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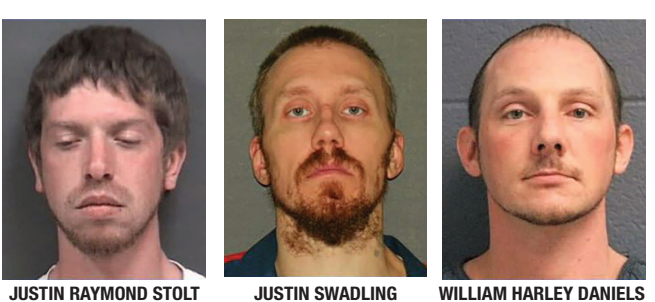
## Three Sentenced to Prison in Charlevoix County

Justin Swadling, 35, of Alanson, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years on his conviction of criminal sexual conduct, third degree. Swadling pleaded guilty on Jan. 16, admitting sexually assaulting a 14-year old on Oct. 14, 2017

According to Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Caitlin Borchard, the offense took place just three months after Swadling had finished serving a 15 year sentence on another criminal sexual conduct charge involving a child.

Borchard argued for the maximum sentence that could be given and Judge Roy C. Hayes III granted the request.

Justin Raymond Stolt, 27, of East Jordan, was sentenced to 23 to 240 months in prison for delivery of heroin and 23 to 60 months



for fleeing and eluding, third degree. His sentences will run concurrently. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

Stolt admitted delivering heroin to a friend on May 25, 2017, causing a drug overdose requiring first responders to utilize NARCAN to save her life.

He also admitted fleeing on Aug. 24, 2017, when a Michigan State Police trooper attempted to make a traffic stop, driving 58 miles per hour in a 25 mile per

hour zone in East Jordan.

At the sentencing, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof emphasized text messages obtained from Stolt's cellphone by a search warrant which indicated that while on felony bond, Stolt was regularly driving to Detroit to buy heroin and cocaine to resell in Charlevoix County.

Both Hayes and Telgenhof stated that Stolt was bringing "poison" into the county which in part just-

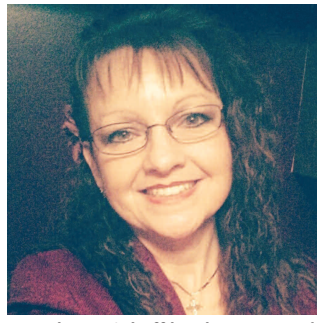
fied a sentence at the high end of his sentencing guidelines.

William Harley Daniels, Jr., 37, of Boyne City, was sentenced to 17 to 48 months in prison for resisting and obstructing a police officer causing injury.

Daniels pleaded guilty on Jan. 12, 2018. According to the probable cause affidavit in the case, Daniels ran from and later assaulted a state police trooper. Daniels said that he was attempting to avoid being arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Daniels had previously been convicted of five felonies and six misdemeanors and had been sent to prison twice before.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecutor



Pamela Battinkoff has been named Executive Director of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan & Emmet 911 Central Dispatch Authority. COURTESY PHOTO

## Battinkoff named multi-county 911 Central Dispatch Authority Executive Director

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet (CCE) 911 Central Dispatch Authority has a strategic and experienced new leader. Pamela (Pam) Battinkoff, ENP, has accepted the position of Executive Director for the CCE 911 Central Dispatch Authority. Pam's Emergency Number Professional (ENP) Certification was a critical factor that impacted the decision to hire her as Executive Director for the CCE 911 Central Dispatch Authority. The CCE 911 Board approved Ms. Battinkoff's hiring at their February 21 meeting.

Pam has worked in the public safety field for 23 years in a variety of areas including dispatcher, supervisor, public safety instructor and currently serves as the Director of Shiawassee County Central Dispatch. She is a visionary and a strategic leader who translates business strategies into maximum benefits while remaining conscious of the public, customer, and employees' interest.

As the Director of Shiawassee County Central Dispatch, Pam gained approval to move forward with an election to increase the local surcharge to fund operations for a 911-technology upgrade in which she was able to manage a successful campaign that increased funding by more than double. Using the new technology Pam was able to construct a redundant, reliable and resilient radio/paging communications network that increased the reliability of 911 calls and dispatching first responders. Additionally, she successfully obtained a building and managed its transformation into what is now the first standalone 911 center in Shiawassee County.

In her new position as CCE 911 Central Dispatch Authority Executive Director, Pam is ready to get started, stating, "My long-term experience in the public safety communications industry has given me the confidence, the tools and the drive to deliver the best service to my organization and those who depend on

## Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race is next Saturday



**BY JIM AKANS**

The 6th annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race is set for next Saturday, March 10. The event will kick off with a mass start at noon on top of the bunny hill at Mt McSauba in Charlevoix. From there, riders aboard fat tire bicycles will compete along a nearly two-mile loop across the trails at Mt. McSauba and the North Point Nature Preserve.

The race is not only a blast for the riders, spectators will enjoy watching the fun. There will be fire pits and s'mores to keep warm both inside and out, and for a full warm up the



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view is also great from the upper level at the ski lodge.

Riders compete at the Dogman Challenge to complete the most laps in a two-hour period. Top placers will receive the coveted Dogman medal as well as cash prizes. Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in Expert and Sport classes for both men and women. The awards ceremony will take place at the Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company starting at 4pm, and all are invited to attend.

The race is also a great spectator event. What a great way to spend the afternoon in the north...bring the entire family. Keep warm by the fire pits, or head to the upper level of the ski lodge to watch the competition. Mt McSauba also offers skiing, snowboard-

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## weather

### THURSDAY



HIGH: 38  
LOW: 25

### FRIDAY



HIGH: 35  
LOW: 19

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 40  
LOW: 23

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 44  
LOW: 27

## snowfall

2/27/17	.....52.8
2/27/17	.....94.4
2/27/17	.....53.3
2/27/17	.....62
2/27/17	.....103
2/27/17	.....163.4
2/27/17	.....127.2
2/27/17	.....50.6
2/27/17	.....47.2
2/27/17	.....68
2/27/17	.....105.3

ATLANTA	2/26/18	..26.2
BOYNE FALLS	2/26/18	..84
CHARLEVOIX	2/26/18	..79.9
CHEBOYGAN	2/26/18	..53.7
EAST JORDAN	2/26/18	..116.8
GAYLORD	2/26/18	..97.9
KALKASKA	2/26/18	..87
LEWISTON	2/26/18	..36.5
MIO	2/26/18	..25.4
ONAWAY	2/26/18	..56
PETOSKEY	2/26/18	..99.9

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 1	...14°	...36°	...-27° (1962)	..58° (2000)
MAR 2	...15°	...36°	...-29° (1962)	..51° (1998)
MAR 3	...15°	...37°	...-24° (1972)	..64° (1974)
MAR 4	...15°	...37°	...-16° (1978)	..60° (1974)
MAR 5	...16°	...37°	...-12° (1978)	..57° (1983)
MAR 6	...16°	...38°	...-20° (1972)	..66° (2000)
MAR 7	...16°	...38°	...-13° (1978)	..70° (2000)
MAR 8	...17°	...38°	...-19° (1982)	..80° (2000)
MAR 9	...17°	...39°	...-20° (1963)	..72° (2000)
MAR 10	...17°	...39°	...-12° (1972)	..60° (1977)

## OBITUARIES

### Naomi Heckendorn, 81

(AUF. 5, 1936 – FEB. 20, 2018)



Naomi Heckendorn of Charlevoix passed away on February 20, 2018 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Naomi was born on August 5, 1936 in Detroit to the late Milton and Ruth (Jay) Saperstein.

She worked for many years as an executive assistant for her husband, George in chemical sales.

Naomi's greatest joy was her family and she was a lov-

ing wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Naomi spent her free time volunteering for the school and many charities.

On February 7, 1961 in Detroit Naomi married George Heckendorn who survives. She is also survived by her children, Kirk (Kathryn) Heckendorn of Charlevoix, Dane Heckendorn of Charlevoix, Lisa Locke (Chad Jessup) of Wilbur, WA; grandchildren, Jacklyn (Kevin) Chadwick of East Lansing, Michael Heckendorn of Denver, CO, Carter Locke of Wilbur, WA, Callie And Cam Jessup of Wilbur, WA; great grandchildren, Sydney and Lucas Chadwick both of East Lansing, sisters-in-law, Joan Dunn of Peidmont, SC, Joan Heckendorn of Mt. Clemens and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Dr. Daniel Cohen.

Funeral mass was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Interment will take place in spring 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### Beverly Jean (Hausler) Dyer, 93

(OCT. 15, 1924 – FEB. 23, 2018)

Beverly Jean Dyer of Boyne City went to be with the Lord on February 23, 2018 at the Villa on the Bay in Petoskey.

Beverly was born on October 15, 1924 to Edith and

Oscar Hausler in Boyne City. She grew up in and attended school at Boyne City Public Schools. In 1942 she married her best friend, sweetheart and the love of her life Kenneth D. Dyer and together they shared seventy-one wonderful years.

Beverly was employed by Essex Wire Co. of Boyne City for ten years. Later in life Beverly and Ken enjoyed traveling across the U.S.A, two trips to Hawaii and several fishing adventures to Canada. They purchased a winter home in Zephyrhills, FL where they spent twenty-nine winters. Beverly loved her family, Holidays, family gatherings, her flower gardens and cooking.

Beverly is survived by four devoted daughters; Brenda (Dick) Streufert, Barbara Dyer and Linda Kenney all of Boyne City and Sherry (Steve) Ernst of Newberry. Beverly and Ken also raised a granddaughter Cindy Burns, whom they considered as one of their children.

Beverly has eleven Grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, twelve siblings and a grandson; Stacey Ernst.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service with Pastor Jason Reynolds Officiating. A luncheon will follow at the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City at 839 State Street, Boyne City, MI 49712. Interment will be held in the spring at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the entire staff at the Villa in Petoskey for the wonderful care they provided to our mother.

### Edmund Puroll, 85

Edmund Puroll of Elmira, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 12:00 PM from St. Thomas Church in Elmira.

Visitation at the Nelson Funeral Home will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM and will continue on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at St. Thomas Church in Elmira from 11:00 AM until the time of services.

A Parish rosary will be offered at the Nelson Funeral Home on Wednesday evening (February 28th) at 7:00 PM.

A complete obituary will be posted at a later date.



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### TOAST TO LITERACY – PUBLIC THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank the many donors, sponsors and volunteers who helped make our 5th Annual "Toast to Literacy" the most successful one yet.

We are thrilled with the overwhelming support for the Toast to Literacy this year! Nearly 200 people attended and we raised over \$17,000, in support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program mails one new, age-appropriate, book every month to registered children under the age of five in our counties and the proceeds from this event will support over 400 children. There are currently 1450 children enrolled in the program.

The event was made spectacular by the caterers who donated their time and talent, and tempting treats, we appreciate each of them greatly. Attendees voted for their favorite "Soup, Savory, & Sweet" created by these and awards were given in each category as well as to an overall winner.

Awards went to:  
Soup: Grey Gables for their Bayou Crab Chowder  
Savory: Wine Guys Catering for their savory dish, Gorgonzola Meatballs  
Sweet: Boyne City Tap Room for their sweet dish, Judy's Cheesecake Bites  
Overall winner: Pigs Eat'n' Ribs  
We would also like to thank all of the local breweries and wineries who attended, providing samples of their product for all to enjoy. You can find the full list on our website!

A special thank you to the Toast to Literacy committee who spent many hours planning and coordinating this event; none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of every member of this committee.

We want to extend a special thank you to our sponsors – A+ Event Entertainment, Barron Title Agency, LLC, Bickersteth, Brown & Associates, LLC, Bingham Insurance Serv-

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*Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way*

### TIPS FOR EUCHRE PLAYERS

To the Editor,  
PLAYING IT ALONE IS RISKY, getting euchred is ridiculed. Jacks are wild but can be caught and tamed. Russians play Russian Roulette for keeps. Cyber-space technology is improving to a point of detection of past transgressions. Paul Manafort and henchman Gates are charged criminally through cyber sleuthing and good old-fashioned detective work. The House of Cards is falling.

As discussed on 24/7 news – the whole world is watching - the Trump administration is pock-marked and far more than decimated. There won't be anybody left after Friday when the security clearance interim ends without being verified because no one can work in classified document assimilation without security clearance. At this latest juncture it appears that Rick Gates has flipped, that is, copped to a plea bargain to testify against Paul Manafort, making that at least the third-fourth flip in this lengthy investigation, hard to keep score. The strategy, according to talk shows, is to work upwards to the top, namely Donald Trump. Since son-in-law Kushner can no longer hold position right under Trump that leaves Don vulnerable to inquisition/purge by former staff members

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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three+-, all under criminal indictment.

As some surmise, Russia has something on Trump, either money or sex or both. He's indebted to them, or he, as the theory goes, wouldn't be so acquiescent toward Putin and company. His former business dealings are fairly well known just as are Manafort's with Gates' complicity. Michael Flynn of course fits into the mosaic as facilitator as are already two others for sake of a softer prison ride.

Ironically the internet has facilitated foreign intrusion and has also left a trail to be picked up by investigators. This is a whole new method of warfare, no boots on the ground, fingers on the keyboard, eyes on the monitor being the new game plan. The usual pressure points are still intact and obviously working. This is historic, if anyone hasn't realized it yet, this is history in the making as much as Richard Nixon on the negative side or George Washington on the positive. What seemed a little silly at first soon became contrary, namely the USA faced grave danger in allowing a totally unprepared postulant access to the throne. We just hadn't known about the Russian interference from the get-go, diligent subterfuge on their parts, even physically infiltrating the US to further their influence on election last. It is suspected that some homegrown American complicity was necessary to carry this off and it's hinted that these perpetrators are already known, just awaiting the proper timing for exposure, this being a cat-and-mouse game of euchre players concealing their cards till the slam-dash moment of laying those bowers on the card table in triumphal flourish.

The FBI has its ingrown foibles and lapses. They nonetheless have a heritage of thorough investigatory methodology which when focused tends to prevail against those they surveil. Robert Mueller, Special Counsel, is a cagey old bird-dog who meticulously ensnares his prey with the adept poker-face of the eu-

chre player concealing his hand from adversaries and bystanders alike. There's a lot at stake here. This is actually a constitutional crisis because constitutional stipulations landed the country in this kettle of rotting fish. It could mean a Constitutional Convention to rewrite portions or the whole of the document. Some say an amendment or two would suffice although that gets a bit wild when reveals supersede originals and additions - at some point a clear slate looms appropriate. That would certainly be a big development for the US history books, grade schools inclusive, an indelicate historic rewrite the plausible outcome. How to explain this improbable recasting of the very fiber of American culture? A society of laws has just outlawed itself.

Donald Trump is viscerally desperate despite his smug façade – read intransigent tweets. As the Mueller interrogation progresses the buffer zone is penetrated and perforated leaving essentially no one between Mueller and Trump, the showdown adumbrating. Time to lay those cards down and reap the rewards. Uh, restrictions. Don might slip away; all he has to do it quit before he's fired - maybe. The legislature is laid bare of integrity so they're pretty much out of here as newbies gather for the sacrificial feast. Working folk blue and white have an adjustment to make, kind of like an old toaster trying to morph to a convection oven, typewriter to desktop computer. Their day was done long about 1979, and that's, um, 39 years ago according to finger count by decade minus one year. It was a lunge toward an oasis mirage that dematerialized before their very eyes. They got euchred. The game goes on, shuffle the deck, deal the cards. The next trick might or might not be better.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan*

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## North Country Community Mental Health staff recognized

Employees of North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) who were nominated by their peers for exemplary service were recognized at an annual event at Otsego Club in Gaylord.

To be considered for an award, individuals nominated must exhibit a sense of personal integrity; demonstrate an understanding of the special skills required and demands inherent in the field of human services; and possess ethical leadership qualities that may not be necessarily demonstrated through a formal leadership position.

The highest Individual Achievement Award for ex-

traordinary performance was presented to Tim Calloway, Petoskey Club staff, by NCCMH Chief Quality Officer Amy Christie.

Christie said, "Tim's focus is on bettering the quality of life of the members of the Clubhouse, through his thoughtfulness and kindness. Often this is shown through his dedication, hard work, and completing tasks and jobs above and beyond what a Clubhouse Generalist would be doing. He remains positive in and out of his work environment, promotes the Clubhouse wherever and whenever he can in the community, and is a very strong advocate for the folks he pro-

vides service to."

She added, "Tim is one of those staff that takes their job seriously, has fun doing it, and puts the extra 150% into everything he does. He has provided brand new and refurbished bikes to many, many members, and he does this on his own time."

In addition, Christie noted, "Tim is the staff person that everyone should experience! From getting bikes donated and giving them to clients that are in need of some form of transportation or exercise, to cutting limbs and yard clean up, to maintenance of the Bridge Street Apartments, to hauling and taking away 'stuff' that is not needed anymore - Tim does it. He isn't just a Clubhouse Generalist, he is a 'go to' for all kinds of things, and he is often doing these tasks during his own time."

Certificates of Merit for excellent performance were presented to Sonya Russell, Carol Merrit-Doherty, Danelle Paul, and Nina Martenson.

Individuals receiving Recognition Awards were Arsenov Branislava, Amy Carey, Jenifer Cassidy, Dominique Cook, Patricia Crist, Amy Christie, Cathy Eckhardt, Samantha Johnstone, Janelle Kassien, Katie Keys, Tiffany Kiper, Dr. Charles Lapo II, Julie Moran, Jennifer Morse-Griffin, Kathleen Moxie, Lynne Pearson, Suzan Petee-Eubank, Kim Rappleyea, Jodie Roback, Donna Robison, Amanda Rothfuss, Edith Soper, and Daniel Taylor.

Additional awards included;

- ACT North received the Team Achievement Award. Team Recognition Awards were presented to ACT



Andrea Sarto and Mary Beth Wakulat were recognized for 35 years of service. COURTESY PHOTO

South, Charlevoix Outpatient, DD Family Supportive Services, Emergency Services, Information Technology, and Petoskey Outpatient departments.

- Ten-year service awards were presented to Shannon Somers and Dominique Cook.

- Twenty-year service awards were presented to Christine Gebhard and John Thorp.

- Recognized for 30 years of service was Teresa Thompson.

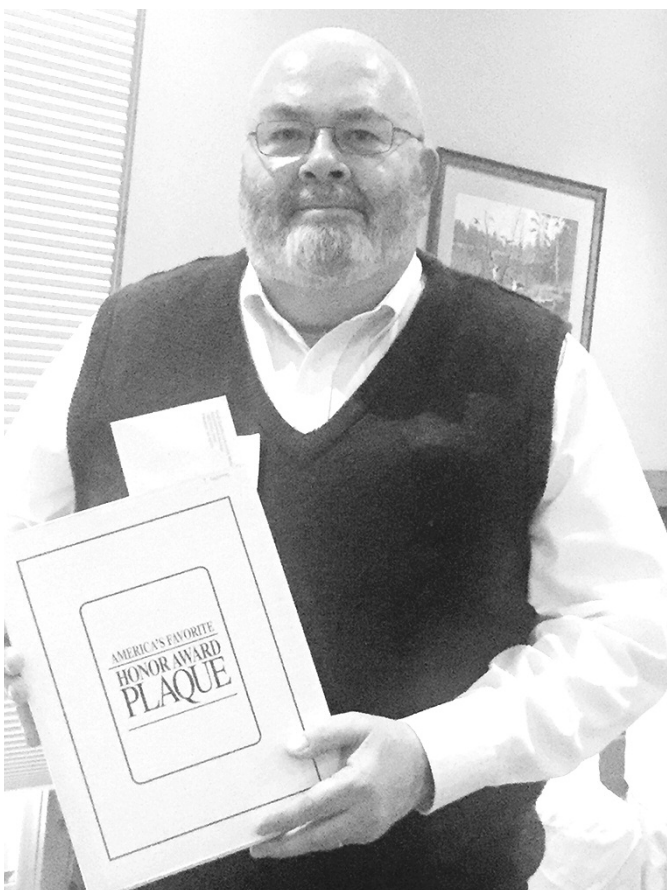
- Andrea Sarto and Mary Beth Wakulat were recognized for 35 years of service. The North Country Per-

sonnel/Staff Development committee is responsible for reviewing the nominations and selecting the award recipients.

Christine Gebhard, NCCMH Chief Executive Officer, said, "Our staff is our agency's greatest asset and it is important to recognize what they do every day to assist people with mental illness or intellectual/developmental disability to live a full life. I admire our staff members for their tremendous resilience, good humor, generosity of spirit, passion for social justice, and genuine vocation to serve others - some for 10

years, 20 years, 30 years or more."

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or intellectual/developmental disability, including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit [www.norcoomh.org](http://www.norcoomh.org) or to access services call 800-834-3393.



The highest Individual Achievement Award for extraordinary performance was presented to Tim Calloway, Petoskey Club staff, by NCCMH Chief Quality Officer Amy Christie. COURTESY PHOTO



And they're off! The 6th annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race is set for next Saturday, March 10. The event will kick off with a mass start at noon on top of the bunny hill at Mt McSaubia in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO.

### DOGMAN CHALLENGE

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ing, sledding and ice skating.

The 6th annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race is hosted by Revolution Bike in Charlevoix and is being

sponsored by Bickersteth Brown & Associates, Charlevoix Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the City of Charlevoix and the DTE Energy Foundation.

For more information or to register to compete, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit [www.dogmanchallenge.net](http://www.dogmanchallenge.net).

### 911 DIRECTOR

FROM PG. 1A

us. I look forward to building a positive work environment and leading the CCE Central Dispatch professionals as a team that successfully collaborates with our responders to better serve them and our citizens."

Battinkoff begins her journey as CCE 911 Central Dispatch Authority Executive Director on April 1. Battinkoff replaces Robert Bradley who retired as CCE 911's Executive Director at the end of July 2017 after nearly 21 years of service. Greg Clark, Deputy Director has served as CCE 911's Acting Executive Director

throughout the interim period.

CCE 911 retained the services of the Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE) to facilitate the nationwide search that resulted in the selection and hiring of Ms. Battinkoff.

CCE 911 Board Chairperson and Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain commented: "This has been a very positive and productive process for the entire CCE 911 organization and we as a Board could not be more pleased with the results. Pam's knowledge and experiences will build on our regional 911 authority's strong foundations and traditions of excellence. This is great news for CCE 911 and all those we serve."

### BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

#### Monday, February 12, 2018

0856 Report of possible identity theft from Ray St  
0901 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of River St  
1602 Property damage crash at State and East.

#### Tuesday, February 13, 2018

1146 Report of MDOP to vehicle in the 300 block of Terrace St.  
1233 Report of lost set of keys  
2146 Assist EMS in the 700 block of E Main St  
2338 Assist EMS in the 500 block of Poplar

#### Wednesday, February 14, 2018

0436 Assist EMS in the 700 block of S Park.  
0535 Assist EMS in the 700 block of S Park.  
0752 Alarm in the 100

block of E Water St  
0825 Probation violation at the PD  
1120 Assault in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
1220 NSF check complaint from the 100 block of S Lake St  
1510 Report of found license plate

#### Thursday, February 15, 2018

0012 Motorist assist on S Park St  
0229 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park  
0407 Driving complaint from the 400 block of Boyne Ave.  
0452 Car deer accident at Boyne Av and Division St  
0814 Motorist assist in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
0910 Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St  
1235 Property damage

crash on S Park at Water.  
1452 Suspicious situation reported from the 400 block of Boyne Av  
1534 Threats complaint from Poplar St  
1948 Assist EMS in the 700 block of S Park.  
2318 Arrest subject for disorderly at Boyne Mountain

#### Friday, February 16, 2018

1328 Report of missing phone  
1834 Report of credit card fraud.  
1926 Assist EMS in the 300 block of N Lake St  
2005 Assist Fire Dept. in the 400 block of N Lake St  
2250 Citation issued for left of center on Charlevoix St near Grunow Dr.

#### Saturday, February 17, 2018

0948 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1021 Civil complaint in the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
1504 Retail fraud in the 100 block of E Water St  
1936 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St  
2049 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mountain

#### Sunday, February 18, 2018

411 Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St  
0830 Driving complaint in the 200 block of E Division St  
0926 Minor car pedestrian crash at State and Park.  
1701 Juvenile complaint at Avalanche  
2045 Assist EMS in the 100 block of W Ann St.

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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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## District Champs!



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

"That no child in the Boyne area be without a Christmas"

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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Congratulations to both Boyne City A and Boyne City B teams who managed an unexpected double win against 18 area teams on Friday, February 23. COURTESY PHOTO

## BCBS Quiz Bowl Team take 1st & 2nd Place in area tournament

Congratulations to both Boyne City A and Boyne City B teams who despite concerns over anticipated weather disruptions canceling a second Char-Em Quiz Bowl Tournament for the 2017/2018 season, still managed an unexpected double win against 18 area teams on Friday, February 23.

Both teams won in their respective divisions as well as in the semi-final matches, resulting in the two teams having the oppor-

tunity to face off against each other in the finals. At the tournament the Boyne City A team beat the Boyne City B team in a round that was predicted earlier in the day by team member Lorin Burch.

"Wouldn't it be cool if both of our teams got to play each other? We've had quite the run with several exciting wins at both the Char-Em and CMU tournaments in the last couple of years," said

team Coach, Nik McLane. "But this last win proved that even as we graduate our Senior team members this June, we will still have a team of exceptional contenders coming up with our underclassmen."

A couple notable plays came from Anders Foltz who alone nearly cleared the field in a category of Super Bowl LII trivia, and from John Clausen who clearly knows his engine mechanics, also

taking nearly all of the questions during a bonus round.

Boyne City competed again Monday, February 26 at Central Michigan University's Quiz Central Tournament, and their tournament play from October 25 will air on Public Television on March 7 at 7:30.

Learn more by going to [wcmu.org/tv/quizCentral](http://wcmu.org/tv/quizCentral) or visiting Boyne City Public Schools online.

## Plan will make Michigan the national model in developing and attracting talent

Michigan needs to make dramatic, innovative changes to the way it prepares people for careers to address an expanding talent gap in key industries, Gov. Rick Snyder said today, unveiling his Marshall Plan for Talent.

The announcement was made at the Michigan Science Center's engineering theater, surrounded by interactive exhibits that allow youth to experience hands-on how mechanics and engineering move the world. Gov. Snyder explained how investments and partnerships to invest, develop and attract talent will keep the state's surging economy on track. This will help more Michiganders find good-paying jobs in high-demand career fields well into the future.

"Our state's economic reinvention already has connected more than 540,000 Michiganders with new private-sector jobs, but many more jobs are still going unfilled," Snyder said. "The demand for talented workers in dynamic fields like computer science and the professional trades is going to continue to grow as Michigan grows and we need to be ready."

The plan calls for investing \$100 million in new funding dedicated to innovative programs, including competency-based certification, assistance for schools to improve curricula and classroom equipment, scholarships and stipends, and support for career navigators and teachers. The funding will complement the more than \$225 million in funding dedicated to ongoing talent development efforts in Michigan. Since 2011, the state has increased K-12 education funding by \$1.9 billion, in-

### Innovative approach to educating students will prepare workforce to fill more than 811,000 high-wage, high-demand jobs through 2024

cluding significant investments in resources for career and technical education, middle college programs and equipment, and increased spending in science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs to get students excited about opportunities in these fields of study.

"The Marshall Plan will transform how we prepare our talent for the careers of tomorrow," said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. "By thinking outside the box and investing in the training that will prepare Michiganders for well-paying, in-demand careers, we will not just be competitive, Michigan will be the talent leader."

Michigan will need to consider talent preparation changes for many fields, but shortages are likely to be most severe in increasingly high-skill, high-tech fields such as in information technology and computer science, manufacturing, healthcare, and other professional trade careers.

Gov. Snyder has worked with Roger Curtis, director of the Department of Talent and Economic Development, and Brian Whiston, the state superintendent, to en-

courage the business community to connect more closely with educators in K-12 districts, community colleges and universities. Employers also need to adapt to changes in the supply of talent by changing their requirements for hiring, recognizing many in-demand skills can be acquired through certificate programs and two-year degrees. Some employers statewide have already committed to working with community college and high-school certification programs to prepare more students to get hired in these fields. Existing job providers with partnerships include Microsoft, Cisco, FANUC, Ford and GM.

Michigan will have more than 811,000 career openings to fill through 2024 in fields that are facing a talent shortage. To be successful, students need to master skills that lead to lifelong learning.

"The Marshall Plan for Talent is a comprehensive effort that will challenge and inspire government, educators and employers to work more closely than ever and recognize Michigan's economic

future depends on their collaboration — because none of them can do this alone," Curtis said. "The world is changing at a pace we could not even imagine. It's not going to let up, nor will it wait for Michigan to catch up. This is our moment. We must decide Michigan will be the leader in investing, developing, and attracting talent, and then make it happen."

The Marshall Plan for Talent builds on the work of Snyder's 21st Century Education Commission, the recommendations of the Michigan Career Pathways Alliance and the Michigan Department of Education's Top 10 in 10 initiative.

Curtis, who was a member of the commission and is co-leader of the Career Pathways Alliance, said the state has some school districts and colleges with exceptional programs, and the state has partnerships with tech leaders, including Cisco, Microsoft and Facebook. But the efforts need to reach all parts of the state so more students are aware of these career pathways and have access to strong programs, allowing employers to attract talent to create more and better jobs.

"The Marshall Plan will accelerate innovation at every level of Michigan's system of education," Whiston said. "Our schools will be hubs for career exploration, education, training, and partnerships. I'm excited to see how far and wide this will reach!"

Additional details about the Marshall Plan are available at [michigan.gov/marshallplan](http://michigan.gov/marshallplan).

## Beaver Island Water Trail trailhead established

The BIC Center announced today that it will serve as the official trailhead for the newly established Beaver Island Water Trail.

"We are excited to serve as an information point for the new trail," said Carol Creasser, who is president of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, which operates the Community Center. "With our location right across from the ferry dock, we are a natural first point of contact for visitors. Our lobby often hosts visitors looking for information on our local hiking trails and we already serve as the trailhead for the Beaver Island Birding Trail."

Paddlers coming to the island will be able to stop by the Community Center for trail maps, local information and internet access.

"The Community Center is a great resource for all visitors," said islander Pam Grassmick, an early supporter of the water trail project. "Having the trail head there will make it easy for paddlers to become oriented with the island. Plus, they'll have access to the many other services that are available there."

Matt Preisser from the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes echoed that view. "We've been working with folks both on the water trail project and a number of other island projects and the Community Center has always made resources available to support us. I can't think of a better place for the trail head."

The 50-mile, non-motorized Beaver Island Water aims to enhance access, highlight natural and cultural features and promote tourism on the lake's largest, most remote inhabited isle. The route includes lighthouses, beaches, birding hotspots, shipwrecks, beaver activity areas, campsites and more.

"The campsites are key to the trail," said Mark Engelsman, who owns Happy Paddle on the island. "There are short loops on the trail, but an excursion around the island is a multi-day adventure."

Engelsman and fellow islander Carol Burton were both involved in developing the trail. Burton owns the St. James Boat Shop, builders of hand-crafted wooden boats, canoes and paddleboards.

She said, "Another important feature will be emergency phones at certain locations on the trail because mobile service can be spotty."

The Traverse City-based Land Access Information Association helped develop the plan. LIAA President Harry Burkholder, who has considerable experience in water trail development, sees it as developing additional ecotourism opportunities for the island.

Bill McDonough, who was also involved early on in the project, agrees. "This will be yet another great reason for folks to head over to the island," he said.

McDonough is co-owner of McDonough's Market and the Dalwhinnie Bakery & Deli as well as president of the Beaver Island Boat Company, which operates the island's ferry service.

"I'm glad to see the Community Center serving as the trail head," added McDonough. "It's the island's welcome center."

In addition to serving as a trailhead, the Beaver Island Community Center serves as the social heart of the community. Its Robert Gillespie Memorial Theater is the venue for a summer concert series, community concerts and theater, professional meetings, lectures, art sales and more. Upstairs there are games, a pool table, PCs and printers, and a comfy corner to read or watch a movie on a rainy day. The lobby has a concession stand, information racks with brochures about island activities and tables that are ideal for laying out plans for the day or grabbing a quick snack. The BIC Center also houses the main studio of WVBI-FM, the island's radio station.

An online guide for the water trail is available at [watertrail.biccenter.org](http://watertrail.biccenter.org) and printed copies will be available in the BIC Center lobby. You can learn about upcoming events at the BIC Center or find more information about other island trails at [biccenter.org](http://biccenter.org).

## Provider extension deadline extended for Michigan Medicaid

Recently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced federal regulations under the Affordable Care Act and 21st Century Cures Act that require all providers who serve Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries, including providers participating in a Managed Care Organization's (MCO) provider network, to be screened and enrolled in the Michigan Medicaid program. The regulations prohibit payment to providers who are not appropriately screened and enrolled.

Due to the overwhelming response from providers, we will be extending both the implementation dates of

March 1 for denying claims for typical non-enrolled providers, and May 1 for denying pharmacy claims for non-enrolled prescribers.

While compliance is still mandated, the department will continue to work with federal partners toward state implementation timelines that allow beneficiary access to care.

"We are grateful for providers who recognize the urgency and importance of enrolling in Michigan's Medicaid system," said Kathy Stiffler, Medical Services Administration acting director. "Timely provider enrollment helps us meet federal requirements, strengthens program integrity and care

quality and protects beneficiaries."

Despite the delays, MDHHS continues to encourage providers to enroll as soon as possible using the state's online Medicaid enrollment and billing system, Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS). MDHHS will monitor enrollment processing time and determine new enforcement dates.

"We want to make sure providers understand there is still a need and urgency for enrollment in order to avoid any interruption of services to the patients they serve," Stiffler added.

Providers enrolling in CHAMPS are divided into

two categories: typical and atypical. Typical providers are professional health care providers that provide health care services to beneficiaries. Typical providers must meet education and state licensure requirements and have assigned National Provider Identifiers (NPIs). Examples of typical provider types include, but are not limited to: physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, dentists and chiropractors. Atypical providers provide support services for beneficiaries.

These providers generally do not have professional licensure requirements, and may not have an NPI. MDHHS will give at least

60 days advance notice for implementing the following actions for providers who are not enrolled:

- MDHHS will prohibit MCOs from making payments to all typical rendering, referring, ordering, operating, billing, supervising, and attending providers not enrolled in CHAMPS.

- MDHHS will prohibit payment for prescription drug claims written by a prescriber who is not enrolled in CHAMPS.

In addition, MDHHS is awaiting guidance from our federal partners regarding the enrollment requirements for atypical providers and will share those updates once available.

Enrollment in CHAMPS neither requires nor mandates those providers who are part of a managed care network to accept Fee-for-Service Medicaid beneficiaries. Enrollment in CHAMPS is solely used for the purpose of screening providers participating in Medicaid.

For more information about the provider enrollment requirement, view the MDHHS Medical Services Administration Provider Bulletin 17-48. For information about the provider enrollment process, visit [www.michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders](http://www.michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders) and click on Provider Enrollment.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

## Demonstration Garden approved along waterfront

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - The city commission here has given an enthusiastic thumbs up to a unique project proposed by the Lake Charlevoix Association that will bring what's been termed a "Demonstration Garden" to an area along the waterfront at Sunset Park in the city's downtown district.

Joel VanRoekel and Tom Darnton, co-chairmen of the Lake Charlevoix Association, have been working with city officials in recent months to hammer out a preliminary plan for the Demonstration Garden, which they detailed to the city commission at its meeting earlier this week.

VanRoekel said the plan would involve developing what's now a buffer stretch of green space along the Lake Charlevoix waterfront in Sunset Park into a garden that's designed by local landscapers where the public can come to learn about native plants and the important balance of 'lake health and good aquatic habitat.'

He explained how the demonstration garden will bring a new and improved look as well as an educational function to a stretch of buffer zone that runs between the Waterfront Park and Lake Charlevoix, situated off Lake Street and across Water Street from Cafe Santé.

The preliminary plan is

to divide the buffer stretch into nine parcels and assign different landscaping firms interested in the project to each parcel. The LCA will develop and tend one of the parcels as well.

Each landscaper will be using native plant species that will thrive along the waterfront but won't obstruct the view.

Small signs, like those seen in other public park gardens, will be posted identifying each plant species along with other informational signage describing the importance of working together to preserve and protect the lake waters for years to come.

Each landscaper will be encouraged to show individual creativity in planting and design of their parcels and will be asked to commit to maintaining their space for a minimum of three years.

And if those who visit the garden especially like a landscaping technique or perhaps a particular plant used in a parcel creation and want to learn more about how to bring that look to their own waterfront property, that information will also be available at the park area, VanRoekel noted.

"It's a great opportunity for people (the individual landscapers) to show their stuff," he said.

While the Boyne City commission voted enthusiastically in favor of giving the go-ahead to the LCA to move ahead with the deco-



Boyne City Clerk Treasurer Cindy Grice and Mayor Tom Neidhamer stand beside the Government Finance Officer's Comprehensive Annual Financial Award the city received for the Fiscal Year ending 2017. It is the second time the city has brought home this award.

orative garden project, Mayor Tom Neidhamer addressed concern that fishermen who routinely walk through there to fish off the rocks below the buffer zone might not have such easy access once the garden is installed.

But VanRoekel assured that concern has already been assuaged with plans to lay pathways through the garden leading to the waterfront rocks which will readily accommodate fisherman and their gear without risk of them crushing any of the plants used in landscaping.

City manager Michael Cain said he is satisfied that any concerns have been suf-

ficiently addressed and that the LCA's preliminary plan is a welcome one.

"I think it should work out very well," Cain said, "I'm all in favor of the project."

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Grunch agreed.

"I fully support it, in fact, I'm overjoyed to see it," Grunch said.

VanRoekel said now that his group has the commission's approval, the next step is nailing down more interested local landscapers to present design layouts for each parcel in the project. He said 17 invitations were sent out and so far five have agreed to sign on to the

unique opportunity.

He said some plantings are already planned to go in this fall and if all goes according to plan, a Grand Opening of the Decorative Park is tentatively set for June, 2019.

VanRoekel said he and his association members are excited for this chance to offer a "shoreline experience" and to "tell a story about healthy green belts" and the importance of protecting the waters of Lake Charlevoix.

According to the group's website, the LCA is dedicated to protecting the natural quality and beauty of Lake Charlevoix, promoting understanding and support for safe, shared use and advocating sensible sustainable practices for lake use and development.

"Lake Charlevoix is very healthy. Our major concern is keeping it that way," VanRoekel said.

In other commission busi-

ness at this week's meeting:

- Commissioners approved funding in the amount of \$16,400 on recommendation of the Boyne City Historical Commission for Phase II Concept Design of the Museum with Project Arts and Ideas.

- Commissioners received a Government Finance Officers Association Comprehensive Annual Financial Award for Fiscal Year ending 2017. It was the second year Boyne City was named for this award.

- Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of moving ahead with the second reading of proposed ordinance amendments which Mayor Neidhamer said will encourage much needed residential development in the area. "This takes away some roadblocks," he said. The second reading of the proposal with public comment is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

## Mary Martinchek retires from Health Dept. of NW Michigan

Mary Martinchek recently retired after 34 years of service at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. During her tenure, she served as a Public Health Nurse, Family Health County Coordinator, and a Family Health Supervisor.



Mary Martinchek recently retired after 34 years of service at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. COURTESY PHOTO

Mary is well known around the health department and the community for her passion for children's health. Her kind, empathetic, and respectful approach with families expecting a baby or caring for small children allowed her to work in partnership with families, leading to healthier lives for thousands of mothers and children. In addition, many in our community view Mary as a knowledgeable and trusted resource related to child abuse prevention. Her work with the Child Abuse Prevention & Education Council led to increased awareness and understanding of trauma and its effects on our children and our larger community.

Mary's belief in the importance of social justice, particularly for Children with Special Health Care Needs, empowered her to be a strong advocate for families at the local and state level. On behalf of these families, she advocated for access to needed adaptive equipment, accommodations at school, special medications, and ultimately to change systems to ensure access to specialty care for children with rare diseases.

Mary's influence is felt inside the health department as well. Many health department nurses and supervisors transitioned into their public health roles under Mary's mentorship. Her commitment to quality service set an example for staff in every program, and led to outstanding program reviews from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services and Healthy Families America.

Mary's Public Health Nursing practice embodied the heart, soul, and scientific application of Public Health Nursing. While she will certainly be missed, everyone at the health department congratulates her on a well-deserved retirement. The Board of Health unanimously approved a resolution thanking Mary for her many years of service and extending best wishes for a long and happy retirement.



This area along the Lake Charlevoix waterfront at Boyne City's Sunset Park across from Cafe Santé will be the site of a Demonstration Garden where local landscapers will soon be able to 'show their stuff' and the public can come to learn about native plant species and preserving lake waters and the aquatic habitat. The garden is expected to open by summer 2019.

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# News Briefs

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## ELLSWORTH

### ANNUAL PIG ROAST MEETING

March 1, 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.

## 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 jthomps@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 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.

## EAST JORDAN

### POETRY AFTERNOON WITH JOHN ALBERTS

March 4, 2-4pm, Jordan River Arts Council. This year's poetry event, honoring art lover, teacher and poet, John Alberts, is designed to showcase the talents of emerging poets from the Jordan River Art Council's service area. Besides

Stephens, five other poets, Ellen Whitehead, Keith Kintigh, Art Curtis, Ellen Lord and Jen Lewis, each calling Antrim County home, will round out the two-hour program. The readings will be followed immediately by a gallery opening of photographs and collages by two well-known Charlevoix County brothers, Bill & Rich Dietrich. An opening event will be held following the Poetry reading event at 4pm. The show is free and open to the public.

## PETOSKEY

### 18TH ANNUAL TEA FOR TWO

March 4, 2-4:30pm, Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center. Join the Boyne Area Girl Scout Troop 10252 as they celebrate "Tea Through Time" and women through the decades. Themed costumes from any era are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded to the most authentic, imaginative, and uniquely hand-crafted adornments. Good food, friends, and fun will be part of the event, which features storyteller and Michigan Humanities touring artist Jennifer Strauss. A silent auction will also be held, generously sponsored by area merchants. Tickets are limited to 180, available in advance only, for \$13 per person. For more information, call 231-675-1021.

## BOYNE CITY

### GROW YOUR BUSINESS ONLINE 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 at [www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

## ELLSWORTH

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 8, 4-7pm, March 9, 1-4pm, Ellsworth Community School. Middle/High School conferences are held in the high school library/cafeteria, no appointment is necessary. Elementary conferences are held in individual teachers' classrooms and are scheduled in advance. Parents may schedule a conference online by visiting the following website: [ptcfast.com/schools/ECS](http://ptcfast.com/schools/ECS)

## 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](http://boynehs.tix.com), at Lynda's Real Estate Service, or at the door one hour before curtain.

## ELLSWORTH

### ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL COFFEE HOUR

March 9, 7:30-8am. Par-

ents are invited to come in and talk with other parents and the ECS staff while enjoying coffee, tea and pastries. Held at ECS Elementary School cafeteria and sponsored by the Ellsworth PTO.

## 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](http://www.dogmanchallenge.net).

## HARBOR SPRINGS

### PROGRAM; "CONSERVATION DISTRICTS: YOUR LAND, YOUR WATER, YOUR MICHIGAN"

March 13, 7pm, Northern Light Recreation, 8865 Harbor-Petoskey Road. Alison Adams will provide an introduction to the Charlevoix Conservation District's mission, programs & products. Adams will discuss the ways Charlevoix Conservation District assists landowners with natural resource protection, partners with other local and state groups for a greener, healthier northern Michigan, and provides free educational opportunities to all ages in the community. This Petoskey Regional Audubon Society program is free and open to the public, no reservations are necessary.

## BOYNE CITY

### CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 15, 5:30-7:30pm, Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 S. Lake Street. Co-sponsored by Family Fare Supermarket. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little early at this event, which includes a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food, drink, and business networking. There is no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres.

## 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](http://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 [info@charlevoix.org](mailto:info@charlevoix.org).

## 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](http://www.boynecitymainstreet.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## EAST JORDAN

### SPRING BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 12, 5-7pm, Blue Smoke. Cash machine will be there. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

## CHARLEVOIX

### ENHANCED BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 18, 5-7pm, East Park Tavern.

## 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](http://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 [www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration](http://www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration).

## 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 con-

sultation 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](mailto:chx-wellness@mhc.net) to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

## BOYNE CITY

### FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

## CHARLEVOIX

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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