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## Two killed and one injured in car accident on Easter weekend

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Two Charlevoix friends were killed and a third remains hospitalized for injuries suffered in what's believed to have been a high speed crash just south of the city on Easter weekend. Charlevoix County Sheriff Chuck Vondra stated in a media release issued Monday that around 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, a vehicle reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed was seen headed south on Barnard Road near Gregory Road in Charlevoix County's Marion Township when it veered off the road and crashed into a stand of trees.

Vondra said all three of the vehicle's occupants were ejected at the time of the crash, with Aaron Devries and Brandon Russell,



Aaron J. Devries, 21 from Charlevoix, worked as a diesel technician at Michigan Kentworth in Gaylord. COURTESY PHOTO



Brandon Russell, 21, worked at Fox Motors in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

both 21 and from Charlevoix, being found dead at the scene. Their companion, 21-year-old Meeshann Schmidt, who is also originally from Charlevoix, suffered serious injuries and was transported by Charlevoix ambulance to McLaren

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, where he was taken to the intensive care unit.

Hospital officials confirmed on Tuesday afternoon that Schmidt remains in the hospital and but is now listed in fair condition. Vondra said the accident

is still under investigation and has not yet determined whether the rate of speed or if drugs and/or alcohol were factors.

Devries was from Charlevoix and worked at Michigan Kenworth in Gaylord as a diesel mechanic.

Russell, also from Charlevoix, was a 2015 graduate of Charlevoix High School who worked at Fox Motors.

Russell's family issued a statement thanking the community of Charlevoix for its prayers and support and detailing a special new fund that's been set up in his name. The statement reads as follows:

"In memory of Brandon and in appreciation for the amazing effort from Charlevoix's first responders, the family has started

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## DDA leaves Senior Citizen parking privileges to city council

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - The notion that senior citizens should have special parking privileges in downtown Charlevoix is one that's been around for a while and it looks like it may remain that way for a while longer.

The designation of special parking spots in the downtown district to allow senior citizens privileges similar to those afforded to handicap license plate or tags was discussed during a recent meeting of the Charlevoix Main Street/Downtown Authority.

But members of the DDA ultimately decided they would rather let the city council make the end call.

At issue is whether parking spaces specially designated for senior citizens

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## Breezeway celebrates 10 years

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

For most of us the appearance of the Breezeway was a surprise. While traveling our usual route, signs suddenly appeared. "What's the Breezeway?" we thought.

Ten years later we say things like "I live on the Breezeway," and "Just take the Breezeway to Atwood..." It's safe to say that the naming of the little patch of road that runs between US 131 and US 31 has put it on the map. Of course it was always on the map, the part of the map few traversed. And why would they? The road was a mess of potholes.

The Breezeway Collaboration was truly visionary at its inception, it took the cooperation of two villages, one city and three townships. A daunting task.

In 2007, a group of community leaders sat around a table in the Banks Township hall brainstorming to find a way to get C48 repaved, re-



paired, anything. It was a mess and not on anyone's radar. Originally it had been suggested that it could become part of M-32. Thus becoming MDOT's responsibility and the group went into their meeting thinking this may be the only way to get what the community needed, a decent road.

But as the parlay began it soon became clear that a decent road wasn't all the community needed. In a letter sent to Senator Jason Allen and Representative Kevin Elsenheimer in November 2007, Banks Township Supervisor Thomas Mann explained that the committee decided not to pursue the MDOT solution and out



Banks Township Clerk Donna Heeres, Antrim County Sheriff Dan Bean, Antrim County Commissioner Dave Heeres, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak, Banks Township Historical Society Secretary Shirley Tornga, Ellsworth Village President Hugh Campbell, Ellsworth Village Trustee Lynn Spearing and Banks Township Supervisor Thomas Mann traveled the Breezeway holding ribbon cuttings in each municipality. Five ribbon cuttings were held and the committee was joined by leaders in those communities.

lined, for the first time, some of the ideas that grew in that meeting. "What we have proposed is to name the road and promote it," he began. "We see this as a strong plan to promote economic development in our "off the beaten path" areas." And that's what they did.

First they needed to get an

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Lori Hodgson, Lynn Spearing, Marci Palajac, Donna Heeres, Mary Faculak and Hugh Campbell proved that where there's a will and a few good ideas, there's a way. The original Breezeway Taskforce.

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## weather

### THURSDAY



HIGH: 36  
LOW: 23

### FRIDAY



HIGH: 31  
LOW: 19

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 26  
LOW: 13

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 30  
LOW: 18

## snowfall

3/20/17	.....55.1
3/20/17	.....111.4
3/20/17	.....67.3
3/20/17	.....78
3/20/17	.....117.1
3/20/17	.....177
3/20/17	.....144
3/20/17	.....60.1
3/20/17	.....52.4
3/20/17	.....86.5
3/20/17	.....121.1

ATLANTA	4/2/18	.31.9
BOYNE FALLS	4/2/18	.91
CHARLEVOIX	4/2/18	.88.1
CHEBOYGAN	4/2/18	.59.7
EAST JORDAN	4/2/18	.128.8
GAYLORD	4/2/18	.115.8
KALKASKA	4/2/18	.110.3
LEWISTON	4/2/18	.38.1
MIO	4/2/18	.33.4
ONAWAY	4/2/18	.72.6
PETOSKEY	4/2/18	.108.5

## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD	LOW	RECORD	HIGH
APR 5	.....27°	.....50°	.....0°	(1972)	..74°	(2005)		
APR 6	.....27°	.....50°	.....7°	(2003)	..78°	(1991)		
APR 7	.....27°	.....51°	.....2°	(1982)	..82°	(1991)		
APR 8	.....28°	.....51°	.....4°	(1972)	..79°	(1991)		
APR 9	.....28°	.....52°	.....5°	(1972)	..70°	(2005)		
APR 10	.....29°	.....52°	.....14°	(2007)	..78°	(1955)		
APR 11	.....29°	.....53°	.....13°	(1973)	..78°	(1977)		
APR 12	.....29°	.....53°	.....13°	(1975)	..80°	(2006)		
APR 13	.....30°	.....54°	.....6°	(1950)	..75°	(1977)		
APR 14	.....30°	.....54°	.....18°	(1975)	..81°	(2003)		

### Nelson James Bennett, 78

(SEPT. 13, 1939 - MARCH 31, 2018)

Nelson James Bennett of Echo Township died Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Medilodge of Traverse City.

He was born September 13, 1939 in Echo Township the son of Lawrence and Bernice (Savage) Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was a tool and die maker with Detroit Diesel until his retirement.

On February 13, 1988 he married Dorothy Flannery in Northville and they made their home in Detroit. They moved to Echo Township in 2002. He enjoyed playing cards.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy, Children: Kenneth Bennett of Pontiac and Gary Bennett of Arizona, Step Children: Renee Flannery of East Jordan, Julie (Sabah) Sawa of Westland, Jennifer (Carl) Figliola of New York, New York, and Johnda (Anthony) Cece of Brighton, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren., brothers Lawrence Bennett of Boyne City, Brian (Rita) Bennett of Boyne Falls and Ronald Bennett of East Jordan.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

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

### Leo Allan Thomas, 81

(MARCH 8, 1937 - APRIL 1, 2018)

Leo Allan Thomas, father of Melody Thomas of Boyne Falls, died Sunday morning

at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

Arrangements are pending with Stone Funeral Home.

### Jerald Cihak, 72

(OCT. 28, 1945 - MARCH 27, 2018)



Jerald Cihak, died on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at his home in East Jordan.

He was born October 28, 1945, in Charlevoix, the son of Marlin Cihak and Margery Stallard Cihak.

On February 19, 1966, he married Dawn Alexander.

Jerry served in the United States Army for three years. He was a volunteer fireman and diver for the East Jordan Fire Department. Jerry also served on the East Jordan City Council. He retired from the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ, USA, Inc.

He enjoyed being outdoors and taking fishing trips to Canada with his buddies.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Dawn; two daughters, Michelle Ford of Central Lake and Amy Cihak of East

Jordan; his five grandchildren, Taya Karki, Kacey Karki, Kylie Cihak, Autumn Ford and Austin Ford; his brother, Gary (Barb) Cihak, and sister, Pat Pepin of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin sister, Judy Detcher.

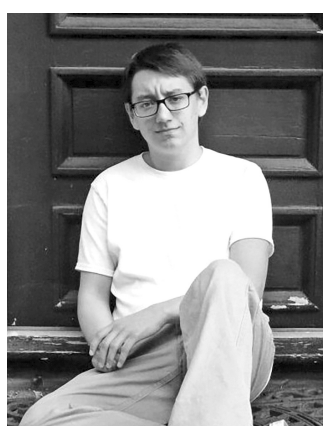
At Jerry's request, no services will be held.

Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan at 220 W. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

A special thank you to Hospice of Northwest Michigan for their support, guidance, and care.

### Brandon L. Russell, 21

(JUNE 25, 1996 - MARCH 31, 2018)



Brandon L. Russell, 21, of Charlevoix passed away on March 31, 2018.

Brandon was born on June 25, 1996 in Charlevoix to Mary Kelly.

Brandon graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2015. He attended St. Mary Church for years. Brandon

worked at Fox Motors in Charlevoix. He enjoyed spending time riding motorcycles and being with friends. He was a lover of all pets.

Brandon is survived by his mother, Mary (Kevin Potter) Kelly, brother, Ryan (Angel) Russell of Charlevoix, nephew, Samuel Russell, niece, Cameryn Russell, 3 aunts, Patricia (Don) Wells of Charlevoix, Brenda (Ted) Poelking of Florida, Beth (Richard) Belovesky, 2 uncles, Robert Newton of Florida and Michael (Stacey) Newton of Traverse City and David (Nancy) Russell of Charlevoix.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Brandon Russell Memorial Fund.

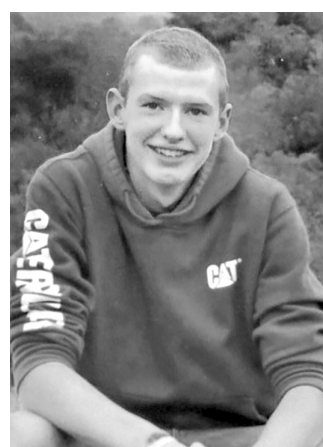
Brandon's family would like to thank the community of Charlevoix for their prayers and support during this difficult time. In memory of Brandon and in appreciation for the amazing effort from Charlevoix's first responders, the family has started a fund to benefit Charlevoix EMS and Charlevoix Township Fire Department. The family would like to especially thank the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, and the Charlevoix Township Fire Department. Special thanks to Sheriff Chuck Vondra, Russ McCraney and Dan

Thorp. Please make donations to the Brandon Russell Memorial Fund at Charlevoix State Bank.

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

### Aaron J. DeVries, 21

(JAN. 5, 1997 - MARCH 31, 2018)



Aaron J. DeVries of Charlevoix passed away on March 31, 2018.

Aaron was born on January 5, 1997 to Henry "Butch" and Deborah (Teike) DeVries.

Aaron worked for Michigan Kentworth in Gaylord as a Diesel Technician. He loved his job and all of the work friends that he made. Working on vehicles was Aaron's greatest passion in life and he spent countless hours modifying his vehicles and was always looking for his next vehicle. Aaron enjoyed snowboarding with his

brother, Austin, spending quality time with his sister, Ashley, going on small road trips and out to breakfast with his dad and going to the movies with his mom. He also enjoyed watching M\*A\*S\*H\* with his family and spending quiet time on the beach. He was a very unselfish person who always put others first.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Butch and Deborah DeVries of Charlevoix, sister, Ashley A. DeVries of Charlevoix, brother, Austin A. DeVries of Boyne City, maternal grandmother, Wanetah Teike of Levering, paternal grandmother, Phyllis (John) Eisenhower of Maple Grove, Missouri, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandpa, Walter Teike and paternal grandpa Henry "Hank" DeVries.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Dan Gilmore and Pastor John Carr officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Interment to follow at Atwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Aaron's family.

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## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

**Monday, March 19, 2018**  
1004 Report of a driving/stalking complaint that had occurred on E Main St yesterday.

1404 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1500 Forgery complaint reported from the 500 block of N Lake St

1706 Assist Citizen in the 1000 block of Second St.  
1731 Disturbance reported in the 300 block of Hannah St

1817 Incurability complaint in the 400 block of Hemlock.

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
1003 Report of suspicious vehicle at State and Call.  
1730 Assist to Little Traverse Bay Band Police on Harris St

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**  
1138 Report of suspicious ac-

tivity in the 600 block of N East St.  
1509 Natural death in the 400 block of State St

1941 Report of a dog hit on Park St near State St

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**  
0458 Assist citizen with a broken water pipe in the 300 block of Hannah St.

0644 Civil property damage complaint on Ray St.  
1105 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

1115 Assist Fire Dept. in the 300 block of S Lake St  
1519 Suspicious situation reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

1800 e-mail scam reported in the 1100 block of Pleasant Av.  
1859 Credit card fraud reported from the 300 block of Boyce St

2058 Request for death notification

**Friday, March 23, 2018**  
0947 Report of juveniles climbing on the ice tower in Sunset Park.

1225 Report of fraud complaint that occurred in the 600 block of W Court St.

1334 Civil Complaint on Boyne Av.  
1418 Report of missing wallet.

1419 Vision obstruction reported at Pleasant and Elm  
1726 Report of assault in the 600 block of N. East St. No assault.  
2251 Assist Sheriff Dept. with a vehicle in the ditch on Old Horton Bay Rd. at Clute Rd.

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**  
0038 Arrested subject for OWI at Morgan and Lake St  
1313 Missing child at the

Easter egg hunt. Located within a few minutes.

1547 Suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.  
1853 Assist Fire Dept. with a dumpster fire on Front St.

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
1047 Threats complaint reported from the 300 block of E Division St.

1154 Dispatched injured deer on Fall Park Rd.  
1548 Citation issued for Expired plate on Brockway St

1814 Reporting an intoxicated subject harassing people in the 400 block of N Lake St  
2248 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S lake St

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

**PANDEMONIUM**  
To the Editor,  
Dystopia, not Utopia, though Utopia as written was not exactly paradisiacal. Thomas More was an altruist executed by Henry VIII for noncompliance, meaning not genuflecting to the narcissistic dictator. A society based on reason as presented in the work does not relate to most visions of a wonderful place to live.

So what is Trump - Saturday Night Live? Saturday Night Repeat, host Richard Nixon? Bill Clinton? So it appears. We tend to forget or foreshorten the drama leading to impeachment but it is a lengthy process filled with all the tricks of the legal and political trades. That these affairs don't go away doesn't seem to hamper new ones from forming. Donald James has broken all records and more with long time business prowess, his forebears' skull-duggery, his obvious disdain for all who challenge or question him. But there remain enough diehard supporters to give him credence at least in his mind to carry on bluffing his way even as the house of cards in multiple is falling. If enough Americans wanted a corrupt leader with all that baggage anyway, well, that's what they got.

Going down the list, a billboard actually, of social atrocities, though there are a number of books in print already, there is not yet a defin-

itive study of the outrageous absurdity, ridiculous lawlessness, soap-opera licentiousness, churlish sensationalism, and scurrilous unconstitutional pandemonium this Trump scourge has wrought. This is eroding the country from within as well as allowing infiltration from without, namely Russia as all the world can plainly see. Why this is allowed to continue can only be relegated to ineptitude and intractability on the part of Republican Party ne'er-do-wells and Democratic Party snowflakes. We the People have no more say in the matter regardless the talk shows, print articles, books and internet media constantly showcased.

"It's Even Worse Than You Think" by David Cay Johnston portends to tell it like it is but it forebodes that a tome the size of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire would be closer to the actual verbiage necessary to tell this entire tale which indeed is not over yet. Americans are waking to the facts displayed daily but none can do anything to stop it, this being in the hands of a very few with vested power to do so. Naturally these ones come under attack by those they expose and if this were Russia one might easily imagine the fates of any investigators. That's not above suspicion since the English assassination attempt currently and a

long list hitherto both verified and rumored. There is a book, I Chose Freedom by Victor Kravchenko about his Communist Party days from which he escaped the purge but fell victim to assassination in the USA after defecting. A lengthy library research via microfiche turned up a short article about his death by "suicide". Yeah, right. It doesn't work that way. Consequently, Vladimir Putin is a Mafioso thug under pretense of elected leader because the Communist Party - officially disbanded - is still intact much the same as ever.

How Donald Trump figures into the Russian oligarchy deep state remains to be seen in entirety but it is certain this is true. Still some Americans refuse to accept this even after hearing the facts. This causes a lugubrious empathy toward those who profess belief in deception but there seems nothing to be furthered in reiterating this ineluctable truth. As the interrogation winds down and focuses on the vortex of power at fault, the more the outcome foreshadows a Constitutional Crisis about to implode. Not explode but crumble from within not unlike the Nixon Watergate affair.

It's curious how Bill Clinton managed so well, he surviving with all pensions intact, though plausibly clinching Hillary's moribund-

dity. When the final breakdown occurs and is tallied, there momentarily won't be much left of the constitutional pillars although the foundation will remain in place, sort of like the Parthenon of the Ancient Greece Acropolis. Planet of the Apes discography comes to mind in its final scene of Our Lady of the Harbor's last gilded bow. The utter lack of morality and integrity of high office American politicians matches some of those of less sophisticated countries' leadership but we naturally expect more here having experienced this at times and learning responsibility in our formative education regardless how much this has been interspersed by law and lawlessness alike. Cops shouldn't shoot unarmed persons, crazed malcontents shouldn't have guns, politicians shouldn't blatantly lie in public, financiers shouldn't conceal untaxed funds in illegal offshore accounts, money shouldn't buy free elections, democracy should be upheld for all. These truths we are told are held self-evident and sacred. Not so. This trumped-up faker exemplifies entropic diversion from everything once believed American, hence Dystopic Pandemonium.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Moving the conversation forward



Megan King, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. COURTESY PHOTO

Each year during April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we seek to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it.

This year feels different. For the first time, our nation is acknowledging the immense problem of sexual assault and harassment at all levels of society and people are listening. People are awakening to the fact that no workplace is immune from the injustice of sexual harassment—and that sexual harassment isn't really about sex, but about systemic inequality and power. It's about a culture where women are so easily devalued, demeaned and disrespected on a daily basis that it's become normal. Yet, we all know on some basic level that it should never be normal to feel unsafe at your work, your home or in your community.

Conversations about sexual assault and harassment are expanding and have even gone viral on social media with campaigns like #MeToo and #TimesUp. These conversations are critically important and empowering for survivors who have long been silenced by a culture that has excused sexual harassment as "locker room talk" or "boys being boys".

Another significant development is that more men are joining the conversation about how to move forward, as well as ways in which they can make a positive change – not just for their daughters, partners and mothers, but for their sons and brothers. Australian journalist and screenwriter Benjamin Law created the hashtag #HowIWillChange in response to the deluge of survivors' stories. Men are using it as a tool to publicly

support survivors and commit to changing the culture of sexual violence.

Where can these conversations lead us? When we call out harmful attitudes and challenge the societal tolerance of sexual assault and harassment we further the conversation about what supportive, healthy relationships and behaviors look like. Within the business community, open discussions can help form and implement policies that promote safety, respect and equality in the workplace. In schools, discussions can help young people understand the range of behaviors that constitute sexual harassment and assault. They will also start to think critically when watching media that reinforces gender stereotypes.

This topic is not going away anytime soon, so continue these valuable conversations with friends, family, and co-workers well beyond April. Be mindful of your own words and actions and those of the people around you. Be an upstander. When see or hear behaviors that promote violence or harassment or denigrate women, intervene. Embrace your voice. Embrace respect, integrity, compassion, kindness and acceptance. Embrace your role in creating a society where women don't have to say "me too."

Individuals, businesses, groups and organizations interested in information about ending violence against women and girls in our northern Michigan communities may call the WRCNM Violence Prevention Coordinator, at (231) 347-1572. If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault, call WRCNM's 24-hour crisis and information line, at (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995 or visit [wrcnm.org](http://wrcnm.org).

This Guest Commentary submitted by: Megan King, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Questions/comments about this guest commentary submission may be directed to: Dena Sydow, Marketing Director, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 231-347-0067, [dsydow@wrcnm.org](mailto:dsydow@wrcnm.org)

## CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS NEWS

# Summer Music Camps



Opportunities are possibilities for students who sign up for the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program (DGSP) at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts this summer. COURTESY PHOTO

As the weather grows warmer and days grow longer, thoughts of summer vacation start to dance in the heads of students, from kindergarten to high school. Meanwhile, parents start to ponder the schedule complexities that will ensue. What will satisfy students and parents?

Perhaps beginning to learn a stringed instrument over the course of six weeks? Or for the student who already plays an instrument, a fiddle performance at the East Jordan Freedom Festival? What about flying each day of the week to an island orchestra camp? Or spending two weeks with The Cummings String Quartet and performing with them in Charlevoix's Cultural Corridor? Or performing on stage at the new Great Lakes Performing Arts Center during its Gala Opening weekend? All these opportunities are possibilities for students who sign up for the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program (DGSP) at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts this summer.

The DGSP has announced its summer programming, which features a Summer School of Music and three unique camps. The camps include a fiddle camp that culminates with a performance at the East Jordan Freedom Festival (June 25-29), an Orchestra on Beaver Island camp that collaborates with Baroque on Beaver Island (July 30-August 3), and The Cummings Chamber Music camp that ends with a series of performances in the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor (August 6-17). The

School of Music makes all the DGSP's programs - strings classes, individual lessons, Suzuki program and Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra - available in two three-week sessions. The Cummings String Quartet and DGSP students will also help inaugurate the new Great Lakes Performing Arts Center with a performance on July 8.

Dr. David Reimer, the director of the DGSP, says "I'm very excited to offer so many interesting and varied opportunities for students of the area. We have something to offer every student, from 4 years old to seniors in high school, from beginners to the most advanced. If a student wants to jam in a fiddle group, they can do that. If a Haydn string quartet or Mozart piano trio is more to their liking, they can do that. It's going to be a fun summer." The DGSP summer offerings will feature the program's excellent teachers along with distinguished guest artists, including members of the Baroque on Beaver Island Orchestra, directed by Robert Nordling.

Families can begin registering their students immediately by visiting the DGSP website at [www.gerberstrings.org](http://www.gerberstrings.org) or sending an email to Dr. Reimer at [DavidDGStrings@gmail.com](mailto:DavidDGStrings@gmail.com). The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix. The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is funded by a generous gift from the Cummings Foundation.

## "A Not So Still Life" exhibit opening

Margie Guyot, A Not So Still Life will open at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on Friday April 13 from 5-7 pm. Margie Guyot has been a colorful and well-recognized regional artist since her move to Eastport in 2006. She is known both for her exquisite plein air paintings as well as her flamboyant still lifes.

Born and raised in Iowa, Margie grew up between the Mississippi and Wapsipinnicon Rivers, where she developed a strong love for nature. Saturday mornings were usually spent at the art museum in Davenport, where she happily took part in art classes.

By a twist of fate, Margie won a music scholarship to Morehead State University (KY) and didn't touch a paintbrush for over 15 years. Then by another



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twist of fate, a friend loaned her a copy of "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" by Betty Edwards. Inspired by the dramatic improvements shown by high school students in the book, Margie doggedly did every exercise. By the end of the book, she knew she could draw!

Some would say life was cruel that Guyot would have to spend 30 years on the auto assembly line. Yet without that good job, she never could have afforded to have flown around the country, studying painting with some of the nation's top instructors: Clyde Aspevig, Robert Bateman, Daniel Gerhartz, Scott Christensen and Janet Fish. She's painted along the Inca Trail, on volcanoes in Mexico, the French Riviera and yes, even standing on the shoreline of Lake Michigan during a blizzard.

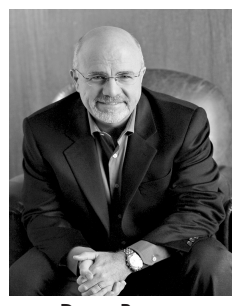
Joyously retired, Margie lives in a paradise in the woods where she spends her time painting, gardening, playing saxophone and exploring with her four cats. She likes doing plein air landscapes "until I get sick of them" and large,

colorful still lifes "until I get sick of them", working in all seasons and types of weather. Margie smilingly describes her artistic process as, "The key to success is learning to control your panic".

At the opening, Chef Bradford Lewis will be providing the food and Ruth Willis will be performing on the Circle's new Steinway piano provided by the Cummings Foundation. The opening is free and open to the public and you are invited to join in the celebration of this remarkable northern Michigan treasure.

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554, [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).

## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### (Stop spending completely?)

Dear Dave, My mom and dad are following your advice, and they are working hard to get out of debt. I was wondering, is it okay to buy things while you're paying off the debt you already have?

Leslie  
Dear Leslie, I'm glad you're paying attention to the finances around your house. Of course, there are some things you must have. We call these "necessities." Most things are not necessities, though. If your air conditioning breaks down, or you have car repairs, those are things you must spend

money on to fix. Things like new furniture, vacations, and eating at restaurants are not necessities. They're things you might want, but they're not necessary — especially when you're trying to pay off debt.

I always recommend people take a hard look at their priorities, and remember there's a difference between wanting something and needing something to survive. It can be hard, and it may mean everyone has to go without a few things they want for a while. But if your parents are serious about getting out of debt, they'll do it. And it really won't take all that long.

Great question, Leslie!  
—Dave

### (Getting rid of the car)

Dear Dave, How do you sell a vehicle with a lien amount that's higher than the actual value of the car?

Michael  
Dear Michael, First, you need to find a way to cover the difference between the amount of the lien and what you can get for

the car. Let's say the car is worth \$12,000, and you owe \$15,000. That would leave you \$3,000 short.

The bank holds the title, so unless you give them the payoff amount of \$15,000 you're not getting the title. The easiest and simplest way would be if someone buys the car for \$12,000, and you had \$3,000 on hand to make up the difference. If you don't have the money to make up the difference, you could go to a local bank or credit union and borrow the remaining \$3,000.

I really hate debt, but being \$3,000 in the hole is a lot better than being \$15,000 in the hole. Then, you could turn around and quickly pay back the \$3,000 you bor-

rowed. You'd give the total amount owed to the bank, they would give you the title, and you would sign it over to the new owner. Hope this helps!  
—Dave

### (Access to my checking account?)

Dear Dave, Will paying my taxes online give the government electronic access to my checking account?

Ashley  
Dear Ashley, If you use your checking account, of course they will have the ability to withdraw that money from your account. I believe I know where you're going with this question, and I think you may be a little confused about my stance on this sort of thing.

There's nothing wrong with certain entities having access to your checking account. I use electronic bill pay for utilities, mutual fund contributions, and things like that all the time. The only time I warn people

against giving electronic access to their bank accounts is when they're dealing with collectors over a bad debt. The government — even the IRS — isn't known for coming in and randomly taking money out of people's accounts. Collectors, on the other hand, do it all the time.

You're in a fight when you're dealing with a debt collector. It's an adversarial relationship. As a rule, no one in that industry should ever be given electronic access to any of your accounts. There may be a few decent debt collection companies out there, but many of them will lie, cheat, and steal to get your money.

I hope that clears things up, Ashley.  
—Dave

### (Many already know)

Dear Dave, How can I convince my fellow millennials that government isn't the solution to their problems?

Josh  
Dear Josh, I think you're proceeding from a false assumption. Many millennials already

understand it's not the government's job to take care of everyone and provide everything. The problem, I think, is there's a group of people in every generation that wants someone else to take care of them.

The only thing I can suggest is that you try to be kind to everyone. It does no good to have a political discussion with a political neophyte. If you have friends like this, perhaps you could suggest they work to control and improve the variables in their lives they can actually control and make better — namely themselves.

You can't control the variable of government, Josh. It's not going to come to your rescue. It never has.  
—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven bestselling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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## ACCIDENT

FROM PG. 1A

a fund to benefit Charlevoix EMS and Charlevoix Township Fire Department. The family would like to especially thank the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State

Police, and the Charlevoix Township Fire Department. Special thanks to Sheriff Chuck Vondra, Russ McCraney and Dan Thorp. Please make donations to the Brandon Russell Memorial Fund at Charlevoix State Bank."

## BREEZEWAY

FROM PG. 1A

official designation, this took cooperation from our state representatives, local municipalities and businesses in the form of writing letters supporting the idea. The next step was signage but this cost money. They began looking for funding. A grant opportunity came across the desk of Banks Township Clerk Donna Heeres. The Michigan Centers for Regional Excellence Program under Governor Granholm sent out a notice stating the criteria needed to secure the grant. Heeres wrote the grant in August 2008 with the committee's blessing. "The area has much to offer visitors in terms of nature-based attractions, unique shops, fine restaurants, fresh farm products and markets, locally produced arts and crafts, a science museum and several small town festivals," wrote Heeres. They got the grant in its entirety, \$25,000 to promote the Breezeway and ultimately the communities along the Breezeway. "We were the poster child for that grant (that gave extra consideration for collaborative projects)," said East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak. "Now when legislators talk about successful collaboration, they talk about the Breezeway," she added.

Promotion began. A logo was designed by committee member Lori Hodgson, signs were designed, purchased and installed in the spring of 2009. A brochure was created featuring businesses along the Breezeway and the brainstorming continued. Business owners were invited to discuss the business/tourism oriented partnership that had been established and how it could benefit them as well as gathering ideas. Out of the many brainstorming sessions came the Breezeway Cruises and Garage Sales along the Breezeway.

In the spring of 2016 the stretch of C48 between Ellsworth and East Jordan was finally repaved as well as Deer Lake Road. The initial goal of having a decent road has been achieved! As well as marketing and branding the road to create awareness of all the businesses, attractions and events that are happening along the 26 mile stretch.

The Breezeway is becoming a household name and as more and more people have come to plan to attend the events or stumble upon the garage sales, they discover the little businesses and beautiful resources. So here's to ten more years of living, doing business and cruisin' along The Breezeway.

## Bears are emerging from hibernation and looking for food; other wildlife are on the move

OTSEGO COUNTY – Although it may still feel like winter on most mornings, spring is here and the animals are beginning to wake up from winter hibernation.

Bears are among those animals starting to emerge from their dens. Food and mating are the two drivers behind the increase in wildlife that Michigan residents may be seeing lately. Since bears typically mate in June or July, food is the primary cause for the increase in bear activity during the spring.

Each spring, as bears leave their winter dens and resume daily activity, wildlife officials begin receiving calls about bear sightings and even the occasional bear damaging bird feeders, trash cans and grills.

Birdseed, because of its high fat content and easy accessibility, is especially attractive to bears. Once bird feeders are discovered, bears will keep coming back until the seed is gone or the feeders have been removed.

"Black bears are out searching for food this time of year and they're attracted to any food source, especially bird feeders," said Brian Mastenbrook, a field wildlife operations manager based in

Gaylord. "If the bears start eating bird feeders on someone's property, it doesn't take them long to make it a habit of returning to the same location and that can be dangerous and can also lead to property damage."

According to a DNR press release, bird seed is especially attractive to bears because of its high fat content (compared to other natural food sources) and easy accessibility. Once a bird feeder is discovered, bears will keep coming back until the seed is gone or the feeder is removed. That's why it's so important for those who live in areas where bears have been spotted in the past to take preventive measures.

"When the food source is removed, 95 percent of the time the bears don't keep coming back," Mastenbrook said. "They'll come back a time or two to check it out but if nothing is there, they'll move on and look for a different food source."

Katie Keen, a wildlife outreach technician for the Department of Natural Resources stationed in Cadillac, acknowledged that folks with bird feeders would be sacrificing the opportunity to watch the birds flying in and out but it is definitely a price



Spring is here and bears are on the move. Removing bird feeders is a way to protect your property from an unwanted visit. (COURTESY OF THE DNR)

worth paying if it means preventing a wild bear from foraging for food on their property.

"Black bears are wild animals and they're unpredictable," she said. "They're very strong and can do a lot of damage. Plus, there is always a potential safety issue. You don't want bears on your property if you can avoid it."

Mastenbrook and Keen both strongly stressed the safety angle when it comes to humans interacting with bears.

"Bears are sensitive to humans being around but if they don't perceive a threat, they get acclimated more and more to being around

people and that's not good," Mastenbrook said. "The bears will come at first in the night but if they don't sense a threat they'll get bolder and start coming in the daytime, too. Then they can become more aggressive and a threat to human safety. In some cases, the bears have to be euthanized and that's something nobody wants."

Bird feeders are a prime attraction for bears but not the only one. There are other sources of food that bears are attracted to that should be removed as well. Garbage cans are the next biggest draw for bears after bird feeders, and barbecue grills are also magnets for bears in the nearby woods along with pet food.

Anyone who is experiencing problems with nuisance bears and has taken the appropriate action to remove food sources for a period of two to three weeks, but has not seen results, should contact the nearest DNR office and speak with a wildlife biologist or technician for further assistance.

For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/bear](http://www.michigan.gov/bear).

## PARKING

FROM PG. 1A

would be a viable option in downtown Charlevoix, especially when it comes to the busy summer season when finding a parking place at any age becomes a premium problem.

Charlevoix city manager Mark Heydlauff said senior community members have broached the parking matter in the past, bringing it up at city council meetings and during the city's senior

forum.

As it is now, Heydlauff said the city already grants special parking privileges to anyone with a handicap license plate or tag allowing them to park downtown without having to pay a meter. They also will also not be ticketed for violating the two-hour parking limit, he added.

But when it comes to special parking privileges for senior citizens, Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan issued a memo to the Main Street/Downtown board not-

ing alternative options should be explored to satisfy the parking needs of seniors and urging further discussion of the matter.

Doan noted he has several questions pertaining to the creation of parking spots in the downtown district designated for senior citizens, including how many spots that would include and what times of day/night those would be made available to them.

Doan further questioned, "...what classifies a person as a senior citizen?"

Other questions included how the senior parking program would be handled and how the senior status would be enforced.

Heydlauff said in the end, members of the DDA indicated to him that they are 'not interested' in pursuing the special designation parking spots for senior citizens and that members of the Charlevoix City Council may ultimately be the entity to consider moving forward with the matter.

## East Jordan Lion's Club holds Easter Fun and Games



The East Jordan Lion's Club had their annual Easter Fun and Games at the East Jordan Middle School on Saturday, March 31 with 175 attendees. Pictured with the Easter Bunny are Winner of the girl's bicycle was Mylee Pinney and the winner of the boy's bicycle was Kaiden Massey. Courtesy photo

## Registration open for a Free Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop

To help seniors become better self-managers of chronic health conditions the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM), the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and Michigan State University-Extension are offering several free Healthy Aging workshops in northern Michigan. Another Chronic Pain PATH workshop to be offered in Charlevoix County will take place on Monday mornings beginning April 23 at the East Jordan Senior Center. Developed by Stanford University, Chronic Pain PATH provides information and techniques to cope with the challenges associated with chronic pain.

The free, six-session workshop is for adults living with chronic pain (such as arthritis, fibromyalgia and back pain) and their family caregivers. Each 2 ½ hour session focuses on self-management tools to:

- Manage symptoms through planning and pacing, and using your mind

- Exercise safely, at a pace that's right for YOU to help reduce frustration and fatigue

- Improve problem-solving, decision-making and communications

- Make action plans based on YOUR goals

Through weekly goal-setting activities participants become more active and more confident that they can manage their health. PATH is taught by trained and certified leaders who understand chronic illness and have a personal connection to chronic pain.

The Chronic Pain PATH Workshop will be held at East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street in East Jordan. Times are Mondays, 9:30 am-12:00 noon, April 23-June 4, 2018 (skip May 28).

## Presidential Scholarship offered at NCMC

North Central Michigan College provides a Presidential Scholarship to one graduating senior from a home school within our service area. Presidential Scholarships are offered for full tuition (up to 20 contact hours per semester) and mandatory fees for four consecutive semesters (fall and winter only). Field study fees are not included. Scholarship recipients must register for the fall semester immediately following their spring high school graduation. This is a competitive scholarship.

To be considered, a student shall:

- Complete an online Application for Admission to North Central by April 1 of their graduation year.

- Have a minimum 3.5 overall high school grade point average (include a high school transcript complete through the nominee's seventh semester)

- Submit a recommendation letter that addresses their academic potential and leadership qualities

- Submit a statement that addresses academic and career goals and how North Central will help to meet those goals

- Submit ACT/ SAT scores (ACT score of 18 or above for English and a Reading score of 21 or above; SAT (test prior to April 2016) score of 430 or above in English and a score of 450 or above in Reading); SAT (test starting April 2016) two-digit score of 25 or above in both English and Reading; SAT (test starting April 2016) three-digit score of 500 or above in English/Reading/Writing (ERW).

All documentation must be received no later than April 13, 2018. For more information, contact Renee DeYoung, Vice President of Student Affairs, at (231) 348-6618.

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## BOYNE CITY

### ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EXPLORED

April 8, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "In the News: Illegal Immigration,"—provides an opportunity for participants to discuss the recent controversy surrounding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program, or DACA for short. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to share their ideas to fix our nation's immigration policy. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. In the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## 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.beetlemania-lcc.com](http://www.beetlemania-lcc.com).

## CHARLEVOIX

### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

April 10, 1-2pm, 615 Petoskey Avenue. Free Blood Pressure Clinic hosted at 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.

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## 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.

## BOYNE CITY

### FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS WILLIE NILE.

April 13, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. Tickets are \$30 in advance. Call to reserve 231-582-2588. Remember to bring an item for our food pantry collection box.

## CHARLEVOIX

### MARGIE GUYOT STILL LIFE EXHIBIT OPENING

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## 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 Tichell, 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### RUMMAGE SALE

April 13, 8am-3pm & April 14, 8am-Noon. Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street. Proceeds to benefit Third Day Fellowship and the Episcopal Church Women.

## 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.

## PETOSKEY

### LECTURE SERIES: AN EVENING OF MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT

April 17, 7pm (doors open at 6pm), NCMC Student and Community Resource Center gymnasium. Jania Taylor, an award-winning magician, will present "Those Magical Dames," featuring six overlooked female magicians, starting with those that paved the way back in the 1800s,

trouping shows by steamer ship and trains, then, as time went on, to those performing on modern-day stages. Audiences will get a peek at their trials and triumphs and will witness some of the magic that was performed in their shows. The lecture runs an hour with time for questions. Free admission. Please email [willcall@ncmich.edu](mailto:willcall@ncmich.edu) to reserve your seats or call 231-348-6600.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### INNER CIRCLE GALLERY TALK: TERRY WOOTEN

April 19, 10am, Charlevoix Circle of the Arts, 109 Clinton Street. Terry Wooten is an award-winning poet and creator of the Stone Circle, a talismanic landmark, and focus of an international documentary film. His collected works, The Stone Circle Poems, was selected as a Notable Book by the Michigan State Library for 2016. He has taken his performance poetry and writing workshop program to K-12 schools, colleges, libraries, festivals and conferences for over 30 years. Free to attend.

**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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### CAREER EXPO

April 19, 9am-Noon, Charlevoix Middle/High School. Students will have an opportunity to meet with a variety of people in different occupations including community members and college admissions representatives. This will provide a chance to ask questions and understand more about specific careers. In addition, prizes will be awarded for participation. Come see how you can build a rewarding career and life here in northern Michigan.

## CHARLEVOIX

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

April 20, 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:45pm. April 23, 8:30am & 10:00am. If your child turns 5 on or before September 1, 2018, call to register to attend one of our sessions. We're the school with a small family atmosphere and big potential for your child. Stop in to see how together we can help your child succeed. For more information or to register for one of the sessions call 231.547.3215 rayder.net

## 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-turnaround 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 Landing. "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 increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

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

## BOYNE CITY

### FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer

free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

## CHARLEVOIX

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

## BOYNE CITY

### BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).

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## Free Balance Program to help reduce risks for falling

You probably know that older adults are at risk for falling. But, did you know that the fear of falling can lead to inactivity and that inactivity can greatly increase someone's risk for falling? Roughly 30% of adults 65 years and older do fall each year, mostly in their own home. Despite some horrifying statistics, such as falls being the leading cause of injury death, thankfully most falls do NOT result in serious injury.

To help overcome the fear of falling, reduce fall risks and increase activity levels, the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM), the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and Michigan State University Extension are offering the popular eight-session workshop, "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls". This award-winning program is being held at the Boyne City Senior Center, located at 411 E. Division St. in Boyne City. The Boston University, evidence-based program emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and ways to reduce environmental fall hazards. Sessions 3-8 include a modest exercise component that focuses on strength and flexibility to encourage increased activity levels.

Where: Boyne City Senior Center, 411 E. Division St., Boyne City

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-Noon, April 24-May 17.

For questions or to register for the class, please call 1-800-442-1713. Visit [www.aaanm.org/mob-workshops](http://www.aaanm.org/mob-workshops) to learn where and when "A Matter of Balance" workshops are being held throughout northwest Michigan. To register online, visit: [www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration](http://www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration)



Kyle Heid proudly displays the plaque for "Pigs Eatin' Ribs," this year's Best in Taste Winner at the annual Taste of Charlevoix event. COURTESY PHOTO

## 2018 Charlevoix "Best In Taste" winner announced

Congratulations to Pigs Eatin' Ribs, the winner of the 2018 Best In Taste competition that took place during the 8th Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix on Wednesday, March 21 at Castle Farms.

Event attendees were given a Taste Card which allowed them to sample and vote for their favorite dish being served up by each of the 10 restaurants competing for the title. The competitors were American Spoon Foods, Bridge Street Tap Room, French Quarter New Orleans Bistro, Harwood Gold Cafe, Morning Dew Cafe, Odawa Casino, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, Smoke On The Water, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, and The Cantina.

The food samplings provided were diverse, mouth-watering and delicious, but Pigs Eatin' Ribs' smoked brisket tostadas came out ahead. Pigs Eatin' Ribs

is a smokehouse-style restaurant, mobile catering, and vending service that has one simple goal: Make people happy by creating the best BBQ every day. Visit their website at [www.pigseatinribs.com](http://www.pigseatinribs.com) for more information.

"Congratulations Pigs Eatin' Ribs, and thank you to all the restaurants and specialty food shops that participated in the Taste of Charlevoix," said Alison Hubbard, President of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. "It was a great event and everyone went above and beyond to make it a success. We are fortunate to have so many amazing restaurants in our community!"

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org).

## Tobacco Quitline offering free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges

Thinking about quitting tobacco? The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is expanding its telephone coaching and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) program to all Michigan residents through May 31.

During this time, the Michigan Tobacco Quitline will offer a free, two-week supply of nicotine gum, patches or lozenges for all new enrollees who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco.

Tobacco users who would like to quit may call the Quitline phone number at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Quitline serves all ages, however, callers seeking NRT must be over 18 and meet basic health requirements. Enrollees will receive a coach who will assist them in setting a quit date, choosing a nicotine replacement product that is

right for them and making an individualized quit plan. The coach will provide support with up to four telephone coaching sessions scheduled around the caller's quit date.

"Callers using NRT along with coaching, such as through a telephone-based service like 800-QUIT-NOW, can increase their chances of becoming smoke-free by five times the rate of someone quitting cold turkey," said Dr. Eden Wells,

MDHHS chief medical executive. "Providing access to free NRT during this promotion might just be the jump start someone needs to quitting smoking tobacco for good."

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline is an evidence-based service providing free telephone coaching for the uninsured, pregnant women, residents enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, veterans, cancer patients and American Indians.

More than 100,000 calls have been received since the service was launched in October 2003.

The Quitline offers English, Arabic and Spanish-speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information about the Quitline, call 800-QUIT-NOW or visit [Michigan.gov/tobacco](http://Michigan.gov/tobacco).

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