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Donations sought for Charlevoix Bridge Lighting Project

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - There's no doubt about whose smile would be brightest the first time the sun goes down over Lake Michigan and this city's bascule bridge goes up in lights.

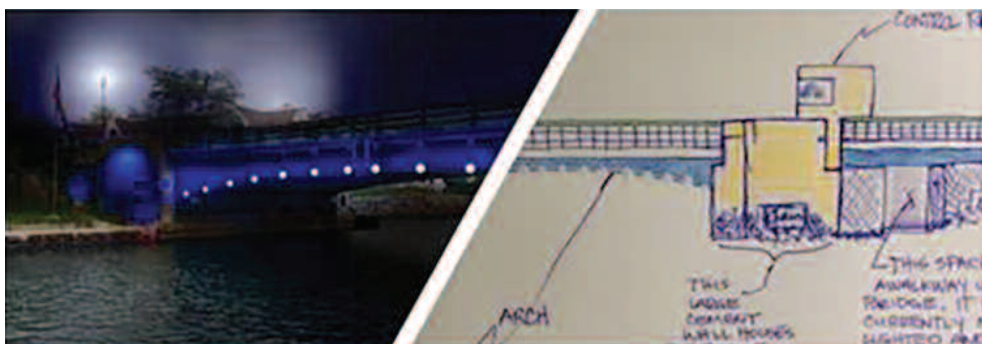
That smile would be on the face of Paul Belding, who, after all, was the very man who turned a years-long dream of how beautiful that bridge over the Pine River Channel would look if it was lighted into a true project that is moving fast forward to fruition.

Sadly though, Belding's earthly smile won't be seen when his dream is literally brought to light, as the long-time Charlevoix resident died from cancer last September at age 66.

But it's a safe bet his smile will nevertheless still shine over the city and surrounding waters he loved on that first day when the sun sets and the Charlevoix Bridge Lighting Project will finally be no more because it will be complete.

Belding's family and friends made a vow to carry out his dream of bringing lights to the city's bascule bridge and also the tunneled walkways that run alongside the Pine River Channel.

One of those friends is Leilani Durbin, who is among many who helped organize the community initiative and are raising funds for the Charlevoix Bridge Lighting Project as Belding requested.



Comparison of the engineers' rendering of how Charlevoix's bascule bridge over the Pine River Channel will look once lighted and the original hand-drawn sketch by the project's initiator, the late Paul Belding of Charlevoix. (IMAGE COURTESY THE ENGINEERING FIRM FISBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUBER OF GRAND RAPIDS AND THE CHARLEVOIX BRIDGE LIGHTING PROJECT FACEBOOK PAGE)

"Paul had a way of communicating with people and he put this out to his family and all his friends, he told us to make sure this happens," Durbin recalled, "It was his dying wish."

But what got Belding so passionate about putting lights on the city's iconic bridge in the first place?

It was simply because he knew better. Belding had a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and worked 20 years as a senior engineer at Lexalite International/Spectrus Inc. in Charlevoix. It was there he said that he was exposed to what he described as some "pretty extravagant lighting ideas" used for bridges around the world. He had also designed the existing lenses on the Charlevoix Bridge.

In a YouTube video filmed shortly before he died, Belding explains how he saw through his career

experience what a profound impact lighting can have on infrastructure that otherwise would be considered unremarkable or even ugly, and he felt that technology should be applied to Charlevoix's bascule bridge.

He said he got inspired after years fishing on Lake Michigan and steering his boat through the Pine River Channel after sunset and being struck by the bridge's dark presence.

"At night, the bridge is just a big glop of dark cement," Belding said in his video, "I used to go fishing on Lake Michigan, at least three nights a week after work, and the fishing for salmon is always best right at sundown. And I'd catch great salmon and have a great fight and put the salmon on ice and motor on back into the harbor, and I get down to the channel and what greeted me was this big, dark piece of cement and I thought oh my

God, this is not a very good use of our infrastructure."

Belding added he was also concerned about lighting the walkways that tunnel beneath the bridge.

"Those walkways - if they're used at night - they're not frightening, but they can really be enhanced with some good lighting," Belding said in the video.

And enhanced those walkways - and that bridge - are certainly going to be, Durbin said, noting the project is now moving forward full steam ahead despite "some confusion" among local residents that its plans still need approval from state and local agencies and commissions.

Durbin explained how the project is to be completed in three phases and is currently in Phase 2.

She said Phase 1 was completion of the project's engineering and included plan and permit approval from local entities as well as a thumb's up from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which has jurisdiction over the bridge. Durbin said MDOT has not only approved the plans, but has offered to oversee them so the project can be completed seamlessly.

"MDOT has been just fantastic," she noted.

She said now the Bridge Lighting group is ramping up its fundraising efforts so it can move forward into the final Phase 3, which will be the actual light installation. As of this week, Durbin said the group needs to find about \$4,000 to get through Phase 2. The final cost of the project is



Long-time Charlevoix resident Paul Belding was the idea man behind the Charlevoix Bridge Lighting Project, but did not live to see it completed. Belding died last September at age 66. (PHOTO COURTESY YOUTUBE)



COURTESY PHOTO

\$1,500 reward offered for information on Boyne City school bomb threat

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - Some parents in the Boyne City Public Schools district have pooled their resources to offer a \$1,500 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who made a bomb threat against all three buildings at the school campus earlier this year.

District Superintendent Patrick Little issued a letter to parents of Boyne City school students last week to update them about the current status of the investigation of the bomb threat and increased security measures being taken as well as to notify them about the reward that two district parents have now put on the table.

Little stated in his letter that that Boyne City Police have investigated many tips related to the January 24th bomb threat incident at the school campus, which was the second of its kind this school year.

Many of the tips were generated by a videotape the district released last month taken from a security camera fixed near the door to the high school art room, where an object with a threatening note was discovered thrown through a window. The brief video shows an individual wearing a hoodie whom police believe may be the suspect. While police continue to follow up leads, Little said so far no arrests have been made.

"The (Boyne City Department) has investigated several individuals, but have not been able to bring enough evidence forward for an arrest of the suspect," he wrote, adding that both police and school officials agree that "the evi-

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 19

SATURDAY



HIGH: 33
LOW: 17

SUNDAY



HIGH: 36
LOW: 23

snowfall

3/6/1753.1
3/6/17109.4
3/6/1764.8
3/6/1776
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3/6/17172.2
3/6/17138.2
3/6/1760.1
3/6/1750.6
3/6/1782.6
3/6/17117.6

ATLANTA	3/5/18	.26.2
BOYNE FALLS	3/5/18	.84
CHARLEVOIX	3/5/18	.79.9
CHEBOYGAN	3/5/18	.53.7
EAST JORDAN	3/5/18	.116.8
GAYLORD	3/5/18	.97.9
KALKASKA	3/5/18	.87
LEWISTON	3/5/18	.36.5
MIO	3/5/18	.25.4
ONAWAY	3/5/18	.56
PETOSKEY	3/5/18	.99.9

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 8	...17°	...38°	...19°	(1982)	..80°	(2000)
MAR 9	...17°	...39°	...20°	(1963)	..72°	(2000)
MAR 10	..17°	...39°	...12°	(1972)	..60°	(1977)
MAR 11	..18°	...40°	...12°	(1960)	..69°	(1973)
MAR 12	..18°	...40°	...15°	(1980)	..68°	(1990)
MAR 13	..19°	...40°	...9°	(1960)	..68°	(1990)
MAR 14	..19°	...41°	...7°	(1963)	..72°	(1995)
MAR 15	..19°	...41°	...7°	(1956)	..79°	(1990)
MAR 16	..20°	...41°	...8°	(1998)	..67°	(2003)
MAR 17	..20°	...42°	...6°	(1967)	..72°	(1966)

Thomas M. Tillotson, 74

(JULY 24, 1943 - MARCH 3, 2018)

Thomas M. Tillotson of Ellsworth passed away on March 3, 2018.

Thomas was born on July 24, 1943 to the late John and Hazel (Pederson) Tillotson.

He grew up on the family farm, of which, he eventually purchased from his father. Thomas served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and spent his life farming cherries in Banks Township. He enjoyed spending his free time hunting deer on the farm, and elk out west, wood-working and tinkering.

On August 21, 1976 in Dearborn, MI, Thomas married Sue Smith who survives. He is also survived by his son, Andrew Tillotson and brother, Michael (Rebecca) Tillotson.

A celebration of his life will be held from 3pm until 5pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guest-book at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Irene "Judy" Rose Bishaw, 71

(MAY 25, 1946 - MARCH 02, 2018)



Irene R. "Judy" Bishaw of Ellsworth died Friday, March 2, 2018 in Traverse City.

Irene was born May 25, 1946 in Elmira to George and Martha Jane (Sersaw) Pruitt.

She owned and operated Hour Place restaurant in Boyne City for many years. She enjoyed cooking, hunting, racing stock cars, going to the casino, gardening, watching birds and animals.

She is survived by her ex-husband John Bishaw of Charlevoix; children Ronalee (Rex) Whetstone of Westland, Mark Bishaw of Central Lake, Candy Bishaw of Central Lake, Dan Bishaw and Wendy Kent of Ellsworth; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Timothy Bishaw and two sisters, Anna Mae Dunham and Elizabeth Coon.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Celia Hastings officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

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

the loving surroundings of Grandview Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born on July 4, 1927 in Charlevoix to James and Myrtle (Reinhart) Gaskin and was the second of four children.

Helen graduated from Chicago Public Schools and received medical training at Reese Hospital in Chicago, IL, as Radiologist. Helen joined the Glenmary Sisters with her best friend Patricia McKenna and spent several years in service in the Appalachian Mountains. Helen settled in Detroit, MI and served as Radiologist and instructor at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Helen spent a lifetime exploring creative endeavors including photography and jewelry making.

Helen was preceded in death by her brothers John and Richard Gaskin. Helen will be remembered for her adventurous, creative spirit, and her fearless honesty. She is survived by Brother, Peter (Charlene Novotny) Gaskin, Nephew, James W. Gaskin and Great Nephew, Aidan Gaskin.

Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Visitation will be held from 5pm until 7pm on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

The Gaskin family would like to extend our gratitude to all the staff of Grandview Medical Care Facility for their attentiveness and loving care. Memorials may be made in Helen's name to St. Mary's Catholic School or Grandview Medical Care Facility.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guest-book at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Patricia Ann Sweet, 80

(OCT. 10, 1937 - FEB. 27, 2018)



Patricia Ann Sweet of Boyne City passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Hilland Cottage in Petoskey.

Born in Detroit on October 10, 1937, Patricia was the daughter of Roland and Doris (Orlando) Eschedor.

Pat spent her early years in Berea, OH before the family moved to East Jordan when she was a junior in high school. It was there that she met her classmate Jerry Sweet, who became the love of her life. They graduated from East Jordan High School in June of 1956 and were married on November 24, 1956.

Pat and Jerry lived in Midland for a few years after their marriage and also lived in Mt. Clemens. They moved to Mancelona in the early 1960's and later back to East Jordan.

Pat and Jerry owned Yesterday's Treasures Antiques

in East Jordan for many years. Pat also became a real estate agent and broker. She was the owner of Charlevoix Properties in East Jordan. For many years she was also a lecturer for Weight Watchers. Pat became involved in local government in East Jordan, serving on city council and serving as East Jordan's mayor.

She was an animal lover who loved dogs and chipmunks. She loved nature and she was especially protective of the unnecessary cutting of trees.

In the early 1990's they began spending summers in the Upper Peninsula at Little Lake Harbor on Lake Superior and winters in Key Largo, Florida. In 2016 they moved to Boyne City to be near their family.

Pat is survived by Jerry, her husband of 61 years; her children, Brad (Sue) Sweet of East Jordan and Diane (Chad) Breithaupt of Boyne City; 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren and her beloved chocolate lab, Zoey. In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by a son, Brian Keith Sweet in 2001 and her beloved Tannin, also a chocolate lab.

Pat's family has chosen to remember her privately. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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Helen K. Gaskin, 90

(JULY 4, 1927 - MARCH 3, 2018)



Helen K. Gaskin died on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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GAS, COMMON & ROYAL

To the Editor,

Royalties, that is, propane. This has been going on since at least as early as 1962 in the Jordan Valley and surely elsewhere in the state. These sandy loam territories are apparently rife with drilling potential, gas companies being aware of this early on in the 20th century and ultimately pouncing on the lands withholding the liquid gold for a certain amount of USD per acre. Our family began collecting royalties in about 1964 as property changed hands from an original settling family name of Wanek or Vanek per tombstone inscription, John, first generation Czechoslovakian from the Prague area. This royalty remains intact today through resistance and fracking and all.

This is a topic of some interest to those holding 100+- acres in areas deemed worthy of drilling for the precious black gunk underground and some animosity was forthcoming when land was subdivided with or without mineral rights, winners and losers respectively. This separate right is legal in Michigan though not some other states. Retrospectively the attention paid to this windfall was part of family planning hence retainment was

more or less written into the contract even though perhaps not fully ethical, a family tradition as it were nonetheless. Who wouldn't take money for nothing but the paperwork involved? In our case there was a shady real estate deal in the sale of some 150 acres and our family was fortunate to get paid before the company went belly up leaving new homesteaders on small parcels without mineral rights which we in collaboration with a lawyer's suggestion retained. So the Hatfields and McCoys feud began with that though subsided thence as families came and went and the status quo was established: land only, no mineral rights. Fifty + years is now historic.

Of natural course the ecological questions were incepted and with good reason, pollution, environment, fossil fuels are fading literally and metaphorically, but the industries hold on tenaciously even unto moribundity. We pretty much know that alternative energy is possible but since no one but the well-to-do can afford it remains the domain of the capitalist corporatists and of course their paid bureaucrats and banking interests. Hedonism is a lifestyle for some, survival relegated to the rest, we being commoners, after all. So there you have it, Mr.

Mueller, full disclosure, go easy on me, will you? I'm just a middle class stiff trying to keep up with the Joneses. I didn't know those Russians, I mean Czechs, would do anything like this. I told myself I'm innocent and, believe me, you have to listen to that.

Hypocrites R Us. We really have little choice, like fighting City Hall it's a matter of fighting ourselves; we are City Hall because we vote for them. Sure, the game is rigged, lots of fake news, we even find hypocrites within the ranks of those who protest hypocrisy. Some of those who profess fealty with workers do quite the opposite behind closed doors where the action really takes place. The transition is happening in slow motion, starts and stops but inexorably the switcheroo to renewable energy encroaches. High rise towers make out best since the window light is so pervasive, homeowner versions maybe not so fertile depending on climate and other factors although some claim rebates from electrical suppliers. And energy companies are not remiss in their claims of "clean energy" and this is true in relative offset to coal, oil, wood &c. An interim move is the best we can muster and is how many of us heat and cook. Realistically all products

pumped from underground will be depleted one day, one muses even about water table aquifers. A current well dug in 1969 is dangerously low for practical use in pumping, not to consider earth changes in tectonic subduction and all things Mother Nature lays on us for our edification and entertainment. We can ignore that for now, all that science junk. Of course if we want true hypocrisy, turn on a television, radio, open a mailbox, listen; it's all right there often blatantly in plain sight and certainly hidden as well, like those caches of gas and oil and sundry products awaiting plucking, fracking, drilling etc. even as the low-hanging fruit is depleted.

For us locals the tide is turning to less is more but the wheel is still in spin, where she stops nobody knows. It's quaint and cheap to burn wood, maybe back it up with an Eden Pure and propane furnace, hunt, fish, grow veggies, can vintles for the root cellar, work with nature more than against her. We're spoiled though, creature comforts too appealing to resist. Even Thoreau returned to civilization. As the saying was, "Now we're cooking with gas". We continue to drill.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



WILLIAM ORTON BREAKEY

The Veteran of the Month of March, 2018, is William Orton Breakey. Born in Port Huron, Michigan, April 7, 1892 to parents John and Helen Carson Breakey. He attended Port Huron Schools, and as a young man, was employed as a Milk Wagon Driver, and also as a breakman on the railroad. While working on the railroad, he broke his leg while jumping off a moving train. After recovering from the injury, he then moved to Pontiac, and joined the Pontiac Fire Department as an Engineer, serving until his enlistment in 1917 into the United States Army. He received training at San Antonio, Texas as a Balloon Observer, and was assigned to the 56th Balloon Company, 5th Balloon Corps. After training, and having attained the rank of Sargent, his unit was to be shipped to France in 1918. While in Newport News, Virginia, port of embarkation awaiting shipment, the Influenza epidemic struck his unit hard. By the time they had recovered, the war was over. Breakey always held remorse for not being able to fight in the war.

Returning home to Pontiac, on September 6, 1918, he married Mildred Campbell Breakey. They moved for a short time to Grand Rapids, only to move yet again to East Jordan where they purchased a home next to Mildreds mother. While in East Jordan, Breakey worked at the Iron Smelting Plant, commonly called the Chemical Works, and for the East Jordan Iron Works, now E.J. He operated a Jitney service between East Jordan and Boyne City, and was a night

policeman in East Jordan. In January, 1927, he moved back to Pontiac, Michigan, rejoined the Pontiac Fire Department where he remained for 35 years of service. The last 9 years as the Fire Chiefs Driver. On September 16, 1955, William Orton Breakey 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.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

February 19, 2018
 407 Assist EMS in the 400 block of State St
 0820 Report of lost cell phone
 1204 Set of found keys dropped off at the PD
 1336 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1450 CSC complaint from S Park St
 1457 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1545 Subject from N East St at window ref civil eviction complaint
 1835 Driving complaint on Hemlock St.
 2152 Report of people peeping in the front window in the 100 block of W Morgan St.

1317 Car deer accident on Boyne Ave. near High St.
 1444 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St
 1522 Civil complaint from Ray St

Friday, February 23rd, 2018
 1154 Driving complaint on Water St
 1305 Request for No Trespass Order from the 800 block of N Park St
 1500 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 2141 Arrest subject for OWI & DWLS at Park and Vogel.

Saturday, February 24, 2018
 301 Assist Sheriff Dept. on US -31.
 0810 Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1524 911 hang up from the 100 block of W Morgan St. Was a verbal dispute.
 2236 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mountain
 2336 Arrest subject for OWI at Water and Park.

Sunday, February 25, 2018
 1500 Someone left an iPhone at our window with a note it was found on Sho Sho Nie Beach Rd. Turned over to Sheriff Dept.
 1907 Citation issued for Expired Plate at Lake and Lincoln.
 2130 Report of a vehicle stuck on the ice rink. Citation issued for violation of City ordinance -motor vehicle prohibited in certain areas. Vehicle was removed by Tow Co.
 2355 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Sho Sho Nie Beach.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
 0915 Assist EMS in the 700 block of N Lake St
 1425 Report of suspended driver driving on Boyne Av
 1453 Report of Hit & Run private property damage crash that occurred in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1952 Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 2227 Arrest subject for OWI & Possession of Marijuana in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
 1342 Scam reported from the 100 block of E Water St
 1422 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1703 Driving complaint heading in to town on Boyne City Rd.

Thursday, February 22, 2017
 142 Arrested subject for OWI, DWLS, and Open Intoxicants in the 300 block of E Division St.
 1315 Fraud complaint in the 100 block of Trent St

Pre-St. Patrick's event supports Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) will hold a pre-St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Dollars raised will benefit essential Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services relied on by thousands of people every year. The Irish-themed event will be held at Sagamore's at the Inn at Bay Harbor from 5:30 to 9pm, Friday, March 16.

The event features raffles, mystery-pot-of-gold and unique silent and live auction items donated by area businesses and individuals, such as a private Castle Farms 1918 Cellars wine tasting for eight people; ride on a Petoskey fire truck; Skydive Harbor Springs tandem skydive; private Bellaire Brewery tour/tasting for six people; and a fabulous five course dinner (French, Italian or Korean) with wine for eight people.

"This event is a chance for people to celebrate spring and St. Patrick's Day, visit with friends, meet new people and bid on great auction items," said Gail Kloss,



A pre-St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser supports Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan programs and services and will be held at the Sagamore Room/Inn at Bay Harbor from 5:30 to 9pm, Friday, March 16. Pictured at last year's event is auctioneer, Jason Guthrie, who will be calling out items during the live auction again this year. COURTESY PHOTO

WRCNM Executive Director. "More importantly, the dollars raised are absolutely essential to the organization and help support children's educational programming and scholarships, the 24-hour crisis and information line, heat and electricity at the domestic abuse Safe Home and counseling pro-

vided at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault."

The pre-St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser also features plentiful appetizers and a cash bar. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. The Sagamore Room is located in the Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village

Harbor Drive. For event details call the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit wrccnm.org. Tickets may be purchased online, at <https://mynorthtictickets.com/events/pre-st-patricks-day-fundraiser>.

Regional hiring event this Saturday

BY JIM AKANS

With over 400 employment positions being offered, "Northern Michigan's Largest Hiring Event" will be held at the Ellison Place in Gaylord this Saturday, March 10, from 10am until 3pm.

Approximately 60 employers will be on hand to provide information about positions at their businesses and interview potential candidates. These employers will be seeking full time, part time, seasonal and apprenticeship opportunities in categories such as Healthcare, Technology, Manufacturing, Retail, Hospitality, Agriculture and others. Among those employers will include Advance Home Care, Northern Staffing, SCORE, Munson Health Care, Drost Landscape, American Spoon, Precision Edge, Boyne Mountain, Army, Hotel Walloon, Manthei Veneer, McLaren Northern Hospital, Moeller Aerospace, Link Industries, Carmeuse, ALP Lighting, E.J. Irish Boat Shop, Magna/LexaMar, Munson Healthcare, Van Dam Custom Boats, Mullett



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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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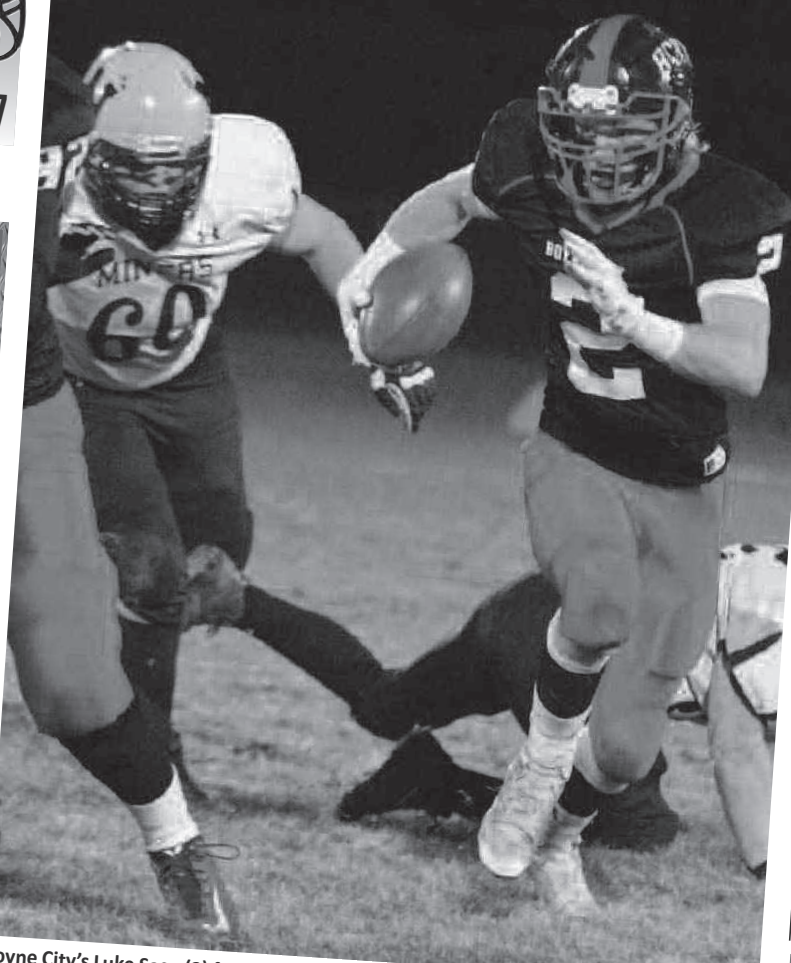
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Boyer Area Community Christmas

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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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Charlevoix Hospital receives grant for obstetrics equipment

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is the recipient of an important grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The grant will fund the purchase of a vital piece of equipment for the hospital's obstetrics department, an infant bed warmer/resuscitation system. The Foundation fully funded the hospital's request for \$12,649 to purchase the special equipment which will keep new babies warm and content while providing all the tools necessary for resuscitation therapy should they be required.

"It is a critical situation when an infant is born not breathing," said Mary Terryberry, OB nurse manager. "This new unit includes a respiratory aid to help newborns breathe from the moment of birth and uses radiant heat to keep them warm while away from the

mother. It's an integral piece of equipment to have in all delivery rooms, it is especially important for high-risk newborns."

The hospital had previously had two resuscitation units, but they are separate from the infant bed warmer. This means that each time there was an urgent delivery, staff needed to locate and transport two pieces of equipment. Having a combined all-in-one unit greatly speeds up staff response and set-up time, saving precious minutes. This equipment is especially critical for caesarean deliveries (known as C-sections), and emergency C-sections in particular, which tend to have the greatest likelihood of an infant having trouble breathing. In those emergency situations, every second counts.

The purchase of this new equipment now gives the

hospital three resuscitation units. While Charlevoix Hospital has a relatively small birthing center in comparison to larger cities, it has had occasions when up to three deliveries occurred at the same time. Having three resuscitation units ensures that one will be available for each delivery.

For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoix. More information about the C3F may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

Mary Terryberry, OB Nurse Manager (left) and Kathy Tindell-Dewey, RN (right) review training on the new infant bed/warmer resuscitation system. COURTESY PHOTO



BRIDGE LIGHTING

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hard to nail down, however, because so much of the expense will be labor-related and some of that may be compensated through volunteer hours, she explained. And grant funding is also being pursued and of course donations still being sought, she added. Durbin encouraged everyone in the community who uses and appreciates Charlevoix's bascule bridge to consider the cause and donate whatever they can to help make Belding's dying wish come true; to make this city even more beautiful.

"Maybe think about whatever you might spend on dinner out, why not make that a donation? Every cent is really appreciated," Durbin said. "I just want people to understand that this is not a matter of IF this (bridge lighting) will happen, it's a matter of when."

To make a donation and learn more about the Charlevoix Bridge Lighting Project, go to the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/charlevoixbridgelightingproject/

To watch Belding's YouTube video, featuring breathtaking photos of lighted bridges, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESH9G2P6sbw

Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jordan Herman

Grade: 12th

Parent's Name(s): Robert and Lori Herman

Future Plans: Attending the University of Michigan in the Fall to study environmental science

Favorite Book: Tuesdays with Morrie by: Mitch Albom

Hobbies and Interests: Cooking, Likes the Denver Broncos, and Likes science

School Activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee

Staff Comments: Jordan is the "go to" person for many adults here at Boyne Falls. Whether it is a student council event, a blood drive, or a class fundraiser, Jordan is the first student everyone thinks of for the job. He is diligent, industrious, committed, and possesses a stellar work ethic. In addition, Jordan sets lofty goals for himself and perseveres until he reaches them. This is a trait that will serve him well at the University of Michigan and beyond. I have no doubt that we will hear many great successes from Jordan in the future.

Submitted By: Cindy Pineda – Superintendent/K-12 Administrator



WRC Receives Donation

Christ Episcopal Church, Charlevoix, Women's Group makes a donation to the Women's Resource Center for women's personal hygiene products. The Women's Resource Center is committed to equality, justice, and the well-being of women. Christ Church, Women's group, President, Betty Stephen (R) presents check to Jamie Winters (L) representative from Women's Resource Center. COURTESY PHOTO

Boyne City Main Street Façade Grant applications now

Applications for Boyne City Main Street's 2018 façade grant program are now available. The façade grant program provides matching funds for Main Street District property owners and tenants to improve the facades of their buildings, in order to maintain the architectural character and economic viability of downtown.

"The façade grant program is a great example of Boyne City Main Street's commitment to historic preservation," Becky Harris, Boyne City Main Street Design Committee chair said.

To begin the process, interested property owners or tenants must review the Façade Grant Program Guidelines on the Main Street website

(www.boynecitymainstreet.com), and meet with the representatives from Boyne City Main Street to discuss the scope of the project. An application must then be submitted by noon on April 20. After a competitive review process by the Design Committee and Boyne City Main Street Board a decision will be made to which projects receive funding. For every dollar awarded the applicant must spend an equal amount. Individual grant amounts will be up to 50 percent of a project's cost. A total of \$15,000 is available for the 2018-19 cycle.

Funds are provided by the Boyne City Main Street Program with dollars raised through Boyne Thunder. There is no set minimum or maximum number of proj-

ects per year. Eligible items under the façade program include, but may not be limited to: removal of siding that was used to cover original building materials, exterior brick or wall surface repair, pointing of brick/mortar joint repair, window and/or door replacement/repair, any architectural details in need of repair and/or replacement. Ineligible expenses include paint, signage, awnings and work that has already been completed.

"The Design Committee always enjoys reviewing all of the applications and then seeing the transformations that take place throughout downtown because of façade grant dollars," Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director said.

The grant program seeks to encourage private investment through the rehabilitation and improvement of facades within the Boyne City Main Street District, to encourage good design that will serve as quality examples, and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Boyne City. By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program aims to improve the economic viability of the downtown.

For more information about Boyne City Main Street and the façade grant program or to schedule your meeting with Main Street representatives, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Boyne City River Mouth Restroom public meeting

The Boyne City Parks Board will be seeking public input at their 5pm. Thursday, March 8, meeting to consider the possibility of applying to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a grant to help cover a portion of the remodeling cost of the City's river mouth restrooms located at 45 North Lake Street. The meeting will be held in the first floor Training Room of the Boyne City Facilities Building, 319 North Lake Street in Boyne City. Most state grants require a local match, usually 25% of the project's cost, or more, with requests providing a greater local match usually getting more favorable consideration.

The river mouth rest-

rooms are some of Boyne City's most heavily used restrooms being on both the Lake Charlevoix and Boyne River waterfronts, close to downtown and open all year. The proposed improvements would improve the appearance, operation and capacity of the restrooms.

Preliminary drawings showing restroom concepts are available on the City's website, www.cityofboynecity.com or are available for review at the Boyne City offices, 319 North Lake Street.

Questions or comments regarding this matter can be directed to Barb Brooks, Boyne City Executive Assistant at bbrooks@boynecity.com or 231.582.0336.

Nominations sought for John Newton Award of Excellence

Each June, the Char-Em United Way awards a caring individual & organization in our community with a very special award. John Newton was an active member of our community. Not only was he a Char-Em United Way board member and president but he also volunteered his time and talents for many other local organizations. Unfortunately, his term with Char-Em United Way ended when he suffered massive injuries from a car accident in September 2000 and losing his life to complications in 2001.

Char-Em United Way created the John Newton Award of Excellence in 2002 to commemorate John's life and the gifts he gave to our community. The award is given each year to both an individual and an organiza-



Char-Em United Way is asking for your help in identifying an individual, and an organization (for profit business, non-profit, or other) to receive the John Newton Award of Excellence honor. Last year's winner was Lisa Blanchard (shown here). COURTESY PHOTO

tion who, through their actions, give significantly to the health and human services in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Awards are

presented at the United Way's annual celebration event in June.

In 2002 Greg Withrow of Big Rock Point was the first

recipient of the John Newton Award. The first company to receive the award was Big Rock Point also in 2002. A full list of past award winners is available on our website. Click on the John Newton award tab.

This year Char-Em United Way is asking for your help in identifying an individual, and an organization (for profit business, non-profit, or other) to receive this honor. If you would like to make a nomination, please call 231-487-1006, email your nomination to us along with details on why the nominee is deserving of this honor, or visit our website: <http://www.charemunitaryway.org/> and follow the link to nominate online. Nominations close on May 18, 2018.

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County road agencies across Michigan welcome \$175 million in additional road funding

With the recent passage of a road supplemental by the Senate, the County Road Association of Michigan is thanking Governor Rick Snyder, Speaker of the House Tom Leonard and Senate Majority Leader Arian Meekhof for putting an extra \$175 million in state dollars toward the roads yet this fiscal year. Michigan's 83 county road commissions and departments will share \$68.4 million in unanticipated road funding, which is the statutory 39.1 percent share allocated to counties.

"Michigan residents should be very pleased to see the House, Senate and Governor – and legislators on both sides of the aisle – come together and agree that restoring Michigan's crumbling roads is perhaps the highest priority for the state," said Denise Donohue, executive director of the County Road Association of Michigan. "The fact that this initiative passed both chambers of the Legislature unanimously demonstrates the bipartisan, overwhelming support for road im-

provements in Michigan." "Their agreement to put the surplus funds into the budgets of road agencies yet this fiscal year, also recognizes the urgency of the situation – especially now when roads are experiencing a particularly bad frost break-up," Donohue said. The additional funding was proposed in the Governor's State of the State in January, with the House Speaker recommending shortly thereafter that the funds be advanced yet this fiscal year. This one-time

\$175 million revenue is not related to the 2015 Transportation Package; it is surplus General Fund revenue not expended in the FY 2016-2017 budget. A year ago, the Governor's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission concluded that \$2.7 billion more per year is needed to maintain roads, bridges and public rights-of-way. To this point, the Legislature has identified \$1.2 billion for roads by the close of 2021, plus the \$175 million just appropriated.

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denice is out there to lead to an arrest of the suspect." Police were called to the Boyne City Schools campus mid-morning on January 24 after a window on the door to the high school art room was found broken and an object with a note that detailed a bomb threat to all three schools on the campus-the elementary school, middle school and high school- was found attached.

Staff and students were evacuated and classes and other school activities were canceled for the rest of the day while the buildings were searched. No threat was found and classes and other activities resumed a normal schedule the following day. A nearly identical bomb threat occurred at the start of this school year with no arrests thus far in that incident.

Little said district officials have stepped up security measures since January's bomb threat, from plans for enhanced video surveillance equip-

ment and increased police presence to improving safety devices for exterior doors. He said staff are also working with police on an updated emergency response plan.

Little noted that parents and students have seen and are applauding the increased police presence on the school's campus during school hours and extra-curricular activities.

"Communication from students and community members about possible threats to student safety has increased sharply in recent weeks," Little wrote, "We are thankful for the eyes and ears in our Boyne community, looking out for all of us by turning in tips or concerns to authorities. Please keep the tips coming, they are an important part of long term solutions to our safety concerns."

If you have any information about either school bomb threat incident, contact Boyne City Police Department at: (231) 582-6611 or tips can also be reported to the Boyne City Public Schools "Tip Off" page on its website: www.boyne.k12.mi.us/form/tip.cfm

MDOT Spring weight restrictions expanded

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and local agencies are enacting additional annual spring weight restrictions to protect roads. Effective at 6 am Thursday, March 1, weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced on all state trunkline highways from the Michigan/Indiana and Michigan/Ohio state lines north to and including US-2 from the intersection of M-95 in Dickinson County east to I-75 in St. Ignace. State routes typically carry M, I, or US designations.

In the restricted areas, the following will apply:

- On routes designated as "all-season" (designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be no reduction in legal axle weights.

- On routes designated as "seasonal" (designated in solid or dashed red on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be a posted weight reduction of 25 percent for rigid (concrete) pavements and 35 percent for flexible (asphalt) pavements. - All extended permits will

be valid for oversize loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length on the restricted routes.

County road commissions and city public works departments put in place their own seasonal weight restrictions, which usually, but not always, coincide with state highway weight restrictions. Signs are generally posted to indicate which routes have

weight restrictions in effect.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information on MDOT's website at www.michigan.gov/truckers, under "Restrictions." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. You also may sign up to receive e-mail alerts.

Trucking companies located in New Jersey and Canada can obtain information by calling 517-373-6256.

"Doing the Most Good" – Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

BY JIM AKANS

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop, which opened in the autumn of 2012, is under the direction of store manager Lori Schroeder, who recently rejoined the Gaylord staff. Schroeder has worked for the Salvation Army for approximately five years, and originally managed the Gaylord store a few years ago before moving to Hillsdale to open a new store location. She is ex-

cited to be back at the helm of the Gaylord store.

"I started last September as manager," Schroeder stated. "This is a wonderful community and it is exciting to work with our team to offer great values on a wide range of merchandise for our customers."

Net proceeds from store sales are utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need.

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, affirms, "In Otsego County, much of

the funding we receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting individuals and families in need. Working in cooperation with the Red Cross and local community responders we also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food. On a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas vouchers."

Those seeking services can visit Jergenson at his new office location in the Otsego County United Way Building on Fifth Street in Gaylord. To make an appointment, call (989) 448-2395.

The Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical component in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good." The store currently provides employment for 14 people and is looking to increase that staff.

Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found



The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord has a fresh new paint job, and the store is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. Photo by Jim Akans



Store Manager, Lori Schroeder, is excited to lead the team at the Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store. Photo by Jim Akans

among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large items such as furniture, televisions and appliances.

Weekly specials offer even more value to shoppers. Those include discounts for

Senior shoppers every Wednesday and discounts for those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays. Items throughout the store are marked with color tags and each week the featured discount color is posted on the front door. Clothing items with that color tag can be purchased at half-off during the week, or at five for \$5 on Friday and Saturday. On holidays and occasionally during the month, the store also offers 50-percent off sales. In keeping with the organization's mission of "Doing the Most Good," clothing items that aren't sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

Jergenson, Schroeder and the entire staff at the Salvation Army Family Store and

Donation Center in Gaylord express their gratitude to the community for their donations, for shopping at the store, and for helping others in fulfilling the non-profit, Christian centered organization's mission to "Do the Most Good."

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday – phone (989) 448-2395.

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BOYNE CITY

BOYNE CITY RIVER MOUTH RESTROOM PUBLIC MEETING

March 8, 5pm, Boyne City Facilities Building training room. The Boyne City Parks Board will be seeking public input to consider the possibility of applying to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a grant to help cover a portion of the remodeling cost of the City's river mouth restrooms located at 45 North Lake Street. The proposed improvements would improve the appearance, operation and capacity of the restrooms. Preliminary drawings showing restroom concepts are available on the City's website, www.cityofboynecity.com or are available for review at the Boyne City offices, 319 North Lake Street.

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/cafeateria, 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: ptc-fast.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, at Lynda's Real Estate Service, or at the door one hour before curtain.

BOYNE CITY

FRESHWATER CONCERTS; A.J. CROCE

March 9, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. A.J. Croce is Jim Croce's son. A.J. is his own man who brings his own soul to the stage and weaves in enough of his roots to deliver a mesmerizing performance. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Call to reserve; (231) 582-2588.

ELLSWORTH

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL COFFEE HOUR

March 9, 7:30-8am. Parents 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. McSauba. Revolution Bike in Charlevoix is proud to host the 6th Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race with the support of Bickerseth 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 visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

GAYORD

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST HIRING EVENT

March 10, 10am-3pm, Ellison Place. This premier Hiring Event provides opportunities under one roof, one location, one day. Over 400 employment opportunities. Industries include but not limited to - Healthcare, Technology, Manufacturing, Retail, Hospitality, Agriculture, and others; Full Time, Part Time, Summer Position and Apprenticeships / Internships.

CHARLEVOIX

FREE CPR CLASS

March 13, 3-5pm, Charlevoix Family Medicine, 1404 Bridge Street. Topics include Adult chest compression, Child and infant chest compression and rescue breathing, Choking rescue for all ages. Training is approximately 15 minutes, drop in anytime. Not a certification course.

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

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CHARLEVOIX

SYRUP SEASON OPEN HOUSE

March 17 & 18, 11am-3pm, Parsons Farm, 61 Parsons Road. Tour Parsons Farm to learn about our Maple Syrup making process. Enjoy Maple Treats made with our products. Leave Feedback for a chance to win a Gift Basket filled with maple goodies!

BOYNE CITY

DANGEROUS FOOD EXPLORED

March 18, 6:30pm, Life-tree 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 e-mail 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

CHARLEVOIX

EASTER EGG ACTIVITIES AND HUNT

March 31, 11am-1pm; Easter Bunny Luncheon (photos with East Bunny) at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Call 547-4311 for reservations. 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown in East Park at 2pm. Bring your Easter Basket to hold your share of the 7500 prize filled eggs. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. 2-3pm Charlevoix State Bank will offer face painting and balloon animals by Twister Joe, northern Michigan's favorite balloon artist. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa and cookies. For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

CHARLEVOIX

AQUA EGG HUNT AT CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY POOL

March 23. Register for one of two waves: 3:30-4:30pm or 5-6pm. Limited to 50 people per wave. Swim and dive for eggs, then trade them in at the end of your hunt for an awesome goody bag. Popcorn and refreshments included. \$5 per swimmer. Parents may enter the Pool free of charge for children requiring assistance. Children 5 and under must have an adult swimmer in the water. Reservations re-

quired. Call (231) 547-0982 or online at charlevoixpool.org

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. Pre-school to 5th grade. Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City. For more information call (231) 582-7983 or email; secretary@fp-boyne.org.

BOYNE CITY

GLCO CONCERT: DOUBLE REED STAMPEDE.

March 25, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra concert includes performances by Lynn Hansen, Deana Erwin, Drew Hinderer and Mezra Ramli with a variety of instruments including the oboe, oboe d'amore, English horn, bassoon and contra bassoon, featuring duets, trios and quartets that will delight the senses and warm the heart. A free will donation will be taken at the door. This program is made possible due to generous support provided by Carolyn Klender. For more information, contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010. www.glcorchestra.org

BOYNE CITY

AFTERLIFE OF PETS DISCUSSED

March 25, 6:30pm, Life-tree 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

EAST SHORE WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT

April 13, 7:30pm, Charlevoix High School. This April marks their 3rd Semi-Annual Music Ambassador Outreach Tour. The ESWS will be performing all around Michigan including a free performance at Charlevoix High School! Donations at this event are accepted and encouraged. Musical selections include old and new favorites for the band members such as Nitro by Ticheli, Incantation and Dance by Chance, At Mornings First Light by Michigan composer David Gillingham and Synergy Rising by Nowlin. For information visit the ESWS on the web at www.EastShoreWind.com, follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or contact the Northeast Michigan Arts Council at (989) 846-9331.

CHARLEVOIX

ENHANCED BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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

BOYNE CITY

PAINT THE TOWN RED FUNDRAISER

April 21, 6pm-Midnight, Boyne Mountain Resort. Boyne City Booster Foundation's gala event/ Pro-

ceeds will provide funding for programs and activities in the Arts, Athletics, and Academics for the students of the Boyne City Public Schools. Paint the Town Red starts with dinner buffet stations and cash bar, silent and live auctions from 6 to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. to midnight, you can dance to the sounds of "Main Street Soul," Detroit's premier dance and Motown band. The Boosters are again offering the incentive of "Reserved" tables to parties of 10. Tickets are \$60 a seat, and the entire table must be paid in full. Open seating tickets can be purchased separately for \$60. Tickets will be available at the office of Ralph W. Gillett, CPA, 106 E. Water St., phone (231) 582- 6421.

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening

and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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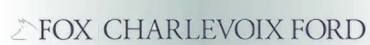
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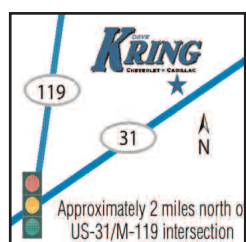


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