Real Estate Service, or at the door one hour before curtain.

BOYNE CITY DANGEROUS FOOD EXPLORED

March 18, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Dangerous Food: Is Your Supermarket Killing You?" features a filmed interview with Joel Salatin, author of Everything I Want to Do Is Illegal: War Stories From the Local Food Front and Holy Cows and Hog Heaven: The Food Buyer's Guide to Farm

Friendly Food. In the interview Salatin explains America's lack of concern regarding the source of food is causing issues with health and well-being. During the session Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss the role the government should play in deciding food choices and discover strategies for healthier eating. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

8TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

March 21, 4-7pm, Castle Farm. The Expo is dedicated to serving our business community, visitors and residents. The public is welcome to come out and explore the 70 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of Castle Farms to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. Explore a new banking institution, pharmacist, insurance agent or health care provider and more. The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes and culinary specialties for the opportunity to win the title of 2018 Best In Taste. Admission is just \$5 and includes 9 tastes, Happy Snappy Photo Booth, exciting give-a-ways, a cash bar, live radio remote broadcast and more. For more information call 231-547-2101 or email.

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

BOYNE CITY EASTER EGG HUNT

March 24, 1pm, Veteran's Park. Join us for fun in the park. Bring your own basket or bags provided. Preschool to 5th grade. Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City. For more information call (231) 582-7983 or email; secretary@fpboyne.org.

BOYNE CITY AFTERLIFE OF PETS DISCUSSED

March 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Do Good Dogs Go to Heaven? Questions About Animals and the Afterlife," features a filmed interview with Dr. Kathleen Cooney, a veterinarian and founder of Home to Heaven, an in-home pet euthanasia service. During the session Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss the times they've had to face the death of a beloved pet. Join us this last Sunday of the month for a potluck. Begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. 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 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-ahalf 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, decisionmaking 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 or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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News

Jordan River Action Group helps to keep river clean

The Jordan River Action Group (JRAG) originated in 2008. The group became a 501C (3) non-profit organization in 2015.

When the Michigan Natu-



Sherman (Sherm) Thomas and his wife Peggy at their home on the banks of the Jordan River. COURTESY

ral Rivers Board was first organized, Sherman Thomas was appointed as one of the board members. Living on the Jordan River, Sherm and his wife Peggy, experienced many years of enjoyment as the river flowed by their home. Sherm's wife Peggy was concerned about the amount of refuse floating down river. Prior to Peggy passing away, she made Sherm promise to do whatever he could to help keep the Jordan River as clean as possible. Thus began the Jordan River Action Group (JRAG)

In 2008, Sherm solicited help from a couple friends and started a campaign to build collection booths for locations at access sites Rogers Bridge, Webster Bridge, Old

Crossing. In 2009, the first year of collection, 145 bags of trash, and 15,000 returnable cans and bottles were received. Since 2009, over 1,200 bags of trash and well over 100,000 returnable cans and bottles have been collected from these access sites.

JRAG purchases 3,000 Red River Bags every two years. These bags are used by individuals floating the river to secure their trash and returnable products. In the event of a turnover, no trash or returnables will end up in the river. All funds collected from the returnable products are distributed back into the community thru organizations who maintain the collection sites.

To help support the Jordan



Members of the Jordan River Action Group and members of the East Jordan Lion's Club with the collection totes located along the Jordan River. COURTESY PHOTO

gan's first wild and scenic river pristine for all to enjoy, please become a "Supporting Member" by making a \$20.00 Membership Donation. All members will receive a

sticker and will be recognized on the organization's website and brochure.

For more information on the JRAG contact Tom "Tinker" Breakey at 231-675-5489 or email to tinkerb5489@sbcglobal.net. Membership donations can be mailed to Jordan River Action Group, P.O. Box 215, East Jordan, MI







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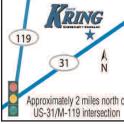


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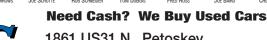
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