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# Huge turnout for Biz EXPO and Taste of Charlevoix

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - The annual Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix is hands-down one of the most popular annual public networking events sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

But organizers say this year's Expo was stronger than ever with dozens of business and food vendors demonstrating and sampling their goods and services and hundreds of folks from across northern Michigan and beyond coming to the Castle Farms venue to check them all out.

Some 600 people attended the 8th annual Expo last week, not counting vendors and their support staff, said Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce member services director Mary Chapdelaine.

She said there was a line out the door when the 3 hour-long event opened at 4:00 p.m.

"We counted 200 people (through the door) in the first ten minutes," Chapdelaine said, noting that the 300 gift bags and voting cards chamber members handed to attendees ran out shortly thereafter.

From banks and real estate agencies to boat shops and beauty suppliers, nearly 70 vendors participated in the Expo, including ten restaurants who served up samples of their fare in hopes of being voted first place in the Taste of Charlevoix competition. The hundreds who attended voted Pigs Eatin' Ribs of Charlevoix the #1 food served at the 2018 Expo.

This year's event was sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Blue Network of Michigan, Fox Charlevoix, Castle Farms, Charlevoix State Bank, Lake Charlevoix Brewing, McLaren Northern Michigan, Munson Healthcare, Bickersteth Brown & Associates and the Bridge Street Taproom. Media sponsors were Michigan Media/The Charlevoix County News, 9 & 10 News and Blarney Stone Broadcasting.

"This event is huge and it was perfect again this year...the Castle makes it easy; it's always so nice to have the Expo there," Chapdelaine said, lauding the efforts of Castle Farms tasting room manager Sarah Hagen, who she credited with orchestrating yet another chamber Expo to another perfect pitch.



A colorful Chinese Dragon prowled the Charlevoix Business Expo to drum up interest in the Charlevoix Circle of Arts inaugural Dragon Boat Festival and races set for August 8 at Charlevoix's Ferry Beach. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



The gang from Pigs Eatin' Ribs in Charlevoix were serving up their finest fare with animated flair during last week's Taste of Charlevoix during the Business Expo at Castle Farms. The restaurant was voted first place food vendor at this year's event. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



These three amigas-Jane Miller, Amy Carl and Susan March-made a special road trip to come to Charlevoix for last week's Business Expo at Castle Farms. The trio especially enjoyed the tastings offered for the Taste of Charlevoix event that ran along with the Expo. Carl and Marsh are from Traverse City and Miller traveled from Ann Arbor. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

## Odle cleared of charges Accuser now behind bars

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

PETOSKEY - A Charlevoix County man who was jailed earlier this month for attempted murder in a supposed drug deal gone bad is a free man this week with his accuser now behind bars for lying to police about the entire incident in a scheme to hide money from his pregnant girlfriend.



Benjamin Ray Jett, 33, of Petoskey is in jail for lying to police and falsely accusing a Charlevoix County man of trying to murder him during a stabbing incident earlier this month. FILE PHOTO

Numerous charges-including felony assault with intent to murder-were dropped against 28 year-old Justin Patrick Odle of Boyne Falls in Emmet County's 90th District Court last week and he was released from jail where he'd been awaiting a pre-trial conference.

The charges against Odle stemmed from an incident on March 16 which police described initially a "drug deal gone bad" that occurred just after 10 a.m. in the Livery Parking lot off Michigan Street in downtown Petoskey.

Police said later that morning they received a call from emergency room staff at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital reporting a man, identified as 33-year-old Benjamin Ray Jett of Petoskey, had entered the hospital with what he claimed were stab wounds he suffered during an assault in a downtown parking lot.

Jett told police he had gone to meet Odle in the parking lot to buy \$100 worth of marijuana, but that after he gave him the money, Odle turned to leave without giving him the pot. Jett said he then grabbed Odle's jacket to stop him from leaving with his money, when Odle turned and stabbed him several times.

Jett was treated at the hospital for superficial wounds and released. He later positively identified Odle in a police photo line-up and Odle was arrested and charged with felony assault with attempt to murder, misdemeanor false pretenses and he also faced a habitual offender fourth offense enhancement. He could have faced up to life in prison had he been found guilty of those charges.

But according to a police affidavit, further investigation revealed inconsistencies in

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SATURDAY



HIGH: 37  
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SUNDAY



HIGH: 30  
LOW: 2

## snowfall

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3/20/17	....111.4	BOYNE FALLS	3/26/18	..90
3/20/17	....67.3	CHARLEVOIX	3/26/18	..86.1
3/20/17	.....78	CHEBOYGAN	3/26/18	..58.7
3/20/17	....117.1	EAST JORDAN	3/26/18	..127.6
3/20/17	.....177	GAYLORD	3/26/18	..113.7
3/20/17	.....144	KALKASKA	3/26/18	..103.3
3/20/17	....60.1	LEWISTON	3/26/18	..42
3/20/17	....52.4	MIO	3/26/18	..32.4
3/20/17	....86.5	ONAWAY	3/26/18	..70.6
3/20/17	....121.1	PETOSKEY	3/26/18	..107.4

## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
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MAR 30	..25°	...47°	.....4°	(1964)	..71°	(1986)
MAR 31	..25°	...48°	.....6°	(1965)	..73°	(1999)
APR 1	...25°	...48°	.....6°	(1964)	..73°	(1999)
APR 2	...26°	...48°	.....10°	(1965)	..77°	(1963)
APR 3	...26°	...49°	.....7°	(1965)	..73°	(1963)
APR 4	...26°	...49°	.....5°	(1954)	..71°	(1981)
APR 5	...27°	...50°	.....0°	(1972)	..74°	(2005)
APR 6	...27°	...50°	.....7°	(2003)	..78°	(1991)
APR 7	...27°	...51°	.....2°	(1982)	..82°	(1991)

## OBITUARIES

### Carlton Arthur Bradley, 86

(MARCH 26, 1931 - MARCH 23, 2018)

Carlton Arthur Bradley of Boyne City died March 23, 2018 at Hiland Cottage Hospice in Petoskey.

Carl was born March 26, 1931, the son of Robert and Thelma (Burns) Bradley. He was born and raised in the town of Boyne City and at the age of 18 he moved to Flint to work for Buick. He later returned to Boyne City to work at the family business, Bradley Septic Service until his retirement. Carl went on to work for the Charlevoix County Transit until age 76.

He enjoyed yard work and gardening and every Christmas he would decorate his front yard and house with all kind of lights and Christmas displays. He was a member of the Eagles and served as the President for many years. He will be remembered for his dry sense of humor and stubborn but kind ways.

He is survived by his children, Ken (Kathleen) Bradley of Boyne City, Jane Elliott of East Jordan, William (Melody) Bradley of Alan-son, Cathy Wiesenauer of Muskegon, and Michael Bradley of Muskegon; many grandchildren and great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren; brother, George (Jean) Bradley of

Monroe, Ohio; and sister, Margaret Gould of Boyne City. He is preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Bradley.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to suggest memorial donations to either the Shriners Children's Hospital or the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

### Julia "Marie" (Wheeler) Eaton, 89

(MAY 20, 1928 - MARCH 23, 2018)

Julia "Marie" Eaton of Boyne City died March 23,

2018 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City.

Marie was born May 20, 1928 in Boyne City, one of 17 children, the daughter of Jerome and Minnie Bell (McWharter) Wheeler.

On April 2, 1948, she married Donald "Bob" Eaton and together they raised five children.

In her spare time, Marie liked reading, baking, knitting, and crocheting. She enjoyed going to the casinos to play slots and any sort of family gatherings. Bob and Marie always watched their team, the Detroit Tigers and Marie finally got to watch a game live at Comerica Park for her 89th birthday.

She is survived by her children, Christine (Rich Lasley)

Storing, Mary (Bob Irwin) Eaton, Robin (Tom) Renkiewicz, Bob (Frances) Eaton and Marcy (Mark Crum) Cole; 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; her sister, Sevela Waslewski; and her beloved pitbull Lilly.

Marie is preceded in death by her husband, Donald; 15 siblings; and son-in-law, Gary Cole.

She will be remembered for her kind spirit and her deep love for her family.

There was a memorial service on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Reverend David Behling officiated the service.

The Eaton family would like to suggest memorial donations to Grandvue Medical

Care Facility's Terrace & Park Project where funds will go toward creating a beautiful outside space for the residents to enjoy.

### Genesis Poe Boss, 10 month

(MAY 10, 2017 - MARCH 26, 2018)

Genesis Poe Boss, age 10 months, daughter of Annie Boss of East Jordan, died on Monday, March 26, 2018, at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Arrangements are pending at Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

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## Postscript

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### Easter and the promise of eternal hope

Regardless of the secular trappings of the Easter season, it remains the most sacred day on the Christian calendar. This Sunday, hundreds of millions of believers throughout the world will attend church services commemorating what Christians view as the single most important event in history.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is and always will be the cornerstone of Christianity. Without the resurrection, there is no Christian faith. The Catholic religion rises and falls on the veracity of the resurrection. So does every Protestant denomination.

The Apostle Paul said it succinctly in I Corinthians 15:14: "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

### Easter impact

According to the Christian tenet, the resurrection of Christ is proof of God's

power to raise the dead. Without it, on what grounds would there be hope of life beyond the grave? The most quoted verse in the Bible is John 3:16. It affirms that "whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

My personal convictions about Easter and the reality of Jesus rising from the dead, ascending into Heaven and sitting at the right hand of the Father have had a profound impact on my own life.

I experienced a radical transformation when, at the age of 23, I cried out to Jesus from an Army barracks at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and asked Him to forgive my many sins and cleanse my soul. That was 40 years ago. I've failed Him many times since then but He's never failed me. He's utterly faithful to His Word.

Any good at all in my life I directly attribute to the work of the Savior in me. He gave me His Spirit to help me to walk that narrow path to life in the midst of a broken, fallen world. And when I die, I believe He'll call me to be with Him, not because I'm worthy (I'm very unworthy) but because I've placed my trust in Him and put my life in His hands.

And that, in essence, is what the good news of the gospel is all about.

### Hope beyond the grave

Just a little over a year ago, I was confronted quite directly with the reality of my own mortality when I was taken by ambulance to the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City and had a stent placed in a major artery, saving me from what the cardiologist said would almost certainly have been a catastrophic heart attack.

I can say honestly that I had no anxiety at all about dying, though I did pray to live because I knew it would be hard on my family, my friends, and the church to lose me so suddenly. But I was completely at rest in the hands of my Savior. And I know with certainty when the time comes that I close my eyes for the final time in this life I'll be resurrected as He was, not because I'm such a good person (I'm very mindful of my own failings), but because of the faith I've placed in the One who is truly good, the Son of God who died in my place on the cross.

The One who promised eternal life to those who choose to follow Him and embrace Him as the Shepherd of their lives.

### Celebrating the resurrection

The resurrection of Christ that is celebrated each Easter forms the bedrock of truth to believers that death is not the end, but a beginning.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### DEMOCRATIC DRAWBRIDGE

To the Editor,  
Democracy as defined by encyclopedia is dichotomous, Direct and Representative. In simple terms, the Direct Democracy we witness now with school kids walking out of classes places Democracy back in the hands of the people, indirect version being the legislative inertia to address the matter at hand for such revolt, that is, nothing less than life and death - literally.

This is a tough equation. To say that political inbreeding doesn't care about life and death is a drastic statement yet there it is exemplified on the Cover of the Rolling Stone so to speak. There are great fault lines on either side of that aisle so maligned, one all-too blatant of late being the refusal to even look at the Russian interference in election campaigning which all the world acknowledges as true. Observers note that the avoidance therein is the final knot in the Republican noose in current elections. It appears as if, not unlike the known Russian poisoning of dissidents, the GOP wants to lose the confidence of the people in similar Russian Roulette suicide. The GOP can't de-claim that blatant act no more than the Russians can and obviously don't intend to. These are the acts that bring Direct and Indirect Democracy back to the bar-

gaining table, distantly yet but within eyesight and earshot.

The drawbridge raises and lowers accordingly. Lowering means opening, raising closing. High school kids, formerly kept in childhood bonds through much of teen years are now coming to adulthood more quickly as they take control lost in the democratic process as it secured its portals. In early days of constitutional implementation the innovators of points of law considered the people incapable of "chusing" a president but left the rest of the elections to the people's "popular" vote. Popular in this sense refers more to population than popularity but the inference is there anyway. In other words, what is taken to be popular and indeed numerical is superseded by what is political.

Neoliberalism is a term banded about lately but is not aligned with liberalism as we know it. Now it tends to refer to rule of law more than rule of, by, for the people. Compounding the issue, one might say confounding, comes the religious front which in many perhaps most cases sides with the conservative element. Majority evangelicals for instance are Trumpsters even though barely a perfunctory ecclesiastical whisper is heard from that insular singularity en-sonced in one of three places - Mar-a-Lago, Oval Office or Trump Tower.

Actual Democracy has been sought over many millennia. Literature is full of the ideal. As retrospectively as we can fathom, the ancient Greeks spoke of it albeit rather harshly, preferring a Republic, which in fact is basically what the constitutional formulators had in mind. In elementary school we "pledge[d] allegiance to the flag...and the Republic for which it stands", not to Democracy. The issue arose with philosophers after the old Greek dudes, the nouveau nous Enlightenment questioning whether equality was such a good idea as touted. All persons are not created equal being the gist, that places mankind in a version of BRAVE NEW WORLD wherein castes are genetically modified, insemnated, born and molded as stratified fulfillers of society's needs. Preferential biological selection, or eugenics, planned parenthood in a far different way than the expected procedure, despite beneficent potential of avoiding negative genetic traits, suggests a Hitlerian master race or automatons, a concept bordering on \*psychopathic. A population of robotic beings, though hinted by geneticists as fulminating in a Bunsen Burner, will not be accepted as an outcome of the human experiment whether Creationary or Evolutionary.

Trump voters thought they were getting some of

that people power back and some even cling to that Lud-dite chatter that statistically and realistically can never bring the past back. Not until charges of treason are brought against conspirators will those supporters have to face the fact that they voted in a Russian plot to undermine America, i.e. dreaded Communist takeover from within. Not to be ignominiously ridiculed, this longing to rid the country of egregious political hegemony via bureaucracy, business and banking is a remarkably potent force, unfortunately foisted in contemporaneous rhetoric that working folk could readily relate to because otherwise there was only politics as usual looming.

Just as realistically we can't expect to have a true Direct Democracy of 300+ million because how could we all talk at once? That's where voting and petitioning come in. That is the democratic process that works for all and is hence one of the several clauses in the Constitution needing amending. Amendments have successfully been implemented, namely black servitude, women's rights, underage citizens' rights. The drawbridge is perceptibly opening a little, American youth being the current reconstitution of Direct Democracy.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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## East Jordan Rotary Club plans 12th Annual Variety Show

The East Jordan Rotary Club is at it again, putting their creative heads together to plan the 12th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7pm each night, and doors open at 6pm for some great pre-show entertainment.

Rotarian Chip Hansen will be the show's Master of Ceremonies again this year. "We've got another great, all-American show planned this year," he noted, adding, "with our trademark slapstick comedy, and great musical numbers too."

The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, as well as an all-new, live pit band.

"The chorus and the band headline the show," Hansen said. "This year we're moving our music forward with a relationship with Full Circle," he said, adding, "they're a great classic rock group with East Jordan roots, and we're excited to move in a new direction with Bob Bryan, our long-time music director, and Full Circle."

New this year too is the "Forks to Funnies" event, a dinner pre-show the Rotarians are hosting in collaboration with The Landing restaurant. Limited to 50 guests each night, "Forks to



Rotarians form a chorus line during the closing number from the 2017 Rotary Variety Show. COURTESY PHOTO

Funnies" includes dinner/drinks at The Landing, reserved parking at the Community Auditorium and reserved seating for the Variety Show. There will be live entertainment by the Rotarians during the dinner experi-

ence at The Landing. "We're pumped about 'Forks to Funnies', Hansen said, noting, "we think it will be a lot of fun for those who are lucky enough to score a ticket!" Tickets for the "Forks to Funnies" event are

available online at <https://mynorthtickets.com/organizations/rotary-club-of-east-jordan>.

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort, too. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the

show's Production team, which selects the chorus medleys, writes the skits and crossover acts, manages the rehearsals and, in general, plans the entire show. "We've got a lot of ultra-creative people that develop

the show," Aenis said, noting, "the planning meetings are great fun and the show always reflects the enthusiasm of the group." Penzien agreed, saying, "the show really brings out the best in our club members and we enjoy working together and creating a great show for the community to enjoy."

The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bob Bryan and Full Circle. General admission tickets are priced at just \$10 each and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and from any member of the Rotary Club. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities. According to Chip Hansen, the show always sells out.

"The show has a following," he said, "so it's important to get your tickets early."

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

## Why the date of Easter Sunday changes each year

BY JIM AKANS

This coming Sunday, April 1, is Easter. Last year, Easter Sunday fell on April 16, in 2016 it was on March 27 and it will occur on April 21 in 2019. So why does Easter Sunday vary by several weeks over the course of a few years while holidays such as Christmas, Valentines Day and Veterans Day remain the same every year? Even holidays tied to specific days of the week, such as Thanksgiving, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day, usually fall within the same week each year.

Turns out, the date of Easter Sunday is calculated to occur on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring, a season ushered in by the vernal equinox.

This "moveable" date of Easter was established back in the 4th Century by the First Council of Nicaea; a council of Christian bishops convened by Roman Emperor Constantine.

The logic was that Jesus was crucified around the time of the Jewish Passover, and that holiday occurs on the 14th or 15th day of the first month of spring. Back in those days, Jewish months started



The date of Easter Sunday each year just keeps hopping around. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

when the moon was new, so being about two weeks later, Passover would coincide with the first full moon of spring. So Easter was set for the first Sunday after that spring full moon.

Confused? Well a just take a quick look at the calendar on the wall. Easter Sunday is usually noted. That is a much simpler way to keep track of the ever-changing date of the celebration each new year.

## Build your own 3D printer at Raven Hill workshop

Want to get started in 3D printing? Don't know where to begin? Join us on Saturday, April 14th at 10am at Raven Hill Discovery Center for an introductory session on and demonstration of 3D printing. Instructor, John Clements will take you through a discussion of what a 3D printer is, what it can do, the hardware and software needed, and a few tips to look for when choosing your first printer. Suggested donation for the intro session is \$5 per person.

For those interested in building their own 3D printer, kits must be ordered and paid for by Monday, April 16. Kits will be ordered and checked over before the actual build. John will lead the 3D printer build class over the weekend of Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 from 9am-5pm both days. Cost is \$220 per person for those who want to go home



Raven Hill Discovery Center will be offering a 3D printing demonstration on April 14, and 3D printer building classes

with a 3D printer. That covers the cost of the 3D printer kit, some starter material and instruction.

If you want to come help with the build and not go

home with your own printer, cost is \$20. Bring your own lunch and snacks. More information about the "build" and ordering kits will be available on the 14th of

April. Call 231-536-3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to register for the intro and/or the build.

For additional information visit [www.MiRavenHill.org](http://www.MiRavenHill.org).

## Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency is offering free tax preparation services

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency is offering free tax preparation services to low-to-moderate income families and individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those with limited-English proficiency for its' 16th year.

The program is staffed by IRS trained volunteers who prepare taxes electronically, free of charge. In addition to

free preparation, it is also completely free to file both state and federal taxes through the agency. Many clients are surprised to learn they qualify for credits, such as the Earned Income Credit for low-income wage earners or the property tax credit, even if they rent. People that are on Social Security may qualify for credits even if they do not have earned income.

Here is a list of locations in our area you can schedule an appointment.

- Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency Branch, 2240 Mitchell Park Drive, Unit A, Petoskey, (231) 347-9070

- Charlevoix Senior Center, 6906 Norwood Street - (231) 547-5361. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Those interested in this free

service may contact the main office at (231) 947-3780 or (800) 632-7334.

For anyone that doesn't need assistance preparing their returns and would like to do it themselves can utilize our free tax preparation software and receive free e-filing for both their state and federal returns on MYFREETAXES.COM.

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## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

### Monday, March 12, 2018

- 0545 Assist EMS 2in the 200 block of W Court.
- 1120 Civil complaint in the 300 E Division St
- 1208 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1248 Report of Credit card fraud on Cherry.
- 1409 Fraud complaint from Charlevoix St
- 1929 Threatening phone calls complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.

### Tuesday, March 13, 2018

- 442 Car deer crash at State and Hannah
- 0925 Possible rolling domestic situation heading into town from the Industrial Park

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- 238 Report of stolen vehicle. Vehicle driver arrested for DWLS and warrant. Vehicle was not stolen. False report charges being requested against complainant
- 1000 PR/Security for BCHS Nat'l walk against gun violence
- 1330 Citizen assist in the 100 block of E Water St.
- 1333 Suspicious situation in

### Thursday, March 15, 2018

- 730 PR-BCHS Cops and Donuts with High School students
- 1124 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1250 Report of lost key
- 1444 Child locked inside vehicle in the 300 block of S Park St
- 1740 Vehicle unlock on Brockway St
- 1810 Request for welfare

### Friday, March 16, 2018

- 0946 Citation issued for speed at W Michigan and Charlevoix
- 1105 Civil complaint regarding property on Roosevelt St
- 1151 Request for welfare check in the 800 block of S Park St.
- 1314 911 hang up in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

### Saturday, March 17, 2018

- 0227 Suspicious situation on Robinson St
- 0145 Suspicious situation at Rotary Park
- 1444 Suspicious subject

### Sunday, March 18, 2018

- 0058 Health and safety check at Pleasant and West.
- 1216 Assist Fire Dept. in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1427 Report of people climbing the ice tower in Sunset Park.
- 1825 Found credit card in the 800 block of S Park St
- 2040 Citation issued for speed M-75 N and Old State

### walking south on Lake with moonshine.

- 1811 Report of intoxicated female causing problems on W Main St
- 1940 Natural death in the 300 block of E Cedar St

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## \$18 million in Grants available to provide services to crime victims

Local organizations across the state will be able to apply for \$18 million in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants to provide services to crime victims over the next three months, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today.

The MDHHS Crime Victim Services Commission has posted the first of five Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for VOCA Victim Services

funding. The RFP focuses on services for victims of elder abuse.

The Division of Victim Services is accepting proposals from organizations that would provide direct services, resources and care to elder abuse victims. The purpose of the \$3.75 million elder abuse grant is to provide services for those who are sexually, physically, emotionally and financially abused. MDHHS will award

three- to five-year U.S. Department of Justice grants of \$50,000 to \$750,000.

Questions about the RFP for victims of elder abuse can be emailed to MDHHS-CVSC-VOCA-GRANTS@ and must be submitted by Friday, March 30 by 5pm. The deadline for proposals is Thursday, April 19 by 3pm.

The remaining four RFPs will be available in April and May and will focus on supervised visits and safe ex-

change, sexual assault services, tribal victim services and children's advocacy center development. The release dates for those RFPs are April 5 for supervised visits and safe exchange, April 19 or sexual assault services, May 3 for tribal victim services and May 15 for children's advocacy center development.

Applicant agencies must be public or non-profit organizations – including faith-

based entities and American Indian tribes – that provide direct services to crime victims. The purpose of the funding is to expand and enhance services to victims of crime, such as responding to the immediate needs of crime victims, reducing psychological consequences of victimization and helping restore victims' sense of dignity and self-esteem.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants

Website at Egrams-mi.com/dch and select the "About EGrAMS" link on the left panel to access the Crime Victims Agreement training manual. The RFP is located under "Legal and Policy Affairs" in the Current Grants section.

For more information about Michigan's Division of Victim Services, visit Michigan.gov/crimevictims.

## Let's Get Outdoors Northern Michigan

# A Troll Travels UP

BY PATRICK BEVIER

"Trolls are slow in the uptake, and mighty suspicious about anything new to them." J. R. R. Tolkien

Most folks who dwell south of the Mighty Mac know that our beloved brethren from the Upper Peninsula would rather eat their Stormy Kromer cap than miss the opportunity to call us "trolls." I must be a mega-troll because I grew up on the northern shores of Lake Erie. You don't get much further south than that in the Great Lakes State!

Despite this shortcoming I ventured above the big bridge for a fun-filled winter day recently. I managed to wedge several activities into a sunny, snow-soaked Saturday that included experiencing pond hockey, ice fishing, and dog sledding.

Very few places in the north would have such a diverse array of activities all within an about 85 mile area. The heavenly highlights:

### Popular Pond Hockey:

My first stop was not far from the bridge. For one wonderful winter weekend Michigan's oldest city-St. Ignace-hosts the Labatt Blue U.P. Pond Hockey Championship. This year over 180 teams skated, passed, and scored their way through the three day tournament. It was the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the event and the ice conditions were top notch. That's not always the case and some year's watery ice leads to cancellation of the entire experience. I thoroughly enjoyed watching any of the many simultaneous games as all participants seemed to really enjoy themselves. Several, I was convinced, had plenty of anti-freeze in them in the form of peppermint schnapps or the aforementioned Labatt's beer. It's also a great place to people watch as many teams had creative uniforms, costumes, and team names. The good folks at the St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau spiced up the event with add-ons like the Yooper Ice Tennis Doubles Tournament and the always-popular Detroit Red Wings Alumni Game! A warming center and portapotties were much appreciated.



Sled dogs dash out of the Nature's Kennel facility in McMillan. The U.P. attraction offers a wide variety of experiences for outdoor adventurers.

PHOTO BY PATRICK BEVIER

ated.

If you're interested in signing up for next year all participants must be 21 years or older and they offer dozens of categories including novice, women, and age groups of 21, 30, 40 and 50 and over. Registration fees are around \$425.00 for a seven person team with a three game guarantee. Next year's adult tourney is tentatively scheduled for February 15-17, 2019. Hope to see you then on the ice of Lake Huron's Moran Bay!

St. Ignace also hosts a kid's pond hockey tournament on another weekend with all the same fun but for your minnows (your children, not your bait!). Visit [www.stignace.com](http://www.stignace.com) for details.

**Fishing for Firemen:** Stop number two was a 35-mile puddle-jump northwest of St. Ignace to the quaint town of Trout Lake. I was visiting friend, Alan Huyck, and his family as they were participating in an annual ice fishing tournament on the fish-laden lake. The event was a fundraiser for the local volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and, despite whopping winds, attracted a record number of adult and child anglers. Over 150 total participants snowmobiled to all corners of Trout Lake to set up shanties and used tip-ups

and jigging rods baited with minnows, waxworms, or spikes. Prizes were awarded for the largest, second largest, and third largest catch for perch, pike, and walleye. Dozens of fish made it to the measuring board as the largest perch, walleye, and pike stretched the tape at 11", 16 5/8" and 23 3/4", respectively. Entry fees were only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. They plan on doing it again next winter with a date yet to be determined.

### A Dog-Gone Good Time:

Stop three was my favorite place to visit in the central U.P. That's Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Racing and Adventures facility in McMillan. Just to be around over 100 mixed Alaskan husky dogs is thrilling enough. But when coupled with the opportunity to have experienced Iditarod mushers and owners Ed and Tasha Stielstra, and their accommodating staff, teach you about this joyous activity it's a second-to-none opportunity. Depending on interest and budget they take visitors on various length rides through the rolling and picturesque forests. What's really a blast is that they'll let you drive your own team after a short lesson. Additionally, they have overnight adventures where you drive a dog sled team to a canvas yurt -

fully equipped with comfy cots, wood burner, and a full cook stove - deep in the invigorating woods! I highly recommend that you give them a look-see as they truly know how to create a bucket-list level experience. A 5.0 star Google rating by reviewers speaks volumes. The children might also enjoy one of their kids mushing camps in August.

Nature's Kennel is located about 8 miles north of the McMillan town center at 14785 Co. Road 415, McMillan, MI 14785. Visit their website at [www.natureskennel.com](http://www.natureskennel.com) or give them a jingle at (906) 748-0513 (yes Yoopers have evolved to using telephones these days!).

So, northern Lower adventurers get in touch with your inner troll and head U.P. for many and varied outdoor activities (maybe we should call all Yoopers "Billy Goats" from now on!)

### Michigan Outdoor Fun Fact:

While dog sled drivers are known as "mushers" they do not use the word "mush" as a command. Most often they say, "hike" to get the dogs moving, "gee" for a right turn, "haw" for a left turn, and the ever-important "whoa" to stop!

## EASTER FUN FACTS

Coloring and hiding eggs is an American tradition

White lily is symbol of Christ's resurrection

For Christians around the world, the two great symbols of Easter are the cross and the white lily. The cross represents the suffering of Jesus on behalf of mankind and the white lily is the symbol of His resurrection from the dead on the first Easter morning.

Other symbols of Easter as a holiday are the bunny and the egg, but these have their roots in the celebration of Christ's resurrection as well. The idea of the bunny stemmed from the German tradition of growing eggs each Easter as a reminder of the resurrection and the new life offered to believers. From the very early times, the egg has been considered the most important symbol of rebirth.

The tradition of coloring eggs and hiding them at Easter is an American custom, however. The Easter bunny tradition made its way across the Atlantic from Germany some years ago and grew in popularity after that.

Here are some other interesting facts about Easter:

- According to one survey, 63 percent of Americans prefer a chocolate bunny on Easter morning, by far the highest response. Next in line, with just 10 percent, was a marshmallow bunny.

- Hot cross buns, made by European monks, are counted amongst the earliest Easter treats. They were given to the poor people, during the month of Lent.

- Each year, 16 billion jellybeans are made for the Easter season (that's enough candy to complete a 60-foot wide Easter egg that stands as tall as a nine-story building).

- Red jellybeans qualify as the most favorite food stuff for kids on Easter.

- In addition, 5 million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced daily in anticipation of the Easter season, and 90 million chocolate bunnies.

- Easter is now celebrated (in the words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on, or after March 21, the Spring Equinox. The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest date is April 25.



Coloring and hiding Easter eggs is an American tradition.

- Easter marks the final day of the liturgical period in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayers and the repentance for one's sins.

- During the Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps – making Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

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- When taking a bite into a chocolate bunny, 76 percent of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first while 5 percent eat the feet first and 4 percent eat the tail first.

- The tradition of having an Easter egg hunt on the South Lawn of the White House started in 1878 when Rutherford B. Hayes was in office. He and his wife Lucy officially opened the White House grounds to the children of the area for egg rolling on Easter Monday. It became an annual event.

- Can you believe this? The world's largest jar of jellybeans weighed more than 6,000 pounds!

- According to The Guinness Book of Records, the largest Easter egg ever made came from the ovens of Guylian, the famous Belgian chocolate maker. The egg measured a whopping 8.32 meters high! It took 26 craftsmen a total of 525 hours to build the egg and required 1,950 kilograms of chocolate.

- After Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy-consuming holiday.

--Compiled by Mike Dunn

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## ODLE CLEARED

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Jett's story, including examination of a video surveillance in the alleyway parking lot where the assault allegedly occurred. Police also found evidence corroborating Odle's alibi from video surveillance of his reported whereabouts at the time of the incident as well as witness statements.

The affidavit stated that detectives then again interviewed Jett and presented the new found evidence substantiating Odle's alibi and Jett eventually confessed to fabricating the stabbing. He told police he did so to avoid having to tell his pregnant girlfriend about a sum of money he had earned earlier

because then he would have had to pay for her doctor's appointment, which had been scheduled for the afternoon of his reported assault. Jett also told police that the stab wounds he suffered were self-inflicted.

Petoskey Department of Public Safety officials issued a media release lauding detectives at the Emmet County Sheriff's Office for their pivotal investigative work in clearing Odle of the crime.

Jett was charged last week in Emmet County's 90th District Court on four counts of lying to police and two counts of making a false report of a felony, each being four-year felonies. He is scheduled for preliminary examination April 4.

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## 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 Park, 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, plus a visit by the Easter Bunny. For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit [www.charlevoix.org](http://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 CITY

### FINDING A WAY TO FORGIVE EXPLORED

April 1, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "The Struggle to Forgive: Finding a Way Forward," features the filmed story of Alicia Brady, who was the victim of a gang-related drive-by shooting. A dancer, Brady sustained injuries that caused her to lose the ability to perform competitively. This Lifetree program will offer guidance for those who find it difficult to forgive those who have wronged them. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. In the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### SENATOR SCHMIDT COFFEE HOUR

April 4, 1:30-2:30pm, Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street. State Sen. Wayne Schmidt will hold coffee hour with constituents throughout the 37th Senate District. The senator will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary. For more information or to contact Schmidt, please visit [SenatorWayneSchmidt.com](http://SenatorWayneSchmidt.com) or call 517-373-2413.

## 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 on our website at [www.beetlemanialcc.com](http://www.beetlemanialcc.com).

## CHARLEVOIX

### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

## CHARLEVOIX

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

April 10, 6:30-8pm, 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.

## PETOSKEY

### SCORE WORKSHOP

April 11, 6-8:30pm, NCMC Building 6, room 536. SCORE is offering an Entrepreneur Index Assessment Workshop. The workshop includes an online entrepreneurial traits assessment with a personal report provided after completing the questionnaire to bring to the workshop. To register, call the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce at 231.347.4150. You can mail the check to SCORE, 401 E. Mitchell St. Petoskey, MI 49770, or charge the \$15 to a credit card. An email address is needed to send the assessment link. [tipofthemitt.score.org](mailto:tipofthemitt.score.org)

## 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 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](http://www.EastShoreWind.com), follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or contact the Northeast Michigan Arts Council at (989) 846-9331.

## BOYNE CITY

### PURSING A SATISFYING LIFE DISCUSSED

April 15, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street.

The program, titled "How to Live Before You Die: Embracing Life to the Fullest," features a filmed interview with Sasha Vukelja, who as a young girl escaped from communist Yugoslavia and emigrated to the United States. Vukelja, now an oncologist, tells how she works with patients facing an uncertain future to find hope and a positive attitude. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. In the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## 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 at [www.glcorchestra.org](http://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. Featuring a Beaver Island theme with games, cash bar, live music, sponsor tables, hors d'oeuvres, multiple door prizes and more. \$5 for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members.

## ELLSWORTH

### KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

April 19, 3-7pm, Ellsworth Elementary School. Call (231) 588-2544 for additional information.

## BOYNE CITY

### CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 19, 5:30-7:30pm, Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen. The monthly event includes a 50/50 door prizes, food, drink, and business networking. There is no charge for admission or refreshments.

## 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.

## BOYNE CITY

### PUBLIC EDUCATION GRADED

April 22, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Pass or Fail? The State of Education," features filmed interviews with Nikhil Goyal, TED talk speaker and author of One Size Does Not Fit All: A Student's Assessment of School, and Sajan George, the founder of Matchbook Learning, a school-turn-around organization. Goyal advocates sweeping changes in the educational system. During the session Lifetree participants will have to opportunity to discuss the current state of public education and what changes

might improve the system for schools, parents, and students. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. In the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## 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, pre-show dinner theater opportunity that we're providing in conjunction with The Landings. "Forks to Funnies" starts at 5pm on each show night. Tickets are \$50 are available online at <http://bit.do/ejrotary> 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 and 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

### MIRACULOUS INTERVENTIONS DISCUSSED

April 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Emergency: Make Room for God," features a filmed interview with Dena Ballagh, a woman who experienced a sudden life-threatening illness but was saved largely due to the efforts of a doctor whose identity she still doesn't know. During this program, participants will have an opportunity to share emergency situations they've experienced and any miracles that resulted from them. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. In the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance. Join us for the potluck always on the last Sunday at 5:30. Bring a dish to share.

## 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.

## 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 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 in-

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

## BOYNE CITY

### FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

## CHARLEVOIX

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, adult sexual assault and children 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.wr-cnm.org](http://www.wr-cnm.org) or call (231) 347-0067.

## BOYNE CITY

### BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week  
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session  
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).

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## Is there a down side to "Blue Ice?"

BY CHILLY CHARLIE

Over the past few weeks, thousands have flocked to the Mackinac City area to view the incredible "Blue Ice" formations in the Straits of Mackinac. Looming majestically on the shores, this rare phenomenon has drawn national media attention. While Blue Ice is certainly not "fake news," there may be some foolishness about it. DEQ Water Quality Analyst, Irving Charles (I.C.) Frost, has been taking a deeper look into Blue Ice. "It is absolutely beautiful to behold. But I wondered where that blue hue was coming from." Turns out it is about

light; visible spectrum light. That's a range of color wavelengths that moves from dark blue on one end through green, yellow and orange to arrive at deep red on the other end. Our eyes respond to those wavelengths. "So, we are seeing lots of blue reflected light here," Frost observes, "and I'm concerned. Perhaps, just perhaps, that ice is sucking all the blue light right out of the water in the Straits! If that's the case, we might only be seeing a green, yellow, orange and red tinted water in the Great Lakes this coming spring and summer. While that might be beautiful too, it's just not natural." Concerned colleagues in

the scientific community have convened an emergency summit, scheduled for April 1st, to debate Frost's musings against the commonly held belief that Blue Ice is simply the result of air bubble concentration. We will just have to wait and see. However, keep in mind that every year around this date somewhat "foolish" ideas and things do tend to materialize. Kind of like Blue Ice. Over the past few weeks, thousands have flocked to the Mackinac City area to view the incredible "Blue Ice" formations in the Straits of Mackinac. Could there be a down side to this phenomenon? PHOTO BY KELLI HARWOOD (THANK YOU!).



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