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Nominations open for East **Jordan Rotary** "Father of the Year" Award

The East Jordan Rotary is now accepting nominations for the East Jordan "Father of the Year" Award. Nominations should include:

- Nominee's name, address and phone number

- A brief biography of the nominee

- An explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year for 2018

Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to the following address no later than April 13, 2018: Father of the Year Nominations, P.O. Box 195, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Father of the Year will be announced at the 98th Annual Father & Son Banquet Dinner on Saturday, April 21, at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at 6pm.

Silent march spoke loudly for students



Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither (upper right) along with other officers from his department and from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department were on hand to ensure student safety before, during and after last week's silent march. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



Seventeen students who participated in Boyne City High School's silent march carried signs in remembrance of the 17 who were killed in the Parkland, Florida shootings last month, like this student who marched in honor of 17-year-old Joaquin Oliver, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - Students at Boyne City Public High School marched out of class last week in a silent tour de force that was so profoundly powerful, it roared.

Their eyes cast down in respect, not a word-not a cough or a sneeze could be heard-as some 400 students marched quietly out the back door of their high school and around to the front in a 17-minute long display with a dual purpose: to honor the 17 killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida last month and to champion their need for a safe learning environment.

It was estimated that more than 3,000 schools and as many as 1 million students nationwide participated in similar walkout marches on March 14, which marked one month since the shootings in Parkland on Valentine's Day.

Among the first students out the door at Boyne City was high school senior Aurora Seelye, who helped organize the march and led

her peers out the door. But even Seelye said she had no idea just how many participated in the event until she turned around and saw the seemingly endless stream of students marching out behind her. "It was life changing," she said of seeing such an outpouring of student

support. While many schools made their mission to march about gun reform and gun violence, Seelye said she and her peers devoted their march to a slightly different and silent drummer. "We decided to not make it about that (gun issues)," Seelye said. We decided to make it positive and about choosing kindness and choosing a safe education free from violence.'

Seelye said once students marched through the school doors, it was as if they each had made a commitment. "We all made a commitment to have a positive attitude and be nice to one another because that's where the problem starts," Seelye said,

See **Silent March**— Page 7A

Charlevoix Easter Egg

Hop into Charlevoix on Saturday, March 31, for the Easter Egg Hunt, taking place In East Park at 2pm. Plan to spend some extra time, as there will be events from late morning until mid-afternoon to enjoy. Those include:

- 11am - 1:30pm; Start your day at the Easter Bunny Luncheon at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious meal with your family, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Picture This. Please call 547-4311 for reservations.

- 2pm; Charlevoix State Bank and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce team up to host the 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown in East Park at 2pm sharp. 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. The hunt will include 7500 prize filled eggs pro-



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vided by Charlevoix State Bank. So bring your Easter basket and be ready at 2:00 p.m. sharp so you don't

miss out!

-2-3pm; In addition to the Egg Hunt, Charlevoix State Bank will offer face

painting and balloon animals by Twister Joe, north-

See **Egg Hunt**— Page 2A

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Boyne Falls man charged with attempted murder

Bv Michelle Mediesky

PETOSKEY - A Charlevoix County man who police believe also has ties to the "Lord of Vice Almighty Latin Counts"



Justin Patric Odle

gang is now facing a possible life sentence for attempted murder after allegedly stabbing a man over a drug deal gone awry in downtown Petoskey last week.

At his arraignment in Emmet County's 90th District Court earlier this week, Justin Patric Odle, 28, of Boyne Falls, was charged with felony assault with intent to murder, misdemeanor false pretenses and will also face fourth offense habitual offender sentencing enhancement after a stabbing incident that took place in a downtown parking lot around 10 a.m. Friday, March 16. If convicted of felony assault with intent to murder, Odle could be sentenced to serve up to life in prison.

According to court documents, the Petoskey Department of Public Safety received a call just before 10:30 a.m. Friday from emergency room staff at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital regarding an individual who had come to the hospital for treatment of wounds he said he suffered after being stabbed just prior

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Joyce Ann Petter, 82

(OCT. 15, 1935 - MARCH 17, 2018)



Joyce Petter of Ellsworth died Saturday, March 17, 2018 at her home in the loving care of her family.

She was born October 15, 1935 at Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix the daughter of Henry and Josie (DeYoung) Wassenaar. She was welcomed by her older brothers Ronald and Marvin.

She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1954 and attended Muskegon School of Business.

On March 26, 1955 she married Edwin Petter at Belltower Reformed Church and they made their home in Ellsworth.

She was employed by the Ellsworth Canning Factory, East Jordan Public Schools, and Drenth Brothers. After retiring from Drenth Brothers she attained CNA certification and spent several years providing home health care services.

Joyce and Ed devoted many hours to Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth. She spent so much time there her grandchildren still refer to it as "Grandma's store".

Joyce and Ed have been a wonderful inspiration to their family. Their lifelong love of each other extended to their community and beyond. Joyce played piano and organ for the Pilgrim Holiness / Wesleyan church for decades. She loved to sing and hymns remained a source of enjoyment in her later years.

She is survived and missed

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dearly by her husband Edwin; children Phyllis (David) Priest of East Jordan, Carla Kammerer of Ellsworth and Derek Petter of Gaylord. Grandchildren Donald, Eleanor (Anthony), Aaron (Kristi) Caleb (Ashley) Jesse (Brittany), Joseph, Haley, Hannah, Samuel, Madison, Steven, Maggie, Eli, Tori, Tyler, Betrys, Kacey, Kaden, and Lillian. Great Grandchildren Lucy, Oliver and Luca.

She was preceded by her parents, brothers Ronald and Marvin, and grandchildren William, Andrew and Jasmine.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Hastings Funeral Home with Pastor David Willett officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 4 to 7. Burial will be in Atwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan Family Services, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729 or Front Porch Ministries, P.O. Box 37, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

Arrangements by Hastings Funeral Home at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Doris Jean Shooks, 92

(DEC. 23, 1925 - MARCH 13, 2018)

Doris Jean Shooks of Cen-

tral Lake died Tuesday.

March 13, 2018 in Bellaire.

23, 1925 to Henry and Flo-

retta (Cass) Wynsma in

Banks Township.

She was born December

On May 10, 1946 she mar-

ried Marvin Shooks in Banks

Township They lived on the

Shooks farm in Central Lake

Township. Marvin died in

John J. Meeder, 91

laire, MI 49615.

(MARCH 12, 1927 - MARCH 17, 2018)



John J. Meeder of Boyne City, (formerly of Potterville and Bellaire) passed away at home on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

John was born on March 12, 1927, three minutes after his twin brother Jack, in Potterville, Michigan to Edward and Mabel (Heath) Meeder.

With a Doctorate in Education from Michigan State

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teacher before joining the Michigan Education Association as a research consultant, retiring in 1988.

University, he worked as a

John served in the military in both World War II and the Korean War.

In 1956 he married Annabelle LaTorre who preceded him in death in 2005. Also preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Dick Meeder; sisters, Anne Burley and Barbara Archer; and grandson, Stephen Hicks.

Surviving are his twin brother, Jack (Arlene) Meeder of Mancelona; sons Terry (Johnna) Hicks of Cleveland Heights, Heath (Lori) Meeder of Boyne City and Torre Meeder of Boyne City; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes the family will remember him privately. In lieu of flowers, those who wish are asked to consider a memorial contribution in John's name to the non-profit organization of your choice.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Larry J. Sigulinsky, 77

(FEB. 1, 1941 - MARCH 15, 2018)



Larry J. Sigulinsky of Charlevoix, previously of Muscatine, Iowa passed away on March 15, 2018 at his

Larry was born on February 1, 1941 in Flint to the late John and Elaine (Tippett)

Sigulinsky.

Larry proudly served in the United States Marines and lived his life by the Marine code. He showed his pride by wearing either a Marines hat or T-shirt daily. Once a Marine, Always a Marine!

In the early 1960's he graduated from Pittsburg Institute of Art. He then earned his bachelors of Fine Arts from Eastern Michigan University and continued his education at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic. Larry stayed in Iowa where he taught academic radiology and did the medical illustrations for the college as well as illustrations for several textbooks until his retirement in 2004.

Larry loved spending his time outdoors especially the countless hours he spent sitting on his dock at the lake house. He also enjoyed golfing, hunting, painting, telling stories and visiting with friends.

He was an accomplished wildlife artist and had several paintings published. He was always excited to hear where the people who bought his prints were from and why they picked the print they purchased.

On August 4, 1972 Larry married Judi C. Brooks who survives. He is also survived by his children, Dr. Karina (Ante) Skorput, Zachary (Amanda) Sigulinsky, Devin Sigulinsky, Ryan (Jasmine Davis) Sigulinsky, grandchildren, Tanner Sigulinsky, Matthew and Isabella Skorput, best friend, Walt Weber and his two cousins who were like brothers to him, Jim and Bob Procunier.

Private family services are being held. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family to purchase trees to be planted in his memory

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

homes.com.

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To the Editor,

We're certainly playing this synopsis to the edge, to that "wire". Cliffhanger dire straits is the plot continuously, a soap opera matinee with new shocks every minute. I mean the federal government of course as disseminated daily and nightly for all thrill seekers to partake. There are a lot of nefarious villains being highlighted recently as they muster pertinacity to reveal themselves but there's only one in this country that relegates some attention to the scrutiny motherboard, which is all the rest of us.

How utterly simplistic. How petty. How picayune. Yet this is an era as relevant as the Revolutionary War. Here we have in excruciating detail a traitor on trial who simply fires anyone who tries to advance the case against him. Wouldn't Mafioso dons like that? Legislators are being outed daily as the cowards and bought apparatchiks they turn out to be, the old guard more than the younger but crossing the aisle. We used to watch this stuff at Saturday matinees and file back into the theater following Saturdays for more of the angst to keep our appetites whetted. Now it's every minute a new chapter, sequel, prequel, endless synopses, shock and awe in continuum

without a break. This is like watching the Second World War in stop-frame suspended slow motion animation. The hatchet man, the executioner, the hangman and the coroner stand wraithlike by the side of all participants as the minister and pallbearers bow their heads in suffused mourning. This is entertainment at its worst. You have to watch this stuff. It's Grade B third rate amateur night but so outlandish it can't be ignored because in truth this is really happening, right here, right now in real time. And it affects the whole world.

So why doesn't somebody stop it? Reasonable query, mostly unreasonable answers, passing the buck, we know the answers but nobody's talking about it but for TV reiteration and internet chatter, all designed to keep adrenaline levels high, audience participating, and donations forthcoming. Is the USA so stifled and cowardly that none can say enough? It took high school kids to initiate the proposed movement but we see no adults joining the fray yet but for advisory roles. If a US President is so corrupt as to endanger the world, why do we not remove him? It isn't that hard constitutionally, the wording is already there, no new amendments necessary.

Cowardice is affected directly by money in this scenario, not by chivalrous knights of old. These persons in power can impeach or remove this one villain in a heartbeat if any had courage to do so. History will not be kind to these bogus leaders. Everybody except the beguiled homunculi knows that Trump is guilty of treason, the worst of his crimes, but there are so many more that he merits the death penalty by jury.

We needn't think for a second that this one is unaware of his jeopardy, his actions are of a cornered animal's last stand, desperation lashing out at any weak spot in the juggernaut bearing down upon him. He has few options left and this type, textbook psychopath, can never admit failure and will go down cursing and flailing like any despot heretofore. There can be no redemption, only dissolution, total meltdown. Psychologists and military interrogators know this, this enemy is unbreakable via normal means, tradition limited to annihilation of the foe. Perhaps there will come a self-destruct crisis point when continuance is no longer possible, an apoplectic breakdown that renders him helpless and faded, carried off to whatever chamber will accept him. It is the saddest

chapter in American history to date and this is astounding considering the turmoil already undergone in settling a New World culture atop many preexisting ones. This is the most lugubrious epoch we have lived and studied comparable only to ancient Rome but outpacing that empire's fall by billions of affected souls. This is the moment of determined judgment we have heard about throughout our lives.

Naturally enough the impact is lessened by capricious society, business and politics as usual being the flippant retort. It would not loom so large were it not for the catatonic nature of the guardians. To allow this to continue is to succumb to the fabled apocrypha of ancient times without full cognizance of it, just let it happen the whimpering battle sigh in wimpy emulation of Sun Tzu. There remain many desperate enough to fight but without organization it is futile until such time as the gendarmes are disarmed and cast aside. It will come to that biblically and literally as the thriller concludes. When resolved many will say, how did that happen? History, as always, will tell of man's cliffhanging foolishness and reawakening spirit.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

FROM PG. 1A

ern Michigan's favorite balloon artist. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa

courtesy of Stafford's Weathervan and cookies provided by Subway.

Keep an eye out for Stafford's Easter Bunny who will be hopping around East Park spreading some Easter

cheer during the egg hunt. To have a professional photo of your kid's taken with the Easter Bunny, call Picture this at (231) 547-4311 for a reservation.

We hope to see you there

for an EGG-stra fun day in Charlevoix! For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

EGG HUNT

News

Kindergarten round-ups, open houses scheduled

It's the time of year when local elementary schools roll out the welcome mat for incoming kindergartners and their families, through open houses, school tours and registration activities. For the 2018-19 school year, a child who resides in a public school district providing kindergarten may be enrolled if the child is at least 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2018. For children who will be 5 by Dec. 1, 2018, parents may enroll their child through written notification to the school district by June 1, 2018.

Following is a list of kindergarten registration open houses, parent meetings and school tours planned throughout the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's 11 public schools (please note: some districts require an appointment and others do

ANTRIM COUNTY

- Ellsworth Community School. No appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. April 19: 3 to 7 p.m. Contact: (231) 588-2544. On the web: www.ellsworth.k12.mi.us

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- Beaver Island Community School. Appointment re-

quired. Parent open house. May 30: 3 p.m. Open house and school tours. Please schedule an appointment to observe classroom at any time. Contact: (231) 448-2744. On the web: www.beaverisland.k12.mi.us

- Boyne City Public Schools. Appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. April 25: 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. April 26: 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. April 27: 9 to 11 a.m. Contact: (231) 439-8300. On the web:

www.boyne.k12.mi.us

- Boyne Falls Public School, No appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. April 24: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Contact: (231) 549-2211. On the web: www.boynefalls.org

- Charlevoix Public Schools. Appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. April 20: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. April 23: 8:30 a.m. and 10

Contact: (231) 547-3215. On the web: www.rayder.net

- East Jordan Public Schools, Appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. April 11: 4 to 7 p.m. April 12: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: (231) 536-7564, On the web: www.ejps.org

EMMET COUNTY

- Alanson Public Schools, No appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours., April 25: 5:30 p.m.



A few smiling faces representing the Charlevoix Public Schools incoming class of 2031! (PHOTO COURTESY CHARLEVOIX

Meet in the multi-purpose room. For more informa-

tion, contact Rachelle Cook at rcook@alansonvikings.net

or call (231) 548-2261, ext. 1.

- Harbor Springs Public Schools, Appointment re-

Blackbird Elementary, May 1 and 2: Contact the school to reserve a time. Contact: (231) 526-4600, On the web: www.harborps.org

- Pellston Public Schools, Appointment required. Parent meeting, orientation and tours. May 3: 6 to 7:30 p.m., May 4: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. Contact: (231) 539-8421, ext. 10013. On the web: www.pellstonschools.org

- Public Schools of Petoskey, Assigned times will be mailed. Parent meeting, orientation and tours.

Central Elementary, April 17: 4 and 6:30 p.m., Contact: (231) 348-2150

Sheridan Elementary, April 17: 4 and 6 p.m. Contact: (231) 348-2140

Ottawa Elementary, April 24: 4 and 6:30 p.m. Contact: (231) 348-2130

Lincoln Elementary, April 24: 4 and 6:30 p.m. Contact: (231) 348-2120, On the web:

www.petoskeyschools.org Please bring proof of resi-

dency and your child's birth certificate, immunization records and custody documentation, if applicable. If you have questions about enrolling in kindergarten or the events detailed here, please contact the specific district. All kindergarten round-up event information is also available on the Char-Em ISD web site, www.charemisd.org.

Health Department programs achieve **National Accreditation**

This winter, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan achieved national accreditation for two home visiting programs supporting families with babies and young children. Independent accreditation of these programs signals the high quality of the health department's home visiting services and staff.

Achieving accreditation is difficult. Using stringent evaluation criteria, independent evaluators conduct site visits, interviews of staff, documentation reviews, and direct observation of program operations. Amanda Thompson, director of family health services at the health department, says this thorough outside oversight is important because it ensures these vital programs are serving Northwest Michigan families with the highest quality of services.

"Healthy moms and healthy babies are important for our entire community to thrive. We are privileged to be able to help reach those goals through these home visiting programs," said Thompson.

The Maternal Infant Health Program provides home visiting services for pregnant mothers and infants with Medicaid.

"The Maternal Infant Health Program is an evidence based program that provides better birth outcomes and healthier babies. Our staff works really hard to provide excellent services to pregnant mothers and their families," said Thompson.

The other recently accredited program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan (HFNM), is a voluntary, non-income based home visiting program.

"The vision of HFNM is that all children receive nurturing care from their family essential to leading a healthy and productive life," said Tricia Drenth, a family health supervisor for the health department. "We are fortunate enough to be able to work with local families, in a way that is truly family-led and focuses on each families' individual strengths. We work to build upon these strengths over time, walking alongside families on their parenting journeys, providing support, education, and resources along the way."

Registrations open for "Creating Confident Caregivers" workshop

Creating Confident Caregivers® (CCC) is a free 6-session program for family caregivers of persons with dementia and/or memory loss. This university developed program is led by trained facilitators who provide participants with information and skill-building activities to increase their effectiveness as caregivers. To date, over 4,000 caregivers nationwide have benefited

Creating Confident Caregivers® provides caregivers with tools and techniques to reduce their stress and improve the care they provide to their family member. This program is provided by The Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM) and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at no charge. Respite care

may be available at no cost if needed to attend the six 2-hour sessions. Class size is limited to eligible caregivers. Pre-registration is required.

The FREE workshop begins Wednesday, April 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm and continues for 6 consecutive Wednesdays, ending May 23, 2018. The workshop will be held at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06909 Norwood Street in Charlevoix.

If you are a family caregiver of a person with dementia or memory loss and feel that the Creating Confident Caregivers program can help you, contact AAANM at 1-800-442-1713 or register online at www.aaanm.org/workshop-regis-

Bridge under repair for next 2 weeks



(FILE PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY)

The Michigan Department of Transportation will be making some unexpected repairs to Charlevoix's downtown bascule bridge next week so it will be in perfect working order in time for its many ups and downs during the busy summer season. Pictured here is the Emerald Isle ferry to Beaver Island, which relies heavily on the bridge for safe passage through the Pine River Channel every season.

By Michelle Medjesky

CHARLEVOIX - The Michigan Department of Transportation is set to make some unexpected repairs to pivotal parts of Charlevoix's bascule bridge next week, but officials say the work should not impact traffic flow traffic through the downtown area.

MDOT officials said that while completing recent cleaning and painting on the bridge, crews discovered cracks in the curved tread plates that move as the bridge raises and lowers.

But the cracks do not pose any threat to the structural integrity of the bridge, traffic or public safety, said MDOT North Region Communications Representative James Lake.

Lake said the parts concerned are 'operational' and that there are no concerns about the safety for travelers across the bridge. "If there were," Lake noted, "we would close it to traffic.

He said since the cracks were found in the components of the bridge which, if to break, would inhibit it raising up and down, it's important to get the problem fixed, at least temporarily, before the busy boating season begins and the bridge is put through its paces. Lake said the repair work will suffice until permanent component replacements can be installed by

Had the cracks in the component gone unnoticed and unrepaired, he said that could have resulted in one day the bridge going up-and not coming down- or vice-versa. "We do not want an unexpected problem with the bridge's operation during the summer," he

Lake noted that the repairs, which are slated to begin March 21 and completed around April 5, should not require more than one "switch lane" of traffic closure across the bridge at a time. He noted that the U.S. Coast Guard, however, has approved closing the waterway throughout duration of the repair project.

Grant supports patient assistance needs

A \$3,000 grant from the Charlevoix **County Community Foundation** (C3F) is assisting McLaren Northern Michigan patients with resources to improve their access to necessary medical care. Donations in support of the patient assistance program help patients, and their families, overcome financial barriers to accessing important medical services.

During the past year, the grant from the C3F has assisted 50 Charlevoix County residents with medical supplies, prescriptions, gas cards, lodging, and food expenses related to travel for medical care. This funding ensures that northern Michigan patients don't have to choose between medicine and groceries, or skip life-saving treatment because they don't have money to put gas in their car. For so many patients, a little help overcoming financial barriers can keep them on the path to health, healing, and wellness.

"We are grateful to the C3F and to our many other donors who chose to support the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation Patient Assistance Programs," said Patrick Schulte, Vice President and Chief Development Officer with McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. "Their generosity and compassion for our fellow community members provides the critical resources to overcome barriers to receiving much-needed care."

"With this grant, some financial assistance can make a big difference in helping a loved one overcome an illness. C3F is proud to join this group of donors who are so generously helping friends and neighbors with healing and recovery," said Maureen Radke, Program Officer for

For more information about McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, call (231) 487-3500.

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EAST JORDAN— East Jordan is heading in the right direction and heading in the right direction and heading ins the right was the message its future is bright was the message 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 that the city has accomplished but that the city has accomplished but all that the city has accomplished but that the city has accomplished but that the city has accomplished but community and that optimism commun

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

See State of the Community-11A



DDA ChairmanTom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Factuals, 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 functionals in sold Pool."



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

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All donations can be 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 addi-

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

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GLCO Concert Series presents "Double Reed Stampede"



The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Sunday Recital Series Concert at 4pm on Sunday, March 25 features the Double Reed Stampede. This recital will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street, Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO

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The Double Reed Quartet features Lynn Hansen and Mezraq Ramli, oboes, Deana Erwin and Drew Hinderer, bassoons and tenor soloist and conductor, Michael Beery. They will perform selections by Antonio Soler, Rossini, Mozart, Vivaldi, Weatherly, and Zelenka. The final piece proves to be an unusual surprise! Lynn Hansen arranged Handel's Water Music, Hornpipe and Bourrée, for a double-double reed choir.

Members of the double-double reed choir playing oboes, English horns, bassoons and contra bassoons are Deb Clark, Evie Cunningham, John McCutcheon, Alex Flannery, Patricia Melzer, Jessica Gardner, Jessica Tippett, Kathy Will, Cathy Wilkinson and Pete Willis.

The Double Reed Stampede recital is unique on several levels and is a special

treat for both the audience and performers. The program includes all five primary double reed instruments-oboe, oboe d'amore, English horn, bassoon and contrabassooneach of which will be briefly described as it appears in the concert. The audience will hear various combinations of these instruments in duets, trios, quartets and a large ensemble. The music spans three centuries, from Vivaldi and Handel to a familiar 19th century folk song, plus the unexpected yet magical addition of a vocal solo with a double reed trio.

The performers learned to play their instrument in a public school band program where there are multiple players on the more common instruments (such as flute. clarinet, trumpet or percussion) but the oboist or bassoonist is often the only player on their instrument. That makes this opportunity to play an all-double reed program that includes a large Double Reed Choir an exciting and memorable event, so much so that our performers will travel to Boyne City from seven different Michigan counties.

Double reed players share a common bond through the stressful process of making reeds and are often accused of speaking an obscure language while discussing their supplies and equipment. Lynn Hansen commented, "Trying to follow a conversation about gougers, planers, mandrels, shaper tips, wires,

"Trying to follow a conversation about gougers, planers, mandrels, shaper tips, wires, plaques, staples, reamers, blocks, files, single bevel knives, cane diameter, dial indicators and measurements in hundredths of a millimeter can be annoying to our non-double reed friends."

The Sunday Pocital Spries

The Sunday Recital Series provides the community the opportunity to experience an intimate musical event while expanding the orchestra's outreach. The Series, which is free of charge, been made possible by the generous support provided by former Board of Trustee member, Carolyn Klender. We also want to thank the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City for hosting our Sunday Recital Series concert.

Up coming Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra events include Bach Family Festival on April 15th at 4PM at Petoskey United Methodist Church and Grand Romance on June 10th at 7PM at John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. For ticket information please call the office at 231-487-0010, or go on line at www.glcorchestra.org, or at area Chamber of Commerce offices.

The Great Lakes Chamber

Orchestra produces live orchestral performances providing entertainment, education and inspiration for our northern Michigan communities. Support for the orchestra is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Bay Harbor Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Frey Foundation and hundreds of individual patrons of the arts. For more information and for complete program notes please go to www.glcorchestra.org or contact Judy Zorn at 231.487.0010.

North Central Michigan College Student Artwork at CTAC

This spring, Crooked Tree Arts Center-Petoskey and North Central Michigan College (NCMC) are once again collaborating to showcase the work of student artists in the community. This exhibit will feature a broad range of media to reflect the classes offered at NCMC. Included are animation, ceramics, charcoal and pencil drawings, glass, metalwork, acrylic and oil paintings, graphic design, and digital art. All work will be displayed in the Atrium

The following 29 North Central Michigan College student artists are featured in the exhibition: Phillip Allore, Cody Bigjohn, Meghan Casey, Stephanie Chipman, Sarah Christine, Zender Conditori, Zane Cone, Nancy Demeuse, Elizabeth Dufek, Julie Eckhardt, Abby Felski, Darlene Guelker, Kristie Julian, Julie Lendvoy, Robbin Liegl, Raquel Macias, Oliver McCarthy, Easton Moore, Alta Munson, Thomas Quinlan, Beatriz Ramalho, Ann Scott, Milla Tarvudd, Angel Vanloo, Katherine Watchorn, Kasey Weaver, Debra Zagurny, Zachary Zeller, and Camella Zipp.

Exhibiting artist Camella Zipp was also a recipient of one of Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2017 Youth Arts Scholarships. A 2017 graduate of Boyne City High School, Zipp currently studies Art & Design, with a concentration in Animation at NCMC.

Again this year, CTAC is offering up to four \$1,000 scholarships. Graduating high school seniors who are Michigan residents, attending school in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska. or Leelanau counties, and pursuing fields of study in the arts, are welcome to apply for Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2018 Youth Arts Scholarship. The deadline for consideration is March 31. Please visit crookedtree.org to print off an application. Once com-

pleted, deliver the applica-

tion to your high school guidance office. You may also mail your application directly to the Arts Center with a postmark date of March 31.

The "Artwork of North Central Michigan College Students" opens on Thursday, March 22, in conjunction with CTAC's March Swirl, and will be on display through Saturday, April 21. For more information,

please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is

located at 461 E. Mitchell

Street, downtown Petoskey.

Hestia Women's Giving Circle funding available

Are you part of an organization in Emmet or Charlevoix County seeking funding for a project that will make a positive difference in the lives of local women or girls? The Hestia Women's Giving Circle is welcoming applications for its annual grant cycle. Application deadline is May 1, 2018. Grants will be announced by May 31 and awarded in mid-June.

The Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (c3f), which also assists the Giving Circle in grant making and distribution. Applications are available on the Foundation's website at www.c3f.org. Click on "All About Grants" and follow the Hestia link. Organizations applying for grants must have 501(c)3 non-profit status, be a school or government agency, or have a

status.

The Hestia Women's Giving Circle was formed in 2005 with the mission to promote the economic self-sufficiency and well being of women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.
The Circle is named for the Greek goddess Hestia, who expresses her love and concern for others through

fiscal agent with non-profit

thoughtful acts. The Giving Circle provides an opportunity for women to pool their donations to make a significant impact locally, and to educate themselves about issues facing women and girls in our community. (more)

Since Hestia's founding, grants totaling more than \$380,000 have been awarded to a variety of projects specifically geared to women and girls. Past recipient organizations include the Petoskey Public Schools Robotics Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Michigan, Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of Michigan, North Country Kids, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Petoskey Public Schools Debate Program, and First Tee of Northern Michigan, among many others.

The Giving Circle is especially interested in supporting projects with creative approaches to existing issues and smaller organizations that may have limited access to other sources of funding.

For more information about grant making or becoming a member of The Hestia Women's Giving Circle, please send an email to INFO@hestiacircle.org.

Daylight Saving Time means be alert for all roadway users

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) urges motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to "spring forward" safely now that the switch to daylight saving time is in effec. Motorists should be aware that sunrise will occur one hour later, meaning that it will be darker later in the morning.

"Driving through school zones becomes more challenging for motorists during the first week of the time change," said State Transportation Director Kirk T.

Steudle. "Pedestrians and bicyclists should wear brighter, reflective clothing in order to be seen more easily, and those behind the wheel need to pay close attention and eliminate distractions while driving."

Motorists are reminded that bicyclists are permitted to ride on most roadways in Michigan. Bicyclists are reminded that, as legal roadway users, they are required to obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals. A person operating a bicycle upon a high-

way or street at less than the existing speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,987 pedestrians and 840 cyclists died in motor vehicle crashes in 2016. Injury data for 2016 was not finalized, but in 2015 nearly 70,000 pedestrians and 45,000 cyclists were injured. The majority of pedestrian fatalities (74 percent in 2015) occur

during dark conditions between 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. (Source: https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Pub lic/ViewPublication/812375)

MDOT is working with partners statewide on the Toward Zero Deaths safety campaign based on the National Strategy on Highway Safety, which is intended to influence driver behavior and improve safety. For more information on the Toward Zero Deaths campaign, visit www.michigan.gov/zerodeaths.

Boyne City Man Sent to Prison

Kyle Richard Cronin, 26, of Boyne City, was sentenced to serve 38 to 60 months in prison this morning in the 33rd Circuit Court. Cronin pleaded guilty on Feb. 2 to a reduced charge of attempted assault by strangulation.

The incident occurred on Nov. 24, 2017 in the City of Boyne City. According to the affidavit of probable cause filed in the case, the Defen-

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to his arrival at the emer-

The incident reportedly

downtown Petoskey's Livery

Parking lot, which is located

The police affidavit identi-

fied the victim as Benjamin

Ray Jett, who told police he

had arranged to meet Odle

downtown because he knew

marijuana and heroin-from

him in the past. But when

upon \$100 for an amount of

marijuana, Jett said Odle

he gave Odle the agreed

him and several times had

purchased drugs-namely

along Michigan Street,

across from St. Francis

Catholic School.

occurred in the vicinity of

MURDER

FROM PG. 1A

gency room.

dant pushed the victim down, then put both of his hands around the victim's throat while she was lying on the ground causing her to have problems breathing.

Cronin then hit the victim's head on the floor a couple of times and held her down so she could not get free.

Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kerry Zahner prosecuted the case for the State of Michigan. Zahner praised the police work of Boyne City Officer Tavis Tannehill and Charlevoix County Deputy Jeremy McAuliff who responded to the call.

Attempted assault by strangulation is a felony which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

did not give him the marijuana and instead turned covand walked away.

Jett told police he grabbed Odle's jacket to stop him when Odle "spun around" and slashed at his neck with what Jett told police he believed was a knife. Police stated a struggle then ensued during which Jett was stabbed numerous times in the abdomen and left arm. He was treated for his wounds at the hospital and later released.

Jett also later identified Odle in a police photo line-up during which he stated he was "85 percent sure" that Odle was his assailant. Police later found evidence substantiating the charges against Odle, including a fishing knife that may have been used in the stabbing. The police affidavit also

states information was discovered during their investigation linking Odle to a gang called the "Lord of Vice Almighty Latin Counts".

Odle already has myriad prior felony convictions on his record dating back to 2002, including numerous assault-related crimes, the most recent of which was a 2012 conviction in Emmet County for assault with a dangerous weapon and resisting and obstructing police. Odle was relieved of his latest term of parole just more than a year ago in December, 2016.

Odle is currently being

Odle is currently being held at the Emmet County Jail on a \$3 million bond while awaiting a pre-trial status conference set for



Relay for Life of Antrim & Charlevoix Counties hosted the fifth annual Laps for Life fundraiser, this past Saturday March 17th on the slopes of Schuss Mountain at Shanty Creek Resorts. COURTESY PHOTO

Laps for Life results

Relay for Life of Antrim & Charlevoix Counties hosted the fifth annual Laps for Life fundraiser, this past Saturday March 17th on the slopes of Schuss Mountain at Shanty Creek Resorts. Individual skiers and snowboarders solicited pledges for completing laps (chairlift ride up, ski/snowboard down) during a 6 hour timeframe on the Pink Chairlift. Both weather and snow conditions were near perfect, with sunshine and blue skies for the eighteen skiers and snowboarders participating this year.

With pledges still coming in, over \$5,000 has already been raised at this year's event with the following participants earning 2018/19 season passes as awards for their efforts. The season pass for skiing the most laps went to 12 year old Brooklynn Clark of Bellaire, who skied 69 laps! Caleb Novorolsky of Fife Lake, MI completed 65 laps snowboarding to earn that reward. And earning the award for the most money raised was five year old Kate Roeser of Royal Oak, who skied 8 laps and has raised over \$1700! A huge THANK YOU goes out to all participants, those that pledged to them, and to the volunteers that worked that day to make Laps for Life possible.

Anyone wishing to still pledge to this group and event may do so by contacting Steve Kershner at skershner@shantycreek.com or 231-676-2493.

Pledges may also be made online at relayforlife.org/antrimcountymi

The 2018 Relay for Life now combines teams and participants from both Antrim and Charlevoix counties. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It is a major player in every facet of the Society's mission. Relays serve to increase awareness, recognize and celebrate survivors and caregivers, remember those who lost the cancer battle, and encourage grassroots involvement in the fight against cancer. The funds raised play a significant role in helping accomplish many of the Society's recent accomplishments.

News

Take steps to prevent poisonings in their homes

Last year, the Michigan Regional Poison Control Center responded to 70,000 calls related to potential poisonings. To raise awareness around the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines and chemicals, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is joining the Michigan Regional Poison Control Center in recognizing National Poison Prevention Week

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the nation's poison centers. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, approximately 90 percent of poisonings happen at home and 51 percent of poisonings involve children younger than the age of six. The majority of fatal poisonings occur among adults, especially older adults.

"By educating Michigan residents about preventative measures they can take, we can help keep our environments and loved ones safe," said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon. "It's vital people are aware of poison prevention best practices in the home in order to keep themselves and their loved ones safe."

Residents should follow

preventative measures to reduce the risk of poisonings, including:

- Keep all chemicals, including medications, out of the reach of children.

- Carefully read the labels and dosages on all products before using.

- Keep products in their original containers.

- Do not mix chemicals. - Have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home.

In Michigan, 60 percent of the calls received by the Michigan Regional Poison Control Center involve children younger than 19 years of age. Of those pediatric calls, more than 70 percent helped to avoid emergency department visits.

To learn more about ways to keep people of all ages safe and help prevent poisonings, visit the Poison Help Web site at PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov. To view materials in Spanish, visit

PoisonHelpEspanol.hrsa.gov. In the event of a poison emergency, contact the Michigan Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222. If someone is unconscious or has trouble breathing, call 911 immediately.

STUDENT MARCH

FROM PG. 1A

"We need to start in our own schools.'

Boyne City police and Charlevoix County deputies patrolled the perimeter of the school campus to assure students' safety during the march. Boyne City Assistant Police Chief Kevin Spate said city street department trucks were used to block most every entrance to the school campus while students walked outdoors to make sure regular street traffic didn't accidentally enter the area and disrupt the event.

While school officials in other districts across the country discouraged student walkouts-or even threatened punishment for students who participated, Boyne City Public Schools superintendent Patrick Little said he and his staff decided it was an important opportunity for students to acknowledge. "That 17 minutes is symbolic and it was only for 17 minutes," Little said, adding that once the march was over, students returned to their third hour classes and were "engaging in learning like they're supposed to do.'

Little applauded high school Principal Karen Jarema for working with students to streamline a peaceful march that students themselves organized. "We did want to create a safe environment for the walk and she made sure that happened," Little noted.

Little said he did not have



Student organizer Aurora Seelye (center) led some 400 of her classmates out of the high school on a silent march to remember the 17 students and staff who were killed. photo by michelle medjesky

the remaining time in silence

silent student march went off

"We're very proud of our stu-

in the school media center.

All in all, Little said the

without any problems.

an exact number of high school students who walked in last week's march, but he estimated it was a majority of the 400 member student body.

Those who chose not to participate were allowed to spend the time in the school's media center.

It took the Bovne City student body and their ability to dents a few minutes less to share their voice," he said. march than the 17 minutes Another nationwide school planned, so they finished out

walkout has been planned for Friday, April 20, which will mark 19 years since the school shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is participating in Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and reminding community members to get screened. Screenings are covered by most health plans. People without health coverage or insufficient coverage may be eligible for screenings at no cost as part of the Michigan Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program at the health department.

Colorectal cancer often causes no signs or symptoms in its early stages. Screening starting at age 50 is vital for both prevention and detection of colorectal cancer, the third most common cancer in the United States.

"Colorectal cancer can be deadly. It's the second leading cause of death from cancer." said Joy Klooster, RN. Colorectal Cancer Coordinator at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "People sometimes delay their colorectal screenings because they are a bit uncomfortable or awkward, but they're very important."

People age 50 and older are at the highest risk and should be screened every 5-10 years. People may also be at higher risk if they smoke. Certain risk factors, such as a family history of colorectal cancer, may indicate a need to start screenings at a younger age.

For resources for uninsured residents, and for more information about testing and prevention, contact the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-432-4121.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties

Michiganders urged to learn more about Lynch Syndrome

Gov. Rick Snyder has declared March 18-24 as Lynch Syndrome Awareness Week, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging Michigan residents to talk to their health care providers if they or a family member have a history of cancers related to the condi-

Lynch syndrome (LS) increases a person's risk for colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, pancreatic, urinary tract, skin and brain cancers. Because members of a family with LS may be diagnosed with different types of canhereditary condition and

these cancers may not be immediately apparent. Being diagnosed with cancer at an early age and having several blood relatives diagnosed with the disease are important warning signs of the hereditary cancer-causing condition.

"If you or one of your close relatives has been diagnosed with colorectal, ovarian or endometrial cancer before age 40, we strongly urge you to consider cancer genetic counseling," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Diagnosis of Lynch syndrome is important for individuals with colorecof developing other cancers.

A diagnosis is also an important step toward identifying measures that may prevent or reduce cancer risk for healthy family members. First degree relatives of individuals with LS have a 50 percent chance of inheriting the condition as well."

Although LS is the most common inherited disorder that increases a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer, it is under-diagnosed and many people with LS do not know that they have the con-

Michigan residents are urged to learn their family's cancer history and talk to help identify their risk of developing the disease. National recommendations are for all newly-diagnosed colorectal cancer patients to be screened for LS.

Through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MDHHS is working to achieve the Healthy People 2020 objective of increasing the number of newly-diagnosed colorectal cancer patients who receive genetic screening for LS. To learn more, visit

Michigan.gov/hereditarvcancer.

New boater access site afloat at Tourist Park

BY KRYSTAL JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan City Commission began Monday's meeting with a brief public hearing to receive comments regarding the 2018/19 proposed budget, followed by commendation given to Patricia Ann Sweet, who served as an East Jordan City Commissioner for seven years and also served as city mayor. The commission discussed the ambulance authority lease agreement, revised an administrative policy, passed deficit elimination plans for the marina and transfer stations, approved a contractor's pay for the wastewater treatment facility, and received a presentation from Gosling Czubak concerning plans for a new boat launch.

City Attorney Scott Beatty presented the commission with a draft lease agreement for the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services (JVEMS) Authority based on the commission's previous discussions. In the draft agreement, the city requires the authority to pay \$10,000 per year for the three year lease. The funds would then be held in a Fire/EMS reserve fund and would be marked for sole use of major building repairs, such as roof replacement, as the authority is responsible for covering half of such major costs. In the draft lease, the city also removed the bidding process for snow removal and lawn care, as the city plans to provide those services for the building.

The commission came to a consensus to send the draft agreement to the JVEMS Authority Board so that negotiations can continue to move forward, as the current lease will expire at the end of April.

Administrative policy #161 concerning death of an em-

ployee, retiree, or board member was also amended Monday evening. The policy addresses the notification process concerning death of such a member and also the lowering of flags to half-staff. The city previously recognized the passing of any fulltime or retired city employee, but with the amendment, they will now recognize those who have volunteered and served on boards.

Gosling Czubak, an engineering company located out of Traverse City, presented possible plans for a new boater access site at the Tourist Park. The current boat launch sits on Lake Charlevoix at the mouth of the Jordan River, where sand and silt constantly collect. As a result, the water at the boat launch is too shallow, and a feasibility study that was conducted, recommended moving the access site to the Tourist Park.

Both double ramp and single ramp designs were presented to the commission. With a price tag of \$700,000, Gosling Czubak recommended the single ramp design, as the \$1.1 million expense of the double ramp proposal made them question the project's value. Multiple commissioners expressed a need for a double ramp.

While the project remains a work in progress, the commission approved moving forward with the highly competitive grant application process for the access site. City Administrator Tom Cannon continues to work with Gosling Czubak and will have a proposal finalized by April 2.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jozlyn Turnbull

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Mary Cooper & Mark Turnbull, Jr.

What do you want to be when you grow up?: I would like to be a doctor when I grow up so I could help my family.

Favorite Book: I enjoy the <u>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</u> series.

Hobbies and Interests: I participate in softball, gymnastics, skiing, snowboarding and swimming.

School Activities: My school activities include basketball and Spirit Team.

Favorite Subject: Math is my favorite subject because I like

Staff Comments: Jozlyn has had a great year in fifth grade. She has shown compassion toward others by helping in a kind way. Jozlyn often gives genuine compliments to her peers. She has worked hard to keep her work caught up while continuing to check herself for thorough understanding. Jozlyn has strived to reach her learning goals set earlier in the school year. Congratulations, Jozlyn, on a well-deserved honor of being selected as Student of the Week!

Submitted By: Ms. Disney

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AQUA EGG HUNT AT CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY

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

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE SERIES; EJ

March 23, NCMC Library conference room. Lunch begins at 11:30am and the program begins at 12:15pm. The East Jordan Iron Works was founded in 1883 on the shores of Lake Charlevoix to make castings for machines, ships, farms and railroads. Today, the fifth-generation family business is a global enterprise spanning five continents and is the world leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of access solutions for water, sewer, drainage, telecommunications and utility networks worldwide. Tom Teske, vice president and general manager of the company's Americas business unit will talk about the company's new project in Elmira, its new name and what it's like to compete for business around the globe. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12 at the door, cash or check only.

BOYNE CITY

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.

CHARLEVOIX

SCOVIE'S DINNER & MOVIE HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

March 24, 11am-9pm. Auction starts at 11am to 9pm Dinner & Movie starts at 6pm \$25 per person Seating is limited, please RSVP: Scovie's 231-237-7827 Hospice of Northwest Michigan 231-547-7659. All proceeds will be donated to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

CHARLEVOIX

PARSONS FARM AND HARWOOD GOLD MAPLE **SYRUP TOUR**

March 24, 10-11:30am. Taste what it means to produce syrup on a centennial farm. Families encouraged! No charge, but pre-registration requested online at www.landtrust.org or by calling 231.347.0991.

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 487-0010.

www.glcorchestra.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. en-

CHARLEVOIX

EASTER EGG ACTIVITIES AND HUNT

March 31. 11am-1:30pm; 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 sharp. 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. From 2-3pm in East Charlevoix State Park. 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, plus a visit by the Easter Bunny. For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber Commerce 231.547.2101 or www.charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 31, 11am, Young State Park. For children ages 13 and under. While the kids are hunting, parents and other visitors can enjoy a bonfire, hot cocoa and cookies. To enter the park, you'll need a state park Recreation Passport, a \$16 annual pass available at the park. Info: 231-7523.

EAST JORDAN **LIONS CLUB EASTER FUN AND GAMES**

March 31, 10-11:30am, East Jordan Elementary School. Two bikes will be given away plus games, prizes and candy.

EAST JORDAN **EASTER POOL-OOZA**

March 31, 3-5pm, East Jordan Community Pool. Open swim and dive for prizes. Call (231) 536-2250 for more information.

BOYNE FALLS

BOYNE MOUNTAIN EASTER EGG HUNT

April 1, 11am. Easter Sunday with the Easter Bunny and Fritz in the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa courtyard. Three age divisions: 3 and under, 4-7, 8-12.

BOYNE CITY "BEETLE MANIA"

FUNDRAISER April 9, 7-10pm, Stiggs Brewery and Kitchen. This fun night will help raise money for a program called Beetle Mania. Beetle Mania is the project of the Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2018 and its goal is to control the spread of an invasive species called Purple Loosestrife, which has infested our beautiful waterways in Charlevoix County.

The Euchre Night event will have a \$10 buy-in, with all of these funds directly benefiting the LCC project. Prizes include: 1st Place -Personal brew day for up to 6 people, 2nd Place - Howler or growler full of Stiggs beer free with purchase of howler or growler, 3rd Place - LCC t-shirt and Stiggs bottle opener. Donations may be mailed to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) at 326 Bay St, Petoskey, MI 49770. Please make checks out to TOMCW with "Beetles-LCC" in the memo line. You may also donate online or learn more about this project our website www.beetlemanialcc.com.

CHARLEVOIX

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

April 10, 1-2pm, 615 Petoskey Avenue. Free Blood Pressure Clinic hosted American House Charlevoix by Hospice of Michigan.

CHARLEVOIX

ENDANGERED OCEANS PRESENTATION WITH DAVE SMITH AND DAVID **ROBINSON**

6:30-8pm. April 10, Charlevoix Public Library. Two eighty year olds discuss, for their children's benefit, the need for realizing our planet's catastrophic extinctions. Dave Robinson presents developments in nuclear power, especially the overwhelming importance of considering Thorium as a future energy source countering global warming. He will also present a video showing the absurdity of "renewables" currently in favor. Dave Smith will speak to the ancient past as prolog, from recent books: The Worldwide Flood, and Cycles of Continuing Catastrophes. Dave Robinson is an engineering leader in the auto industry. Dave Smith, Ph.D. is an expert witness/aquatic survival consultant. Free admission.

BOYNE CITY FREE TREE PLANTING WORKSHOP

April 12, 1-2pm, Boyne District Library Community Room. Learn the secrets to tree planting from Master Gardener and Horticulture

professional Mark Contrucci. During this free workshop, Mark will cover topics from why plant trees to where to plant, what to plant, which trees to plant and planting maintenance. This is a great refresher for green thumbs, or inspirational intro to those just starting out.

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 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.East-ShoreWind.com, follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or contact the Northeast Michigan Arts Council at (989) 846-9331.

PETOSKEY

GLCO BACH'S FAMILY FESTIVAL CONCERT

April 15, 4-5pm, Petoskey United Methodist Church. Don't miss Bach's Family Festival performed by Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. This years performances include all your Bach favorites and more! J.S. Bach - Suite No 2 BWV 1068, Bonnietta Benn, flute soloist; J.C. Bach - Concerto for Viola and Orchestra; C.P.E Bach - Symphony in C, H.649, Libor Ondras, viola soloist; Tickets (\$25) will be available at area chambers of commerce or online

www.glcorchestra.org or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

CHARLEVOIX **ENHANCED BUSINESS**

AFTER HOURS April 18, 5-7pm, East Park

Tavern. \$5 for Chamber members, \$10 for non-mem-

ELLSWORTH

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP April 19, 3-7pm, Ellsworth

Elementary School. Call (231) 588-2544 for additional information.

BOYNE CITY

PAINT THE TOWN RED FUNDRAISER

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

EAST JORDAN

FATHER/SON BANQUET

April 21, 6-8pm, East Jordan High School. Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, friends - gather for fun and friends to enjoy dinner and fellowship. Dinner, Magic, the annual Kentucky-Style Derby and most of all...a celebration of Fathers & Sons. Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the door, \$10 adults, \$5 children.

EAST JORDAN

ROTARY VARIETY SHOW

April 27 & 28, 7-9:30pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. Join the all star cast for a great night of music, skits and lots of fun. Your sides will hurt from laughter and you will be sure to know some of the music so that you can sing along. Tickets are on sale now. See any Rotarian to purchase your show tickets. Tickets are \$10 each and will be selling fast. Rotary is adding another fun and cool twist. "Forks to Funnies" is a limited-seating, preshow dinner theater opportunity that we're providing in conjunction with The Landing. "Forks to Funnies" starts at 5pm on each show night. Tickets are \$50 are available online at https://mynorthtickets.com/ and include dinner, dessert, drinks and ticket to the show.

EAST JORDAN

JORDAN VALLEY FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

April 28, Noon-10pm, East Jordan Civic Center. Come and play your fiddle, accompany the fiddlers with your acoustic instrument, call your favorite dances, enjoy the music and/or dance to the calls. Everyone is welcome. Admission by donation at the door. Monies collected, after expenses, are used for fiddle/instrument/calling scholarships

Jamboree is from 12 noon to 5pm and the Dance (Including Rounds, Squares & Contras) is from 7 to 10pm. (with some instruction for beginners from 6:30 to 7pm.). Registration for musicians callers opens at 11:30am. You will perform in the order in which you sign in. Fiddlers from around the state, ages 5-95 will play 3 of their favorite tunes. Light refreshment, including pizza, available on site. Restaurants are nearby and you may bring your own food.

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

EAST JORDAn MOTHER OF THE YEAR

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The East Jordan Lions Club is seeking nominations for the 2018 East Jordan Mother of the Year award. Nominations should be submitted with a brief, 200 words or less, summary of why the individual is worthy of this honor. The deadline for the Mother of the Year nominations is Friday, April 13, 2018. This is the 50th year for the annual banquet which will be held at 6pm on Saturday May 12 at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria. For more information, please contact Linda Chase, 231-350-6917.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

- Hatha Yoga, every Monay 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 log to track Numbers" Registered progress. 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 wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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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 Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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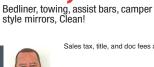


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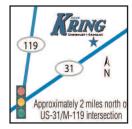
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