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Scams targeting Charlevoix County Residents

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Spring may come along a bit too slowly this year, but money scams in Charlevoix County are apparently already in full bloom.

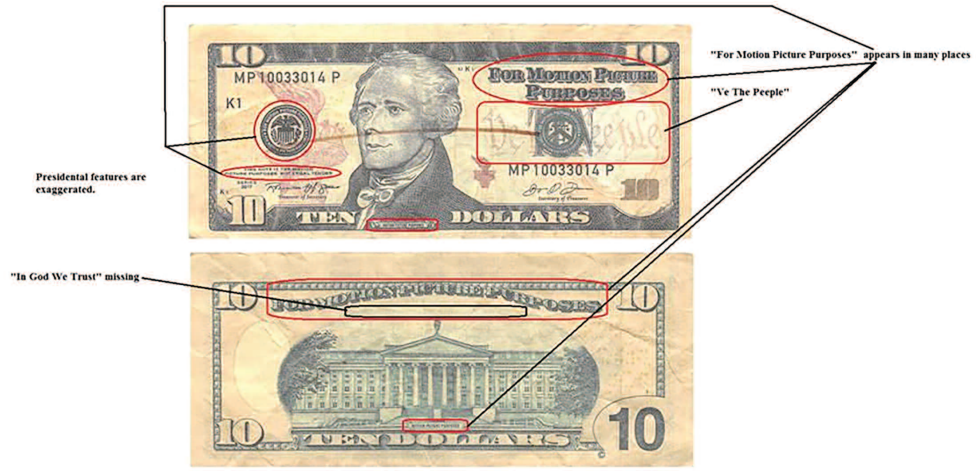
County and local law enforcement officials have issued warnings alerting area residents to different scams that have emerged in this area in recent weeks in order to help them avoid being swindled.

Charlevoix County Sheriff Chuck Vondra said one such scheme that's recently surfaced is a phone scam in which a male caller claims to be a Charlevoix County Deputy seeking money.

Vondra explained in a media release this week how the caller identifies himself as "Lieutenant Scott" with the county sheriff's department and states that there's an outstanding warrant issued in the person's name for ignoring a jury summons and that payment is required to clear the charge.

Vondra said the caller then instructs the person to buy a "money pack" at Walgreen's, Rite-Aid or Dollar General and to scratch off the security patch on the back of the card and give the number revealed to the caller.

"We have had a citizen purchase a card for \$300 and



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turned the number over to the caller. He then asked the citizen to go directly to the Sheriff's office. When the citizen reached the Sheriff's office, he hung up," Vondra stated.

He noted that the retailers mentioned have been alerted to the scam and he warned area residents to be wary of such phone schemes as well.

"Please be aware and suspicious of all telephone calls/scams," Vondra said, "The subject claiming to be Lt. Scott has a commanding voice, may have an accent and sounds authentic."

Boyne City police are also

alerting area residents to be on the lookout for another scam in which fake money has been passed at local businesses.

Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither said there have been two incidents in the past couple months in which local businesses have reported finding fake bills in their tills. Gaither declined to identify which businesses were hit in the scam because the investigation is ongoing.

He noted, however, that the most recent incident involved a ten dollar bill that was later identified as "motion picture money", which

is commonly used in theater productions or filming. Gaither explained how the movie money resembles actual U.S. paper currency, however, it is somewhat smaller and has a different feel. It furthermore is clearly stamped that it is for "Motion Picture Purposes" only.

Gaither said the clerk who discovered the fake \$10 bill on April 1 thought it felt funny, but did not notice the printing on the bill until later. He said it's not clear when the bill landed in the business cash register or if the person who used it to make a purchase at the busi-

ness even knew it was fake to begin with.
 "This could have been passed around several times," he said, "We really just don't know."

He said many businesses double check the authenticity of bigger bills, but it's easier for smaller denomination bills to go unnoticed as being fake.

Gaither said he and his deputies learned that some \$35,000 in "motion picture money" can be purchased online for about \$20.

"That's a pretty good deal," he laughed, "Anybody can buy it, easy. It's just crazy."

But the passing of fake funds is no joke, Gaither added, noting that another incident occurred some weeks earlier in which a fake \$100 bill was passed at another Boyne City business.

He said that bill was quickly discovered to not be authentic, likely because it was a larger denomination and subject to better scrutiny.

Both fake money scams are still under investigation, Gaither said, noting the incidents are not believed to be linked.

"We have nothing that connects the two," he said, "People just need to be careful and look what's in their wallet."

Emerald Isle ferry resumes service this Friday



Fractured ice floes along the shores of Beaver Island are sure signs of spring and are making way for the Emerald Isle ferry when it embarks on its maiden voyage between the island and Charlevoix for the 2018 season on April 13th. (PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY)

Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up begins in April

Highway roadsides across lower Michigan will get a spring cleaning beginning Saturday as volunteers in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program head out to pick up litter from April 14 to 22. Due to snow still on the ground in some areas, the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup for the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula will be later, from April 28 to May 6.

"The thousands of Adopt-A-Highway volunteers deserve our thanks for helping keep Michigan roadsides clean and attractive," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We all benefit from their community spirit and pride. We ask all motorists to watch out for the volunteers and drive carefully during the pickup periods."

Volunteers pick up litter three times each year. Statewide, there will be a summer pickup from July 14 to 22 and a fall pickup from Sept. 22 to 30.

The AAH program began in Michigan in 1990. Today, more than 2,800 groups have adopted more than 6,300 miles of state highway. These volunteers collect 65,000 to 70,000 bags of trash annually, an esti-

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The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program practice Olympics

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program recently concluded its Practice Olympics, a six-week event in which DGSP teachers emphasized the value of consistent effort and students logged their practice time. Like real Olympians, students faced challenges. Not only the temptation to take days off, but sickness, vacation and broken instruments sometimes prevented them from getting the practice time they desired.

Sixty-eight students in the Gerber Strings Program - from 4 years old to high school, from Beaver Island to Petoskey, from violin to bass - filled out practice charts and turned them in each week so that the leaders could be posted on the website (www.gerberstrings.org).

The top score was turned in by Eeva Rintala, a 3rd grade violinist at Boyne City Elementary School, who practiced 1481 minutes. Four Gold Medals were awarded, and Ms. Rintala was joined by Thomas Gatlin (3rd grade cellist at Charlevoix Elementary School), Justis Golke (10th grade cellist taking lessons in Petoskey) and Addie Kolka (6th grade violinist taking lessons in Charlevoix).

Twelve students received medals and others received "String Olympian" status and were given awards at a



Practice Olympians included; (from left to right): Alvin Bennett, Ryan Tall, Sadie Lennon, Josephine Kolk, Kristen Tharp, Addie Kolka, Thomas Gatlin and Music Director David Reimer. COURTESY PHOTO



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series of ceremonies the week of March 19. The Olympic flag was flown, John Williams Olympic music played in the background and Gold medalists received their medals with the American flag being unfurled and Dr. David Reimer (the DGSP director) playing the Star-Spangled Banner. Prizes were donated by area businesses, including the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Fresh Air Aviation, Revolu-

tion Bike, Family Video-Charlevoix, Charlevoix Pizza, The Taffy Barrel, Kilwins-Charlevoix, Kilwins-Boyer City, Guarneri House, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Rocking Horse Toy Company.

Dr. Reimer explained "practice is a vital part of learning an instrument, so we were hoping to use the Practice Olympics as a means of communicating the importance of practice

as well as providing motivation for students to commit to practicing. The teachers also used this opportunity to teach students how to practice. The combination of intellectual (evaluating, understanding and correcting) and physical (playing skills in both hands) challenges posed by playing the instrument, employed at home without a teacher's assistance, is an advanced skill that will help students in

many phases of their life as they mature. I am excited to see how the students rose to the challenge and learned so much in the process."

The students of the DGSP recessed for Spring Break but will then return to classes and lessons with a new goal - the program's year-end concert on May 19 at Charlevoix High School. The DGSP Summer School of Music is now accepting registrations online.

For more information about the Dorothy Gerber Strings program please go online at: www.gerberstrings.org or contact program director David Reimer at DavidDGStrings@gmail.com. This program is funded by a generous gift from the Cummings Foundation. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix MI 49720, www.charlevoixcircle.org,



Scholarship recipients at preschool. COURTESY PHOTO

Great Start Collaborative receives \$10,000 grant

The Consumers Energy Foundation has presented a \$10,000 grant to the Great Start Collaborative to fund preschool scholarships, part of the foundation's commitment to early-childhood education in Northern Michigan and across the state. The Great Start Preschool Scholarship Fund fills the preschool funding gap in Charlevoix and Emmet counties from the federal and state government. Upon capacity of government-funded preschool programs, the fund provides preschool tuition to eligible families

with 3 to 5 year-old children. "We at Consumers Energy and our foundation are committed to the communities we serve and to providing educational opportunities for the next generation of Michigan residents," said Carolyn Bloodworth, the foundation's secretary/treasurer. "We are pleased to support these preschool scholarships through the Great Start Collaborative that will help many children get a foot in the door educationally at a young age." "The Consumers Energy Foundation has provided

\$50,000 in funding since we began the program in 2011. Our community benefits greatly from their continued support and we have already put their funds to good use, as you can see in the accompanying photos" said Maureen Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director. Scholarships are awarded for assistance up to 100% for an enrollment term of preschool in a high-quality early care program. Preschool partners are selected based on their participation and rating within the state's Quality Rating and Improve-

ment System. The Great Start Preschool Scholarship Fund was created in 2011 and to date has awarded over 270 preschool scholarships. The fund maintains the highest local standards of both eligibility and high-quality care. Through partnerships with Charlevoix - Emmet Joint Preschool Recruitment / Enrollment and Great Start to Quality Northwest Resource Center we can assure we are providing the children/families of highest need with the highest quality care and education.

Not pruning through summer can protect oak trees

Have an oak tree on your property? To keep it healthy, don't prune it from mid-April through the summer. That's a key time for infection with oak wilt, a serious disease that can weaken white oaks and kill red oak trees within weeks. Oak wilt, caused by a fungus, has been reported throughout the Midwest, including Michigan, said Ryan Wheeler, invasive species biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Red oaks are most susceptible to the disease. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include black oak, northern red oak and northern pin oak. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oak and swamp white oak. They are less susceptible. Symptoms most often appear from June until September.

"Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors," Wheeler said.

Oak wilt is spread above ground mainly by sap-feeding beetles that carry the disease spores from an infected tree, or wood cut from an infected tree, to fresh wounds, including pruning cuts, on healthy trees. The infection also spreads below ground, through root grafts among neighboring trees.

The highest risk of infection occurs April 15-July 15, but it is prudent to avoid pruning or injuring oak trees until they have lost leaves for the winter, typically from November through mid-March, Wheeler said. If you must prune or remove oaks during the risk period, or have a tree that gets damaged, immediately cover wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Don't move firewood, especially if it comes from oak wilt-killed trees, as it can harbor the fungus. If you suspect your firewood is tainted by oak wilt, cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings. This keeps beetles away so they can't move spores from the firewood to otherwise healthy trees. Once the firewood has been cut long enough, to the point where all of the bark loosens, the disease can no longer be spread.

If you suspect your oak trees have this disease: Get help from an oak-wilt qualified specialist. Visit www.MichiganOakWilt.org for a listing and more information.

Michigan State University's Diagnostic Clinic can verify infection. Find instructions at <https://pestid.msu.edu/> or call 517-355-4536.

Report infections to DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-284-5895; you also can use the MISIN website or mobile app.

Charlevoix-Emmet ISD to receive \$2,500 grant

Charlevoix-Emmet ISD Special Education School, Glen Lake Community Schools and the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District will each receive a \$2,500 grant from the SET SEG Foundation in partnership with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The three schools have been selected to receive the 2018 Education Excellence awards for their work to create opportunities and help build stronger, brighter

futures for their students. Charlevoix-Emmet ISD Special Education School's program, Job Olympics hosts over 225 students with moderate to severe disabilities, while interacting with mentors on the job and building social skills. Glen Lake Community School's program, Students for World Awareness (SWA) Recycling Program at Glen Lake High School's overarching goal is to make the school a "zero-waste" facility.

Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Career Tech Center's Front Street Writers help students with a passion for writing to learn about a future profession in journalism, technical, business, marketing, trade, and social media platforms. "It's an honor for us to recognize these schools and educators, and help support and advance their efforts," said Lisa Truscott, SET SEG Foundation Executive Director. "Dedicated, passionate

teachers and staff in public schools are what help provide opportunities to learn, grow and build brighter, stronger futures for students and our communities and state." The Education Excellence Awards are in their 25th year and are produced through a partnership between the SET SEG Foundation and MASB. This year, in celebration of the anniversary, the SET SEG Foundation awarded \$2,500 grants to 25 extraordi-

nary Michigan public school programs. Education Excellence Award recipients receive a \$2,500 check to grow their program, an "Education Excellence Winner" road sign and trophy. This year, the SET SEG Foundation received hundreds of applications from schools throughout Michigan working to have a positive impact on their students and community. The SET SEG Foundation is a branch of SET SEG and

is fueled by its mission to enable students to pursue enrichment opportunities that advance learning, leadership and civic responsibility by providing services, scholarships, grants and financial support directly to Michigan public schools and Michigan public school students. For more information about the SET SEG Foundation, visit www.setseg.org/foundation.

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Inner Circle Gallery Talk presents poet Terry Wooten April 19

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will present an Inner Circle Gallery Talk on Thursday April 19 beginning at 10 am with northern Michigan poet Terry Wooten. Wooten has been called, "An everyday Homer writing as a modern bard for ordinary heroes."

He 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.

Terry is a two-time recipient of Michigan Creative Artist Awards, as well as having been listed in the Michigan Arts and Humanities Touring Directory, and his Elders Project was awarded the 2013 State History Award in Education from the Historical Society of Michigan. With a bioregional focus on people and place, he has written poems on diverse topics that range from Ernie Harwell radio broadcasts of the Detroit Tigers baseball games, to shipwrecks on the Great Lakes.

He has published ten books and his work has appeared in numerous publications. His book, *Lifelines: A WWII Story of Survival and Love*, has been turned into a play production, forensic piece, used as a book of the month selection and as the foundation for



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school humanities projects. Terry's first full length children's book *When the Bear Came Back: The Whole Story* is now available.

The Inner Circle Gallery Talks at the Charlevoix Cir-

cle of Arts are open to the public and are free of charge. For more information, you are encouraged to visit their website at: www.charlevoixcircle.org. The Charlevoix Circle of

Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554.

For any questions, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 231-547-3554.

100 Men Campaign: local men taking action to end violence against women

The 100 Men Campaign was launched in 2010 by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM), as a way for local men to take part in ending violence that affects 1 in 4 women in the U.S. Men who join the campaign donate \$100 and agree to take a public stand to end violence against women and girls by having their name published along with other contributors.

The dollars generated by the 100 Men Campaign support local education and prevention activities such as White Ribbon basketball games at area high schools, 'Coaching Boys into Men' materials for local coaches, speaking engagements and awareness-raising media messages; the campaign has also sponsored film screenings, panel discussions and lectures.

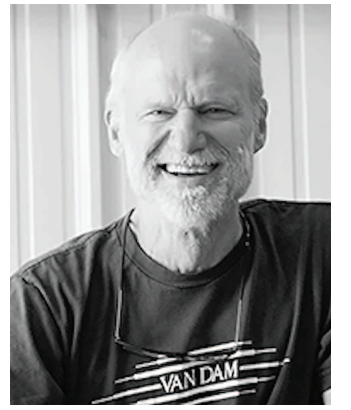
"In 2010, the 100 Men Campaign was really ahead of its time," said Gail Kloss, WRCNM Executive Director. "Nationally and globally, there's been a gradual awakening to the pervasiveness of sexual assault, harassment and domestic abuse, but the tipping point came when so many women - established, well-known celebrities - came forward to speak out about their experiences of assault and harassment by powerful men in the entertainment industry."

The result of this deeper understanding of a widespread societal problem makes people want to create positive change, according to Kloss, who said that joining the 100 Men Campaign is one way men can take action.

Kevin Burns of Harbor Springs has contributed to the campaign for years as a way to get more involved in local violence prevention. Burns also serves as member of the WRCNM's Violence Prevention Team and volunteers at awareness-raising White Ribbon Campaign events.

"I've gained a greater understanding of how negative cultural and social norms contribute to violence and gender inequity through my involvement with the 100 Men Campaign," said Burns. "As a result, I am inspired to get involved and to make a difference in creating a safer future."

Bill Wilson of Petoskey is also a long-time campaign contributor who serves on the Violence Prevention Team and has facilitated community prevention events and participated in panel discussions.



Steve Van Dam (shown here) and his son Ben are members of the 100 Men Campaign. COURTESY PHOTO

Wilson said to be effective, "Men must speak out and confront the men who hurt, abuse and violate women, but first we need to confront our own attitudes, beliefs and actions that may be harmful to women. Then we must know when to stop talking and listen to women as they bravely stand up against men's violence."

Steve Van Dam and his son Ben made changes at their Boyne City business, Van Dam Custom Boats, as a result of their increased awareness of the issue. They are also members of the 100 Men Campaign. Steve explained that it's more important than ever for men to be vocal about the issue of ending violence against women and girls.

"For us, the current news underscores the importance of men stepping up to say 'no more' and encouraging other men to do the same," said Steve Van Dam. "We are dedicated to doing that and to giving our support to all that WRCNM does for our daughters, wives, sisters, mothers and friends."

Creating social change to correct unhealthy attitudes and behaviors often starts with activism at the local level; it can happen in small, everyday actions taken by one person, according to the WRCNM Executive Director Gail Kloss.

"This local campaign is reaching out and inviting men to be part of the growing momentum nationwide - worldwide - to create communities that support equality, respect and healthy relationships free from violence, said Kloss. "The 100 Men Campaign has never been more relevant or important than it is today."

To learn more about the 100 Men Campaign or how to join, contact the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org/100-men-campaign.

Petoskey Chamber's Business Expo next Thursday, April 19

The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce will once again host the largest networking event of the year, The 2018 Business Expo on Thursday, April 19 in Ovation Hall of Odawa Casino. The Business Expo will take place from 5 to 8pm and is open to the public. There will be approximately 80 businesses and organizations participating, including eight restaurants featuring a "Taste of Petoskey".

Nearly 600 people typically attend this exciting event. It is a unique opportunity to browse the products and services offered by a wide array of area businesses and organizations...all in one convenient location. Attendees also have a chance to win tons of fabulous door prizes from great businesses and organizations from across the area, as well as a chance to win visa gift cards supported by gold sponsors. This year's gold sponsors are Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Blue Care Network, Angel Heart Home Care, Odawa Casino,



The Odawa Casino Resort's food service was among the many area eateries featured during this year's Business Expo "Taste of Petoskey", offering up what appeared to be endless tables lined with fresh fruits, cheeses and other delicious appetizers. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

9 & 10 News, Grand Traverse Ophthalmology Clinic, Harbor Brenn Insurance Agencies, North Harbor Real Estate, PMP Professional Services, Sheren Great Lakes Plumbing, Heating and Energy and Scott Shuptrine Interi-

ors. This year's "Taste of Petoskey" will feature samples from several area restaurants and eateries. Admission is \$8 and includes a "Taste of Petoskey" card for sampling each restaurant.

For more information about this event or the other networking events hosted by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, please contact Nikki Devitt at 347-4150 or nikki@petoskeychamber.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Dear Editor,

During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 15-21, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) celebrates the dedicated and remarkable people who volunteer with our organization.

A small group of determined volunteers started WRCNM more than 40 years ago. Today, volunteers remain a valuable resource through their gifts of time, talent and generosity.

This past year, volunteers donated more than 4,550 hours to our organization accomplishing a variety of tasks, such as serving on our Board of Directors, providing information and support to callers on our crisis line, as-

sisting Gold Mine Resale Shop customers, helping to prepare mailings, lending a hand to keep up our facilities, encouraging and supporting survivors of domestic abuse at the Safe Home, serving on fundraising committees and inspiring social change work in our community.

Volunteers are the very essence of this organization through their selflessness and caring. Lives are changed, dreams are achieved and our community is improved through the work done by WRCNM volunteers.

Thank you, WRCNM volunteers, for making a positive difference!

Sincerely,
Jamie Winters, Safe Home Coordinator

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

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mated \$5 million value for the state. AAH groups wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway right of way. MDOT provides free vests and trash bags, and arranges to haul away the trash.

Volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families.

Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Groups are asked to adopt a section for at least two years. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing a group's name are posted along the stretch of adopted highway. There is no fee to participate.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.

News Briefs

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.

BOYNE CITY

TESS SATELLITE DISCUSSED AT ASTRONOMY CLUB MEETING

April 12, 8pm, Wildwood Observatory, 01825 Wildwood Heights Road. TESS will be looking for planets around stars within a 300 light year radius of our solar system. This will be a discovery mission to identify exoplanet candidates that can be followed up by observations from earth and space based telescopes. We will also be discussing the issues going on at the Headlands Dark Sky Park. Observing will occur after the meeting, weather permitting. All are invited to attend.

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

April 13, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Circle of the Arts, 109 Clinton Street. Margie Guyot, A Not So Still Life will open at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. 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. 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.

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.East-ShoreWind.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.glorchestra.org or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

BOYNE CITY

"ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN" AUTHOR PRESENTATION

April 16, 6:30pm, Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. The Boyne District Library will host Garth Stein, author of the New York Times best-selling book The Art of Racing in the Rain. Prior to the presentation the Friends of the Boyne District Library will host an hors d'oeuvre reception at 5:45 in the commons area of the Performing Arts Center. Friends will be able to enjoy conversation with the author and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the BCHS hospitality class. The author presentation is free and open to the public.

CHARLEVOIX

ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

April 17, 6-7pm. Registration available for K-8th Grades. For more information call (231) 547-9441 or visit www.stmaryschool.com

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 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.

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.

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

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 tables 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.

CHARLEVOIX

LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX PRESENTS ILLUSIONIST BEN WHITING

April 21, 8pm, Charlevoix Cinema III. As a speaker and entertainer, Ben performs at numerous conferences, award banquets, and private events across the country for clients such as American Express, GE, and Oprah's HARPO Studios. He is also currently one of Crystal Cruise Lines' premier entertainers, which has enabled him to perform and speak in over 40 countries around the globe. If you are purchasing Student Passes, please bring proper School ID to the show. Visit livefrom-charlevoix.com

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 Sajjan 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.

BOYNE CITY

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

April 26, 5-7:30pm, St. Matthew's Church Fellowship Hall, 1303 Boyne Avenue. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and desserts will be served, and donations are appreciated. Proceeds to benefit Unity Hall, located at 509 North East Street in Boyne City, a safe and caring meeting place for people suffering from addictive, compulsive or other behavioral problems.

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.

BOYNE CITY

THIRD ANNUAL KIDS CORNER

April 28, 10am-Noon, Charlevoix County Conservation District office, 303 North Street. eatures hands-on nature activities for kids, and information on things to do and places to go around Charlevoix County. Our conservation partners this year include Raven Hill Discovery Center, Natureology, Friends of the Boyne and Boyne District Library. Each family will receive a pine tree seedling for participation.

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.

HARBOR SPRINGS

ANNUAL INSTANT WINE CELLAR FUNDRAISER

May 4, 6:30pm, Zoo Bar at Boyne Highlands. There will be plenty of wine and beer available for the raffle through attendees - all to raise money to bring free books to children in Emmet and Charlevoix counties! Entry to the event is \$5 and either a (\$20 value) bottle of wine or a six-pack of craft beer, or just \$25 per person. This is the second year the Instant Wine Cellar is supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and the first at the ZOO BAR. Visit charemunitedway.org

BOYNE CITY

BUFF UP BOYNE

May 5, 9am-Noon. The community clean-up event is organized every year by the Boyne City Main Street Program and it will start in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber building. Doughnuts will be provided in the morning, courtesy of Family Fare, and a hot dog cookout will round out the morning, courtesy of Todd Meier and Dearborn Sausage. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools, such as brooms, rakes, shovels and gloves. Some supplies will be available to

borrow.

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Camel Cup May 5, Noon-6pm, Charlevoix Elks #2856, 12735 US 31 N. The Camel Cup is a giant game-board race where the dice are rolled and the corresponding camel moves forward on the board. The camel that makes it to the end first wins and money is paid out to those betting on that camel. There are six races leading up to the final race where the six largest earning camels compete for the coveted Camel Cup. All proceeds raised fund the Bridge Drop New Year's Eve celebration. To sponsor a camel or to get more information email amanda@visitcharlevoix.com.

BOYNE FALLS

NLEA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 11, 11:30am-1:30pm, Boyne Mountain. Joe Short, founder of Short's Brewing Company, will be the keynote speaker as an expected 700 guests involved in the economic vitality of our area get together for an exciting luncheon. The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance hosts this celebration of regional economic development featuring live entertainment, prestigious awards and recognition, and plated lunch. Individual tickets are \$25, and \$250 for a table of 10. Register at eventbrite.com.

BOYNE CITY

ANNUAL CRAFT BEER BLOCK PARTY

May 17, 5-9pm, downtown. The 4th Annual Craft Beer Block Party will kick off the 58th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival again this year, and we're looking for sponsors. Again this year, we'll have a great band, lots of delicious food and of course, craft beer and wine.

BOYNE CITY

MOREL FESTIVAL

May 17-20. Highlights include an Arts & Crafts Show, Carnival Rides, Morel Outdoor Recreation Show, Guided Mushroom Hunt, Wine & Dine Gourmet Dinner, Competitive Mushroom Hunt, The Taste of Morels and the Great Morel Giveaway. Full schedule at www.morelfest.com.

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. Admission is \$18, which gets you a souvenir glass and five tasting tickets; extra drink tickets are available for purchase at the event, two for \$3.

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 Triglyc-

eride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

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

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
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