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Boyne City Morel Mushroom Festival is this weekend



While it's generally believed that morel mushrooms are found only in forests and fields, it's not unusual to find them right outside your own back door, like these few fungi that were found last week growing alongside a garage at a top secret location in northern Michigan. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEI

This year's festival

and into the night. Most all activities are centered in downtown

all there is to know about the elusive and tasty morel. There will also be open mic ous area bars and restaurant venues each night, generally from 7pm until

Charlevoix teens turned themselves in facing vandalism charges in Petoskey

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

PETOSKEY - The combination of good police work and the admonishment of one young man's father led to the arrest last week of two



Charlevoix teenagers charged with spray-paint-Gabriel Mark Wilde ing graffiti COURTESY PHOTOS around the hockey rink

at Petoskey's Winter Sports Park in early April.

Gabriel Mark Wilder, 18, and Christopher Ian Gregory, 19, both of Charlevoix, were arrested by Petoskey Police last week after turning themselves in for being involved in a vandalism incident April 9 which left the barrier wall surrounding the hockey rink at Petoskey's Winter Sports Park covered in spray-painted graffiti.

Wilder and Gregory are now facing both felony and misdemeanor charges of malicious destruction of a building, which carry between one and five year sentences and fines between \$200 and \$1,000. They will also likely be expected to pay restitution and possibly perform community service tasks for the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Department. They are also facing misdemeanor charges for damages at another Petoskey location on Washington Street that were discovered around April 23. Both teens have since posted bond and have been released from custody. According to a police affidavit, the vandalism incident at the Winter Sports Park is believed to have occurred sometime early morning on April 9. Once at the scene, police investigators discovered a spray paint can and were able to retrieve a partial print from its lid. They

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will kick off on Thursday, May 17 with the 3 p.m. opening of the carnival rides at **Veterans Park**

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Spring certainly took its sweet time arriving in northern Michigan this year, but the late seasonal start won't delay thousands of fungi fans from across across the country from flocking to Boyne City this weekend for the 58th Annual Morel Mushroom Festival.

The weekend-long celebration of the mighty morel is set to begin Thursday, May 17 and run until Sunday, May 18, with dozens of fun and family friendly activities planned each day

Boyne City and at its Veterans and Sunset park locations, with the centerpiece being the main Festival Tent along with carnival rides by Schmidt Amusements open throughout the four-day event.

This year's festival will kick off on Thursday, May 17 with the 3 p.m. opening of the carnival rides at Veterans Park and then from 5pm until 9pm there will be a Craft Beer Block Party in downtown Boyne City. The block party will feature offerings from about 21 craft breweries and one winery along with foods from seven area restaurants. Admission is \$18 per person and includes five tasting tickets and a souvenir cup. Live music will be provided by the Galactic Sherpas and fun activities for kids will also be available.

Traditional morel mushroom-related events are scheduled througout the weekend, including both guided and competitive mushroom hunts, mushroom tastings and free informative sessions teaching

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contest and craft fair as well as a 5K run.

New this year is a restructuring of the live entertainment offerings during the festival, which instead of being scheduled under the main festival tent, will be diverted to varimidnight.

Some of the musical entertaiment slated to play include:

Scarkazm at BC Lanes & The Venue Sports Bar in Boyne City on Friday and

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Experts are saying this year's morel mushroom crop looks to be abun-dant, with bags and baskets quickly being filled, like this one Megan Osier packed with morels she plucked recently at an undisclosed spot in Emmet County. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJES

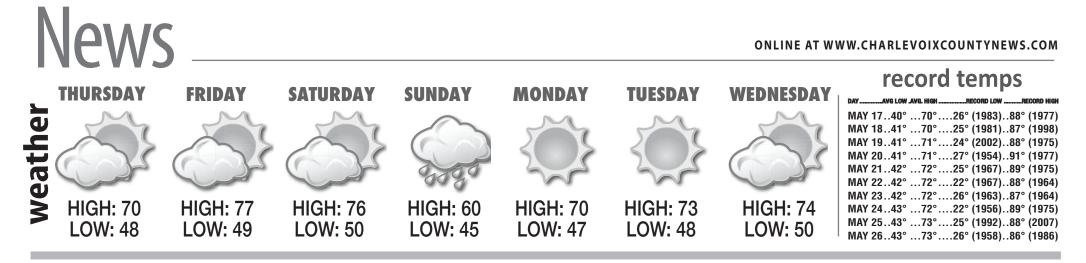


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Arthur "LaVern" Bowen, 86

(JULY 3, 1931 - JAN. 26, 2018)



Arthur LaVern Bowen of Central Lake died Friday, January 26, 2018, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on July 3, 1931, in Alba, Michigan, the son of Oscar and Mrytle (Richmond) Bowen.

In 1953, he married Betty A. Guffey, in Drayton Plains, Michigan. He was an investor, buying and selling properties.

Betty and Art moved from Grand Rapids to Ellsworth approximately 32 years ago and then to Central Lake in 2002

He is survived by two sisters. Beatrice Putnam of North Fort Myers, Florida, and Lavina (Russell) Tober of Grand Rapids; as well as several nieces and nephews. Vern was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty on December 10, 2015; as well as two brothers. James Bowen and Oscar Stably; and two sisters, Evelyn Putman and

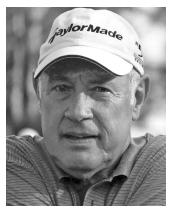
Ruth Young.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan officiated

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Star Township Cemetery in Alba, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Antrim County Commission on Aging.

Ronald James Schurman, 78

(FEB. 10, 1939 - FEB. 9, 2018)



With Sharon, his wife of 29 years by his side, Ron Schurman passed on Friday. February 9th, while she played music and sang to him at his bedside. The adoration prevailed through death after more than 30 years of love and friendship. Ron "hung the moon" for Sharon providing for a life of love and



OBITUARIES laughter during any trial or

tribulation. He had a tenacious spirit - firm in principle with a kind heart.

Moving to Crooked Tree after more than 30 years of memories on Walloon Lake, Ron loved both the water and his golf. As past president of Twin Beach Country Club in West Bloomfield, Ron was a part of the Savannah Group – a group of golfers touring the United States for the best in golf and adventure. During those years he was also an avid hunter and fisherman taking his two sons from the outermost reaches of Ontario to the most local lakes around Cadillac. Ron and his brother "Chuck" were extremely close and spent many years together hunting, fishing and camping together with their families. Ron loved nature and being outdoors.

Ron's passion for architecture began very early in high school (Lakeview, St. Clair Shores) and never left him. With friend and partner Craig Smith, Ron began his architectural firm in 1968 and was an integral ingredient of its success until shortly before his death. Smith + Schurman Associates, Inc. specializes in residential, healthcare, and industrial design with projects nationwide. Ron's proudest achievement was using his design talents and creativity to build his dream home on beautiful Walloon Lake, where he and his wife, Sharon, lived their dream of retiring and enjoying all the four seasons of Northern Michigan.

Ron began as a part of this world on February 10th, 1939 when Minnie and Merle brought him home to St. Clair Shores. Both parents are deceased, but he is survived by his wonderful sons

children Justin and Alivia;

grandchildren Hannah and

Charles (Rebecca) of West

Proctor and nephew David

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To the Editor,

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Ron and Sharon are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs where a service will take place in May, when winter breaks and friends return. A celebration of Ron's life will follow at Little Traverse Bay Golf Club.

Cremation services have been arranged through Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey.

Memorial gifts would be accepted in Ron's name through Hospice of Northwest Michigan, First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs, or the Humane Society of your choice.

For anyone wanting to appreciate and wander into Ron's life, a breakfast at the Bistro in Petoskey, or a cocktail at Chandler's - A Restaurant would be a wonderful tribute to a man who loved his friends and family and any social occasion that brought about laughter and love.

Ruth I. (Butler) Hanson, 89

(SEPT. 14, 1928 - MAY 7, 2018) Ruth Ileen (Butler) Hanson passed away surrounded by family on Monday, May 7th, 2018 at McLaren Northern



Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI.

Jeanne, and Cyndi.

Ruth loved gardening, cooking, music, sewing, traveling and camping with family, and spending time with her grandchildren. She also loved the time she spent with her daily personal bible studies. After conquering Polio at the age of 11 Ruthie never allowed such adversity to defeat her "can do" spirit. The progression of Post Polio syndrome never affected her smiling face and sunny disposition.

Ruth is survived by her husband Allen (happily married for 68 years), two sons -Larry (Linda, deceased) of Petoskey, Steve (Rheanne) of Holt, MI, two daughters -Jeanne of Petoskey, and Cyndi of Savannah, GA; 6 grandchildren - Carrie, Lisa, Amanda, Andrew, Frankie and Eric, 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 sister Sharon Lyons of Kansas.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Petoskey United Methodist Church with memo to Celebration Garden.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 11 am (Visitation at 10 am) at the Petoskey United Methodist Church with luncheon to follow for friends and family.

Mary Lucinda (Mc-Cleese) Topolinski, 77

(JAN. 4, 1941 - MAY 9, 2018)



Mary Lucinda (McCleese)

passed away peacefully at Hi-

land Cottage of Petoskey, MI.

Services were held Mon-

Topolinski of Boyne Falls

day, May 14, 2018 at Stackus funeral home in Boyne City. The ceremony officiant was Lisa Froehlich.

Mary was born January 4th 1941 in Mancelona Michigan, the daughter of Ernest and Edna (Ramey) McCleese. Mary grew up in Mancelona and attended school in both Mancelona and Boyne Falls.

On June 18th 1960 Mary and Bill Topolinski were married in Boyne City and moved to their farm in Boyne Falls shortly after.

Mary worked at Little Traverse Hospital and Bortz Nursing home as a Certified Nursing Assistant, as well as working on the farm with Bill. Mary cared for many members of her family over the years as a care giver.

Mary enjoyed the farm life, gardening, tending her many flower beds, camping and decorating her house.

Mary is survived by her husband Bill, her children, Edward (Jeanette), Steven, Theresa (Robert), Gerald and Christopher (Lisa). Her sisters Geneva and Evelyn, Her grandchildren Ashley Parsons, Liam and Luke Topolinski and Jason Masserant.

Mary was preceded in death by her Mother and Father, 4 brothers, Willard, Tom, Joe, Jim, and 2 sisters, Olive, Pearl.

The family would ask that donations be made to the Hiland Cottage of Petoskey in lieu of flowers.

The family wishes to extend a thank you to all the people at the Charlevoix Hospital and Hiland Cottage for all their love and support through this difficult journev.

Family and friends wish-

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create negative reputations. For whatever multiple reasons the tenancy seems of much briefer duration in

in whom he was most proud: She was born on Sept 14th, Daren (Pamela), with grand-1928 in Detroit to the late Percy and Evelyn (Hoopfer) Butler. After graduating from Business College she Madelyn; and by his brother married Allen Hanson on October 16th, 1949 in Bloomfield with niece, Terry Charlevoix. They raised 4 children: Larry, Steve,

LETTERS

subsidized housing than in older homes and subdivided houses. Perhaps it's the ambience the difference between older housing and newer, the number of occupants contrasted with multiunit complexes, a tendency to disregard communal property, who knows? That's a sociological discussion.

The proposed complex behind the Health Center was going through City Commission discussion at that time and the public was invited, I being there for other purposes, when vocal presentations were transpiring. One argument in favor of such development was the jobs and sales that new building would bring. Some disparaging comments were voiced. by homeowners and others affected, and I felt compelled to add to that because I have many years' experience in the building trades from architecture to masonry to roofing. I said, With due respect for need and opposition alike, the big guys (out of town developer crews) bring it all with them, not hiring or buying anything locally. I concluded that big construction companies might subcontract for outdoor lighting or landscaping but nothing else, that all they spend locally for is motels and restaurants, beer and cigarettes. Large contractors arrive with men, equipment, materials in tow via trucks. Ask any workman about that and you hear about per-diem, motel contract housing, here and



gone to the next job. They don't look back.

Like so much of our modern world, things are set in motion with expectations of continuum and only minor oversight. When an apartment complex is completed, an on-site manager is recruited for middleman chores like handing out application forms, coordinating maintenance and repairs, the main office being in another city, in this case Rogers City, not your friendly next-door property owner. Plus, government subsidized housing is under constant scrutiny as to legal matters but not local conduct – that's for the manager and/or the other tenants.

Moreover, whereas housing is indubitably needed, there are these other considerations that come to bear and which can impede and intrude upon the equilibrium of neighborhoods because in most cases no regulations as to conduct are forthcoming beyond application and rental/lease form rhetoric drawn in legalese. I have been on both sides of rental arrangements and know for sure that signatures mean nothing. Court? Not worth the time.

There are successfully run Independent Living, Assisted Living, Senior Living, Total Living centers here and most everywhere, the "affordable" apartment market being the least viable of all because that infers ablebodied persons of less than

ing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

"affordable" means. There can be no equivocating that everything is overpriced now, housing hardly the least of, deregulated banks having no small part in that. The representative for the aforesaid housing complex gesticulated and finally left in a huff saying they'd not be back to this town with their generous offerings as the Commissioners bureaucratically vetoed their generous offerings. The people had spoken. That of course did not solve the housing shortage. With evidence of gentrification seen in downtown East Jordan, certainly other towns in the greater area, this offset is likely to worsen. Though this area is still somewhat more affordable that many others, inexpensive housing does not bode well on the horizon. There are still good paying jobs hereabouts even with robotics threatening, and even more minimum wage jobs. In a corner of town where the streets are run down may be found rooms and apartments for the lessthan solvent, indicating need of subsidized housing. Trouble is, NIMBY. Property values decrease with "affordable" housing. Cell phone, no pool, no pets, no cigarettes.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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Autism Walk in Boyne City draws 180 participants

Approximately 180 people attended the 7th annual Fun Walk for Autism Awareness, held last Saturday, May 5, in Boyne City. Participants were of all different abilities and the feedback was excellent from those that attended. This was among the first events to kick off May is Mental Health Month activities sponsored by North Country Community Mental

This will float your boat

By Michelle Medjesky

BOYNE CITY - If the sudden filling of area marinas with vessels of all shapes and sizes is a sign that summer is finally on its way, then sharp cries of "Ships Ahoy!" should be ringing out far and wide across Charlevoix County lately.

The "Lazy Susan", an impressive vessel out of Charlevoix, halted traffic briefly along Front Street at the entrance to the Harborage Marina in Boyne City last week as a crew from Boyne Boat Yard expertly navigated the craft into her waiting slot at the marina.

A small crowd gathered to watch as the "Lazy Susan" was eased into place, all smiles and openly admiring her impressive size and overall grandeur.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything as big as that at this marina before. It's so pretty, just something to see," said one woman of the Lazy Susan, but who declined to be named in hopes of concealing from her neighbors a self-diagnosed case of 'boat envy.'



(PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY) A crew from Boyne Boat Yard last week hauled the "Lazy Susan" of Charlevoix into the Harborage Marina in Boyne City where she'll be readied and waiting for a summer of fun on the water.

Her spouse and two others in the group, who also declined to give their names for the same reason, agreed the boat-which they figured to be "about a 60 footer", is indeed a breathtakingly beautiful craft. "Just watching these boats come in gets you excited for the summer," said one man in the crowd. Whether you own a boat or just like to get on the water with someone else's,

or just like to get on the water with someone else's, there's an abundance of both public and private marinas available to launch a wide-range of boats in Charlevoix County. Some of the most often frequented include: -The Harborage Marina, located at 448 Front Street, Boyne City.

This is a private, full-service marina that's run in tandem with the adjacent Harborage Condominium Association. The marina features 233 slips that can

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AmeriCorps "Enhance East Jordan" service project on May 19

As the AmeriCorps program through Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District wraps up its final year, members and volunteers from the community will join hands in a day of service to beautify East Jordan, and the public is invited to help. Northern Michigan's Russ Mawby Signature Service Project, "Enhance East Jordan," takes place Saturday, May 19 from 9am to 3pm throughout the community. Join AmeriCorps members in projects such as Jordan River clean-up, park beautification, trail clearing, brush clean-up and more. The project is a collaboration among AmeriCorps, Char-Em ISD, East Jordan Public Schools, the East



The 2017 Russ Mawby Signature Service Project took place in the Grayling area. "Enhance East Jordan," takes place Saturday, May 19 from 9am to 3pm throughout the community. (COURTESY PHOTO)

merce and the City of East Jordan. Alison Mellon has been Corps Director for four years. "As some may be aware, this is the final year Literacy Coaching Corps. As we end our service year

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9th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

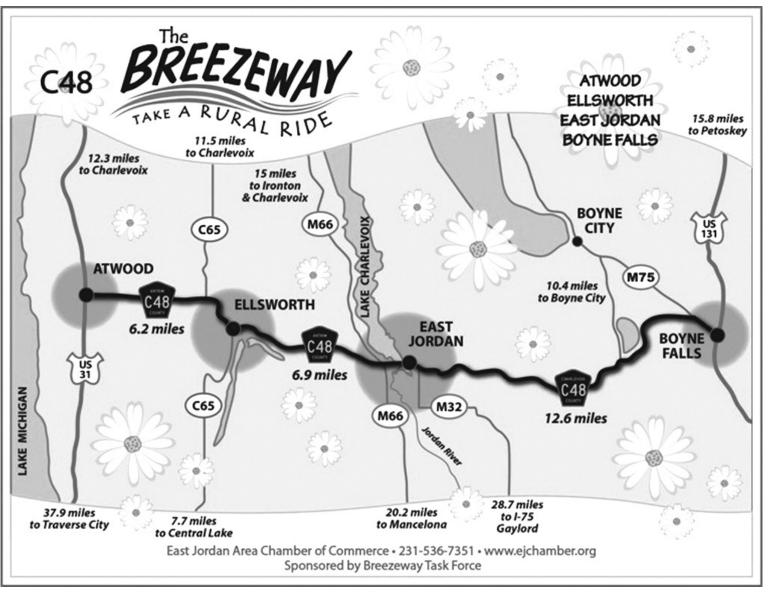
Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of "Garage Sales Across the Breezeway" on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 from 9am to 4pm. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, attractions and restaurants.

Organized by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, the weekend not only includes tons of garage sales, but other shopping fun in each community including sidewalk sales in downtown East Jordan. A list of garage sale locations is available on the Ride the Breezway web site, at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, mailboxes at each end of the Breezeway and local businesses along the Breezeway.

Discover the C-48 Breezeway...26 miles of rural scenic beauty. For additional information visit www.ridethebreezeway.com or at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.

Find lots of great treasures during the 9th annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway event on May 25 & 26. COUR-TESY PHOTO







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News EJ Lions Club presents Milestone Achievement Award

The East Jordan Lions recently awarded the Milestone Chevron Award to five club members. Jim Shepard and Don Peters, 50 years. Linda Poole, Ron Warnos

and Linda Chase 10 years. These Lions are commended and recognized for their ded-

ication to the Lions Club and the motto We Serve.



Left to Right – Lion Jim Shepard, Lion Don Peters. COURTESY PHOTO



Left to Right – Lion Linda Poole, Lion Ron Warnos, Lion Linda Chase. COURTESY PHOTO

Local organizations receive over \$81,350 in People Fund grants

Michigan National Guard Northern Exposure exercise May 18

Charlevoix County Sherriff's Office, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and members of the Michigan National Guard Quick Reactionary Force will be conducting situational training events during Northern Exposure 2018 on May 18 at various locations around Charlevoix County.

"Northern Exposure is the Michigan National Guards venue to test our ability to respond in a Domestic Operations event. This preparation ensures the Guard is ready to support the state on Michigan's Emergency Management plan on the Michigan's worst day," said Col. Sean Southworth, the Joint Forces Operations Director.

"We have invited the National Guard to train together on integration into our local response capabilities. It is our aim to fully prepare our local responders to all levels of emergency response, including multiple local an state agency collaboration," said Charlevoix County Sheriff, Chuck Vondra.

Northern Exposure has been conducted since 2015. Participants have included seven counties, dozens of federal state and local agencies, and numerous commercial partners supporting facilities focused on a response to a complex catastrophic event in Michigan. This effort will help ensure the readiness of the Michigan National Guard to provide support to local authorities in times of attack or disaster. An exercise of this type helps responders at all levels to coordinate and communicate effectively during any type of domestic incident.

Capping work completed on damaged cables in the Straits

Consumers Energy has completed the capping and concrete matting of our affected cables in the Straits of Mackinac in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard's Unified Command. We completed our post-construction survey yesterday to ensure the cables were placed near their original position and within our easement. nation of the best long-term option for our retired cables in the Straits. We will make an informed decision, in consultation with critical stakeholders, as to the next steps for those cables in the coming months. Consumers Energy is committed to ensuring the safety and health of the public and the protection of our state's waterways.

We now turn to an exami-

Boyne Falls Public Schools **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program made possible 18 grants to local community non-profit organizations. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded over \$81,350 in grants this spring to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan.

 VFW Post 1518, Gaylord: \$5,000 for improvements to the Veterans
Community Park entrance.
Northern Michigan

Antique Flywheelers Club, Boyne Falls: \$4,300 for a sound system.

3. Beaver Island Historical Society of Michigan, Beaver Island: \$7,352 for signs for a historical walking tour.

4. Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy: \$3,500 towards phase 2 of a watershed project.

Northern Michigan
Equine Therapy, Boyne City:
\$3,604.88 for a SureHand lift.

6. Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$2,000 for a youth concert at Petoskey Middle School.

7. Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$1,200 for a cash register and electrical work for the Re-Store.

8. Crawford County Library, Grayling: \$3,000 for a Ultimaker 3/3D printer.

9. Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$8,000 for the Water/Ways exhibit.

10. Elmira Township Parks and Rec Committee: \$5,000 for a paved walkway at a community park.

11. Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for clothing for children in need.

12. North Country Trail Association, Petoskey: \$5,000 for the Iron Belle Trail Bear River Bridge project.

13. St. Mary School, Charlevoix: \$8,000 for a playground structure open to the community.

14. Good Samaritan Fam-

ily Services, Ellsworth: \$3,847 for woodworking shop equipment for His House.

15. Charlevoix County: \$10,000 for phase 3 of the non-motorized trail project from Charlevoix to Boyne City.

16. The Salvation Army, Petoskey: \$1,850 for repairs to the community center building.

17. New Horizons Clubhouse, Rapid City: \$2,500 for a washer, dryer and utility sink.

18. Wawatam Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Mackinaw City: \$2,200 for a commercial freezer.

The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. More than \$3.3 million in grants have been awarded since 1999 to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the western side of Michigan.

"The average contribution to the People Fund is less than 50 cents per month," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "It's one of the easiest ways our members can show their commitment to local communities by rounding their bill to the nearest dollar."

Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting gtlakes.com. All 100 percent of the funds collected are used for grants.

Non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can apply for a grant through the People Fund by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. The next grant application deadline is Oct. 15.

Brooklynn Bannister

Grade: 3rd

Parent's Name(s): Chad Bannister and Kate and Adam Katz

What do you want to be when you grow up?: When she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian to help animals when they are sick.

Favorite Book: Brooklynn enjoys reading the Mary Kate and Ashley books.

Hobbies and Interests: She likes to play softball and ride her bike.

School Activities: At school, Brooklynn loves math because she is really good at it. She loves division. She also enjoys reading.

Staff Comments: Brooklynn is delightful in class. She is a compassionate, caring friend to all. She demonstrates hard work and perseverance daily in her work. She loves math and is a great numerical thinker. Brooklynn is always up for a challenge! I am very proud of all she has learned and accomplished this school year. I can't wait to see the great places she goes in the future! Congratulations, Brooklynn!

Submitted By: Mrs. Meier





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Students from Boyne City, Petoskey and Gaylord High Schools graduate NCMC program

On Friday, May 4, North Central Michigan College graduated Early College students from Boyne City High School.

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The Early College began as a pilot program with Petoskey High School in 2013 and is now operating successfully at Petoskey High School, Boyne City High School and Gaylord High School. This is the first time that all three cohorts of the Early College program have completed their programs and gained their credentials. It is open to their high school sophomores and offers these students free North Central tuition and textbooks for three and one-half years and allows students to receive both their high school diploma and associate degree after their fifth year of high school. Students will complete their course work at their high school and at North Central's Petoskey campus.

The students are selected

for admission into Early College in accordance with North Central and their high school admission requirements. The students will take their Michigan Merit Curriculum-required high school classes and a number of college courses each year and complete their degree and one final high school class during their fifth year. There are now 311 students in the Early College program.

Boyne City High School Early College Graduates are: Jacob Coates Lucas Day Trenton Giem Austin Jarema Jerimiah Johnson Joshua Reynolds Madison Reynolds Simon Shankleton Jenna Sides Logan Sulak Jeremiah Utley Jacob Willson For more information about Early College, contact Corey Lansing at 231-439-6349 or clansing@ncmich.edu.



NCMC Cohort Early College graduates from Boyne City High School. COURTESY PHOTO

Michigan discusses child welfare system improvements

Michigan today discussed its continuing progress in reforming its child welfare system, including the state's successful compliance with federal requirements to reduce caseload sizes and improve education outcomes for children in foster care.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services was in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan today to update Judge Nancy G. Edmunds and listen to a report from federal court monitors on the period from July 2016 to December 2016.

"During this reporting period MDHHS and our private agency partners continued the positive momentum that earlier resulted in a 2016 court agreement that sets the state on the path to exiting federal court oversight of its child welfare system," said Dr. Herman McCall, executive director of the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. "We fully realize there is more work to do to address remaining challenges noted by the federal court monitors. We can and must make further progress for the sake of Michigan children and families."

In February 2016, the judge approved the Implementation, Sustainability

and Exit Plan that scaled down the requirements for exiting federal court oversight from nearly 240 to 71. That new plan reflected the state's significant progress.

The court monitor report released today showed that Michigan had met an additional seven performance standards in the exit plan. Among those were commitments to reduce child welfare caseloads. That included one standard that requires MDHHS to reduce caseloads for at least 95 percent of child abuse and neglect investigators to no more than 12 open investigations. Other standards the department met required 95 percent of staff who provide ongoing Children's Protective Services to families to have caseloads of no more than 17 and for MDHHS to take steps to ensure schoolaged children in foster care receive an education appro-

priate to their needs. The report also said that Michigan met two other standards for at least two consecutive reporting periods, making them eligible to exit continuing court oversight. Those requirements were related to helping youth who were in foster care make the transition to adulthood. Another standard - pro-

hibiting the use of psychotropic medicine as discipline for children in care has been maintained for two consecutive reporting periods but will remain in the agreement for the remainder of federal court jurisdiction.

The exit plan took the place of the Modified Settlement Agreement approved in 2011 that came after a lawsuit filed by the advocacy group Children's Rights in 2006.

Through years of successful reform efforts by Gov. Rick Snyder's administration, Michigan has improved services to the approximately 13,000 children in the state's foster care system

who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

The state hired 700 additional Children's Protective caseworkers and 400 additional foster care workers in 2011 and 2012. MDHHS has maintained higher staffing levels since then.

To view the latest federal court monitor report, the full Implementation, Sustainability and Exit Plan, earlier reports and the original Modified Settlement Agreement, visit www.michigan.gov/Child-WelfareAgreement.



MDHHS highlights four reasons to become a foster parent

During National Foster Care Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) wants to stress the important role that foster parents can play in a child or teen's life.

- Keep Children In Their Community. In Michigan alone, there are approximately 13,000 children in the foster care system. When children enter foster care, they face many uncertainties. They have to leave their homes and families, and they may have to move to an unfamiliar community. By becoming a foster parent, you can help keep children in their community and school. - Strengthen The Foster Care System. The foster care system relies on strong, goodhearted, responsible foster parents. With each licensed foster parent or family, we add greater options and diversity to best serve children in care. In Michigan, there are approximately 13,000 children in foster care and 300 children who still need an adoptive family. MDHHS needs foster parents to provide a safe, nurturing home for these children until they can be safely returned to their families. The first step to becoming a foster parent is contacting a Foster Care Navigator. Navigators are experienced foster parents who can answer questions, help individuals find an agency that's right for them and provide guidance along their journey to becoming a foster parent. They can be reached at 855-MICHKIDS. To learn more about foster care. visit www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome.

Camp Daggett is seeking kayakers to participate in the 10th annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake fundraiser. COURTESY PHOTO

"Kayak For a Cause" on Walloon Lake

Camp Daggett is seeking kayakers to participate in the 10th annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake fundraiser, July 14, from 8:30am to 4pm and July 15 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Participants can choose the oneday option to paddle on Saturday or Sunday, or accept the challenge of the entire 30-mile tour of the shoreline of Walloon Lake. Food and snacks will be provided as well as a team Tshirt on both days and all

paddlers are invited to attend the "I Did It Celebration" Sunday afternoon.

The base cost to participate is \$50 per kayaker for either the one-day or twoday option. Participants are encouraged to raise more than that from friends and family. To support a kavaker, go to www.campdaggett.org and click on Events then Kayak for a Cause. This year in partnership with the Camp Daggett Annual Golf Benefit, each

golf cart sponsor will also be sponsoring a kayaker (\$250). To rent a kayak for this event, contact Rvde Marine at 231-347-8273.

Interested kayakers can call Karen Marietti at 231-347-9742 ext. 117, or Development Director, Grace Ketchum at ext. 118. To register online or to support a kayaker or purchase a flag, go to http://www.campdaggett.org/join-kayakcause/.

This event is sponsored by

Bear Cove Marina, Walloon Central Power Sports, Bulmann Dock and Lift, Michigan Lake Products, the Outfitter of Harbor Springs, Personal Graphics and many more generous donors.

To learn more about Camp Daggett, visit www.campdaggett.org or call executive director, Brent Marlatt at 347-9742.

"When children are unable to stay with their families because of safety concerns, foster parents step up to provide love, consistency and support," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "Foster parents play a critical role in communities across the state, and by adding additional licensed foster families we have a greater opportunity to match a child with the best possible family and keep them in their community with their familiar school and surroundings."

In Michigan, MDHHS needs foster parents to provide care and safety to a wide array of children of all ages. MDHHS encourages those who love children and have a big heart, to consider these four reasons to become a foster parent:

- Transform A Child's Life. Welcoming a child into a safe and loving home environment can improve well-being, help with separation and brighten a child's future.

- Receive Support Along The Way. Foster parents are not alone when they become licensed. In fact, they receive training, support services, foster care payments and support from an entire community.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, April 30, 2018

0838 Report of subject stay ing in the river mouth bathroom. 0955 Salvage inspection 1210 Parking complaint at Michigan and Robinson St. 1210 Loud music complaint at Michigan and Robinson. 2005 Assist Sheriff Dept. on 131 S Family dispute in the 2214 300 block of E Division St Tuesday, May 1 2018 0130 Barking dog on Pleasant av. 0917 Report of a disturbance in the Open Space. Gone on arrival Report of broken 1524 power pole in the 600 block of E Main St. Report of lines down 1525 and pole on fire on Douglas St

Report of cars and school buses speeding in the 800 block of N Lake St

2117 Assist Sheriff Dept with search

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 0103 Assist Sheriff Dept. with Suspicious in Boyne Falls 0844 Assist citizen with a tree down on Smith St Assisted Sheriff Dept. 1103 in search for missing woman from Springwater Beach. Report of aggressive 1201 dog on Wilson St Juvenile complaint at 1845 the river mouth. Juvenile complaint in 1928 the 200 block of N Lake St Panic alarm in the In-1936 dustrial Park Suspicious vehicle re-1944 ported in the 500 block of N Lake St

Thursday, May 3 2018 Assist Sheriff Dept. & 0114 EMS on Church Rd 1105 Report of possible fraud from Ottawa St

1250 Second report of the suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St last night. 1419 Found property turned in. Contacted owner. Already replaced. Asked to destroy. Done. 1655 Suspicious vehicle back in the 500 block of N Lake St. Able to make contact. Subject was salesperson. Unlock at Rotary Park 1658 1753 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of First St 1852 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Bovne Falls. Suspicious subject re-1952 ported in the 300 block of Silver St. Was subject picking up trash. Friday, May 4, 2018

0805 Big portion of Jefferson St washed away in the rain between Clark and North. Subject at PD to report 0948 money stolen electronically from bank account

1129 Fire alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St Health & Safety com-1341 plaint on Mae Ln. .1410 Request for No Trespass Order be issued protecting property on Roosevelt St Citizen assist ref possi-1427 ble fraud complaint Attempt suicide on 1623 Smith St. 1716 Animal complaint in the 400 block of McKinley 1912 Loud music complaint near W Michigan and Robinson. Quiet on arrival, but spoke with a subject there about the noise ordinance. 2017 Help Brownie troop earn Detective badge in the 1200 block of Boyne Av 2347 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Dam Rd

Saturday, May 4, 2018 0743 MDOP to retaining wall

on Sidney St 1120 Littering complaint received from Spring St. Pavement starting to 1150 crumble around a storm drain near Main and Front St Barking dog complaint 1154 in the 1200 block of Marshall. 1636 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of E Division St 1642 harassment complaint in the 300 block of E Division St. 1715 Juvenile complaint in the woods north of Collings St. 1908 Trespass complaint on Grace Ln. Assist EMS at Front 2131 and Main 2208 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St 2218 Assist EMS on Shadow Tr.

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0225 Suspicious subject reported in the area of Front and Main.

1551 Assist EMS at 1025 in the 1000 block of Robinson. 1859 Report of a vehicle driving in town with a stolen license plate. Located and stopped the car on N. Park near Vogel.

Arrest the driver for no insurance. Arrested the passenger on two warrants. Found wallet in the 1922 400 block of N Lake St

1924 Water line broke in the 900 block of S Lake St 2137 Suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of N Lake St. Juvenile complaint on 2311 Trent St

0038 Assist MSP on Bettman

Sunday, May 6, 2018

News

Women Can/Women Do luncheon to raise funds for Women's Resource Center



Women Can/Women Do-Charlevoix luncheon volunteers at a recent planning meeting. (front from left) Peggy Kusina, Christina Ruehle, Sandy Wibby, Terri Parsons, Cheri Leach, Jane Millar, Sarah Hagen, Susan Flanders, (back from left) Caroline Smith, Karen Cole, Julie Burgess, Laura Fowler, Robin Maurer, Gail DeMeyere, Martha Rohr, Kay Wasilewski, Perry Irish Hodgson, Sheryl Miller, Karlee Philip, and Jennifer Earls. COURTESY PHOTO

Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheons are held throughout the summer in four of the five counties served by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) to support a myriad of services for women, children and families. The first luncheon of the year takes place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix from 11am to 1:30pm, Wednesday June 13.

"Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheons have been our most successful, ongoing fundraiser to help support Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan services," said Gail Kloss, the nonprofit organization's executive director. Some of the programs funded include domestic abuse and sexual assault services, child abuse and child sexual assault services, free community playgroups, education and employment services, counseling, a 24-hour crisis and information line and the Safe Home shelter.

Women Can/Women Do is made possible with the help of many volunteers, including committee members who help plan the event and organize the silent auction, table designers who create elaborate and unique themes for each table and table captains who reach out to friends, family and business associates to fill seats at their table.

Local businesses that have volunteered to design a table, to date, include: A Touch of Spring and Other Things, Beaver Island Boat Company, Belvedere Golf Club Buddies, Castle Farms, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Charlevoix Cinema III, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Christ Episcopal Church, Deer Creek Junk, Elements Gallery, Gold Mine Resale Shop, Harwood Gold Café, Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop, Hestia Women's Giving Circle, Irish Boat Shop, Kilwin's of Charlevoix, L. Burnham and Associates, Monarch Garden and Floral Design, Northern Community Mediation, Panache Hair Studio, Pat O'Brien Realty, Petals Custom Floral Designs, Rafina Grove, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Straddle Books, The Lake House, The Rainbow Shoppe, Upsy-Daisy Floral and Van Dam Custom Boats.

For information on reserving a seat at the event or becoming a table captain or designer, call Sarah Matye, WRCNM Fund Developer at (231) 347-0067 or email smatye@wrcnm.org.

Community Foundations nurture local leaders

Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundaion are pleased to appoince the launch of Leadership Learning Lab, an eight-month professional development program geared toward nonprofit leaders across the Char-Em region. 'We believe that investing in individual nonprofit leaders is an effective way to strengthen nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve," says David Jones, Executive Director of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.





Tick season is upon us – take appropriate precautionary measures

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging Michigan residents to protect themselves from ticks as the warm weather approaches. Tick-borne diseases, particularly Lyme disease, are expanding across the state.

Although ticks can spread multiple illnesses, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tickborne disease in Michigan. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi and is transmitted by the blacklegged/deer tick.

The blacklegged tick is well-established in Michigan's western Upper and Lower Peninsulas. However, it is expanding into new areas across the Lower Peninsula. In 2017, there were more than 300 human cases of Lyme disease reported, and approximately two out of three cases reported exposure in Michigan. Lyme disease infected ticks have currently been identified in 34 of Michigan's 83 counties. Information about Lyme disease risk by county is available at Michigan.gov/lyme.

"With the expansion of blacklegged ticks into new areas in Michigan, the best way to protect against Lyme disease is to prevent tick bites," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "If you find a tick attached to your body, promptly remove it. Monitor your health, and if you experience fever, rash, muscle or joint aches or other symptoms, consult with your medical provider."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported last week that diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks and fleas tripled in the U.S. from 2004 to 2016. The report also concludes that Lyme disease is an increasing concern for Michigan. To read the full report, visit the CDC website.

People can protect themselves against Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by following these tips:

- Avoid tick-infested areas. Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter at trail edges.

- Protect your pets too! Dogs and cats can come into contact with ticks outdoors and bring them into the home, so using tick prevention products on pets is also recommended.

- Use insect repellent. Apply re-

The following individuals will participate in the first year of the Leadership Learning Lab: Amelie Dawson, Harbor Springs Library; Gail DeMeyere, Charlevoix Circle of Arts; Josephine Roberts, Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy/Walloon Lake Association; Denneen Smith, Friendship Centers of Emmet County; Courtney Sumpter, Northern Michigan Equine Therapy; Sarah Ulrich, Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity; Amy Wieland, **Charlevoix County Commission** on Aging; and Judy Zorn, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Participants will attend eight sessions in 2018 on both pre-defined and tailored topics. The effort will provide concrete skills, experiential learning, and relevant professional relationships.

"This initiative is designed to create adaptive leaders at all levels of the system to work toward unique community needs," explains Chip Hansen, President of



Top Row (I-r): Denneen Smith, Gail DeMeyere, Josephine Roberts, Sarah Ulrich. Bottom Row (I-r): Courtney Sumpter, Judy Zorn, Amelie Dawson, Amy Weiland. COURTESY PHOTO

the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

North Sky Nonprofit Network, a program of Rotary Charities of Traverse City, will provide coordination and instruction. Leadership Learning Lab participants will pay just \$200 for this experience thanks to the financial support of the Frey Foundation and local community foundations.

"We feel that working together

to strengthen our local nonprofit organizations and help them build sustainability for the future is of utmost importance to our communities," Jones noted. Hansen agreed, saying, "We are optimistic about the potential for regionwide positive impact through broadening the experiences of individual leaders."

The program is being replicated in 22 counties across Northern

Michigan with the support of 11 community foundations.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at (231) 348-5820.

pellent containing DEET (20-30 percent) or Picaridin on exposed skin.

- Treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact or buy clothes that are pre-treated. Do not use permethrin directly on skin.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying repellents.

- Perform daily tick checks. Always check for ticks on yourself and your animals after being outdoors, even in your own yard.

- Inspect all body surfaces carefully, and remove attached ticks with tweezers.

- To remove a tick, grasp the tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

- Washing clothing in hot water and drying on high heat will kill ticks in clothing.

Michigan citizens can submit ticks to MDHHS for identification and possible Lyme disease testing, free of charge. Or residents can send electronic photos of ticks to the MDHHS for identification to MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov. For more information on how to submit your tick and/or photos, visit Michigan.gov/lyme.

For more information about Lyme disease, visit Cdc.gov/lyme or Michigan.gov/lyme.

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accommodate boats up to 60 feetlong. For more information about the private association or for seasonal hours/reservations, call (231) 582-3340 or go to: https://harboragemarina.net/

-Boyne City's F. Grant Moore Municipal Marina, located in the heart of Boyne City at Veterans Park.

This municipal marina is open

May through October and hosts a mix of 42 transient and seasonal slips. No seasonal slips are available at this time, however, a waiting list is available on the website listed below.

Boaters still have plenty of access to Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City, however, with two launches and the L-shaped "shoppers dock/fishing pier" where city officials invite boaters to temporarily tie up their crafts and disembark to enjoy shopping or dining in downtown Boyne City or to go fishing off the pier. A "dock and shop" opportunity is also available on a limited basis for boaters to tie up at the municipal marina with prior permission from marina staff.

Boyne City also in recent years opened One Water Marina just a short walk from the municipal marina, featuring 24 slips with public dockage and many of the slips available to rent daily, monthly or seasonally. For more information call: (231) 582-7361 or go to www.cityofboynecity.com/marina—boat-launch-156/

-The Charlevoix Marina, located at the base of East Park in downtown Charlevoix.

This marina features 69 slips along with other general marina amenities such as restrooms, a boater's lounge and laundry facilities. The city marina also offers seasonal dockage for dinghies and jet skis.

Slip reservations can be made by calling (800) 447-2757 or using the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Reservation System by going to www.midnrreservations.com Marina staff remind boaters that slip availability may be limited during the summer months due to festivals and other events in Charlevoix's downtown district and that no slips are available during the final four days of the Venetian Festival, which this year will run July 21-28.

For more information about the Charlevoix City Marina call (231) 547-3272 or go to: www.cityofcharlevoix.org/city-departments/marina.html

News Briefs

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. 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 in-clude 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.

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SECOND ANNUAL JOPPA 5K May 19, 8am, Michigan Beach Park. Runners and walkers are welcome. There will be a free One Mile Fun Run on the beach at 9:00am, making this a great family event. Timing provided by Endurance Evolution. Register online at runsignup.com. Proceeds benefit Joppa House Ministries, a 501c3.

CHARLEVOIX ANNUAL LITERARY DELIGHTS WOMEN AUTHORS BENEFIT LUNCHEON

May 19, 11am-3pm, Grey Gables Restaurant. The event includes buffet luncheon, cash bar, silent auction and gift basket raffle drawings. Featured speakers are Jennifer Harsha Carrol and Patricia Majher. Proceeds support Zonta's "Sights on Success" program for middle school girls and other projects which advance the status of women and girls. Reservations required; \$40 per ticket. For more information and/or to purchase tickets, contact Linda DeGrow at 231.547.4109, or any Zonta member.

CHARLEVOIX **CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF** ARTS SPRING CONCERT

May 19, Prelude at 5:40pm, Concert at 6pm, Charlevoix High School. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will present a year-end concert of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program students. There will be a prelude performance of five soloists beginning at 5:40 pm and the formal concert will begin at 6 pm. The concert will include the beginner and intermediate classes, the Suzuki program students, private lesson students, the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra and The Cum-

Camp Daggett. Each year, Grandpa Shorter's Gifts desig-nate two Saturdays to raise money for area youth for camp scholarships. In 2017, they donated \$2,650.31 to Camp. The fall Grandpa Shorter's Day will be on Saturday, October 6. For more information about Camp Daggett, call 231-347-9742 or visit www.campdaggett.org.

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Homosexuality and Faith Considered

May 20, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "God and Gays: An Hour of Civil Conversation, features the filmed stories of Jeff Chu, author of Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America, and Christopher Yuan, author of Out of a Far Country. During the program, Yuan, a professor at Moody Bible Institute, shares his story of finding a Christian faith and wrestling with his sexuality as a gay man. Participants in the Lifetree program will have an opportunity to discuss issues relating to homosexuality and faith in a safe, caring environment. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. Use the Pine St. entrance.

HARBOR SPRINGS **GLCO BACH'S FAMILY FESTIVAL CONCERT**

May 20,3pm (pre concert talk), 4pm (performance), First Presbyterian Church, 7940 Cemetery Road. Rescheduled from an earlier date. Bach's Family Festival performed by Great Lakes Chamber Orches tra. 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 or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

BOYNE CITY WINGS OF WONDER PROGRAM

May 21, 7-9pm, Boyne District Library. The Sunset Coast Birding Trail will host a live raptor program by Rebecca Lessard of Wings of Wonder. Live raptors will accompany this program so audience members have the opportunity for a close up look at these magnificent birds. A hands-on display of raptor artifacts including wings, talons, feathers, pellets, and photos are also available at each presentation. The event is family friendly, free and open to the public. A \$5 donation per person is encouraged.

and keep our boxes looking great through the entire season, but we still need your help for planting! Please RSVP to Amanda to let her know.

BOYNE CITY BRITISH LEGENDS BENEFIT CONCERT

May 25, 8-10pm, Performing Arts Center. If you like live concerts and enjoy the music of Paul McCartney, Elton John, Robert Plant /Led Zeppelin and Adele, you"ll love this concert. All proceeds from this fundraiser concert are used to complete major renovations to Boyne City's community center building next to Roberts Restaurant. The building is being renovated as the group's funds allow since the non-profit community center organization operates debt free.Reserved seat tickets for the British Legends Tribute concert can be purchased at Boyne City Hardware for \$32 or \$35 or online at www.Legends4.com

EAST JORDAN BREEZEWAY GARAGE SALE

May 25 & 26, 9am-4pm. Residents, businesses and organizations all along the C-48 "Breezeway," from Atwood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls are participating in our 9th annual Breezeway Garage Sale. New this year... East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. are participating on Saturday with a Snowmobile/Anything Goes Swap Meet and Yard Sale. Visit www.ridethebreezeway.com for additional information.

EAST JORDAN ANYTHING GOES SWAP **MEET AND YARD SALE**

May 26, 9am-4pm, East Jor-dan Sno-Mobilers Cub. Part of the Garage Sales Across the Breezeway. Bring out your snowmobile parts, gear, etc. to sell, swap or trade. Bring tractors, clothing, household goods or whatever you would like. Sites will be \$10 for Sno-Mobile Club Members, \$20 for nonclub members. Spaces can be as large as you need. Camping is also allowed on the property so vou can set up on Fridav if you want. For more information contact Connie at 231-536-2944 or Kelly at 231-313-9868

BOYNE CITY TEEN SUICIDE DISCUSSED

May 26, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program-titled "Exploring Teen Suicide: A Necessary Conversation"-features a filmed interview with Shay Black, a woman whose son unexpectedly took his own life. During the program, Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss what could be contributing to the epidemic of teen suicide.

ceive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course Completion mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operated a boat. Individuals must be at least age 14 to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least age 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a boat. For further guestions. call Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext 3499.

CHARLEVOIX **HOSPITALITY TRAINING**

June 7. 7:30-10:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce is one of the founders and facilitators of Hospitality the Little Traverse Way, a customer-service training program with a mission of elevating the service culture of the region. This highly acclaimed program will be a great way to kick off the summer season. This workshop will walk you through how to be effective in hospitality while having fun. Free. To register call Charlevoix Public Library (231) 237-7340 of online at tinyurl.com/ybnmzdbl. Light meals will be provided.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY **HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD** WASTE DISPOSAL EVENT

June 8, 5-8pm & June 9, 9am-Noon. Hazardous household items including florescent bulbs, motor oil, batteries, pes-ticides, cleaners, oil paint, finishes, thinners, solvents, mer-cury and more. Also electronic items, appliances and tires. For more info visit www.charlevoixcounty.org. Reservations and location info, call (231) 547-7221.

CHARLEVOIX **BOATING SAFETY CLASS**

June 9, 9am-1pm, Melrose Township Hall. All classes are free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years of age. It is recommended students eat before class or bring a snack. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. Completion mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operated a boat. Individuals must be at least age 14 to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least age 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a boat. For further questions, call Charlevoix County

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more. Stroll the streets and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 6 to 8pm, including special performances by Charlie's Root Fusion, 45 North, and solo performances by Ms. Emily Chapdelaine, Paul Gelderblom and more. For details contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for a list of participating stores and restaurants.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market has several vendors in Veteran's Park. Market hours are Wednesday's and Saturday's, 8 am - Noon. During peak season the market features more than 65 regular vendors, all local, serving seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs; gourmet baked goods and preserves; eggs and cheese; honey and maple syrup; proteins, fish, potted annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. and cut flowers: plus a juried craft market with unique handmade items for your home or a special gift.

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FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life. flavors. happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family -Children love to get stickers in our Junior Marketeer program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits.

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 8am-Noon, Sportsman's Park. Locally organically grown fruits and vegetables. Baked goods, jewelry, crafts, flowers and more. Free coffee from 8am-10:30am courtesy of North Perk Coffee.

BOYNE FALLS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Boyne Falls Public School announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, nation origin, age, sex or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Lunches will be served blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the indi-vidual. 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. Walkins 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 MICHI-GAN

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.

mings Quartet.

CHARLEVOIX YOUTH DAY AT THE CHARLEVOIX ROD AND GUN CLUB

May 19, 10am-4pm (rain or Join us for archery shine). (ages 5-16), 22 rifle (ages 10-16), shotgun (ages 10-16) and a fishing pond (ages 5-16, some equipment provided or bring your own). Education opportunities include furs and feathers provided by the Michi-gan DNR. Light lunch will be provided. Youth are to be accompanied by а parent/guardian during the event. Fish Provided by the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. If you have any questions, call the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club at (231) 547-2785, or Paul Haver at (231) 582-7739. If either of these lines are not answered, please leave a message. The Club is located at 11330 US 31 Highway North.

EAST JORDAN **RUSS MAWBY SIGNATURE** SERVICE PROJECT

May 19, 9am-3pm.Come join AmeriCorps members for a day of service in and around the community of East Jordan. Volunteers are needed to complete projects such as river clean-up, park beautification, trail clearing, brush clean-up and more. Lunch is included. Register to volunteer at surveymonkeycomr/DDNZ7X3. For more information contact Alison Mellon at (231) 547-9947.

PETOSKEY **CAMP DAGGETT SUPPORT DAY AT GRANDPA** SHORTER'S

May 19, 9am-6pm. Twenty percent of all purchases will go to the C. G. and Ruth Shorter Memorial Scholarship Fund at

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REGIONAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

May 22, 5:30-7:30pm, Antrim Dells Golf Club and Sunset Grill.. The three Chambers of Commerce in Charlevoix County will hold their "Swing Into Summer' Regional Busi-ness After Hours. For the past 20 years, the Boyne, East Jordan and Charlevoix Area Chambers of Commerce have teamed up to host this joint Business After Hours to provide networking opportunities for the entire county. \$10 admission includes Enhanced Food, DJ, Drawings and Networking. Cash Bar.

CHARLEVOIX HOSPITALITY TRAINING

May 22, 5-8pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce is one of the founders and facilitators of Hospitality the Little Traverse Way, a customer-service training program with a mission of elevating the service culture of the region. This highly acclaimed program will be a great way to kick off the summer season. This workshop will walk you through how to be effective in hospitality while having fun. Free. To register call Charlevoix Public Li-brary (231) 237-7340 of online at tinyurl.com/ybgl2zrv. Light meals will be provided.

EAST JORDAN **FLOWER PLANTING**

May 23, starting at 4pm. We will be continuing with the red geraniums this year and adding in a splash of white vinca to the mix. We are partnering with the Late Bloomers Garden Club and Joe Shear Service this year to help with maintenance

2 miles north of the bridge

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. Use the Pine St. entrance. Join us for the monthly potluck beginning at 5:30 sharp. Bring a dish to share.

CHARLEVOIX "LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX" PRESENTS ROUND LAKE **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

May 26 & 27, East Park. East Park will come alive with six different bands performing over the weekend beginning at 1 p.m. each day. The Round Lake Music Festival has free admission due to the generous support of several Charlevoix businesses and DTE Energy. There will also be a Beer Tent in East Park from Noon to 10pm Saturday and Sunday and children's activities for the young music fans.

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

June 1, Mallard Golf Club. Four-person golf scramble, food, prizes networking and fun. \$265 team entry fee includes green fees for nine holes of golf, free lunch, one free cart per team, golfer gift and more. Hole-in-one contest prize is a 2018 automobile sponsored by Fox Motors of Charlevoix. For registration information call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351.

CHARLEVOIX BOATING SAFETY CLASS

June 2, 9am-1pm, Charlevoix Yacht Club. All classes are free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years of age. It is recommended students eat before class or bring a snack. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will re-

Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext 3499.

PETOSKEY GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT: **GRAND ROMANCE**

June 10, 6pm; Pre-Concert Talk with Libor Ondras, 7pm Concert, John M. Hall Auditorium, Bay View. . Selections include Robert Schumann -Concerto for Piano and Orchestra op.54, Christopher Harding, soloist; Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony no.6 "Pastoral"; and Johannes Brahms – "Naenie" For Chorus and Orchestra. \$25 General Admission and \$50 Reserved Seating. Tickets will be available at area chambers of comonline merce or at www.glcorchestra.org or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

CHARLEVOIX WOMAN CAN/WOMEN DO LUNCHEON

June 13, 11am-1:30pm, Cas-Farms. Women tle Can/Women Do fundraising luncheons are held throughout the summer in four of the five counties served by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) to support a myriad of services for women, children and families. For information on reserving a seat at the event or becoming a table captain or designer, call Sarah Matye, WRCNM Fund Developer at (231) 347-0067 or email smatye@wrcnm.org.

CHARLEVOIX

7TH ANNUAL SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 14, 4-8pm, Downtown. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, giveaways, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments and

Monday through Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm, June 11 through August 24, at Boyne Falls Public School, 01662 M-75 South.

BOYNE CITY SPRING LEAF PICKUP

May 7 - June 8.

The City will pick up leaves during the above scheduled times only. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags on Monday and Fridays only. If your bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify City Hall at 582-6597. Biodegradable paper bags are available at Boyne City Co-Op and Ace Hardware. Please put only leaves in bags as they are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting. Brush will not be picked up curbside, but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site. You may haul your own leaves, either bagged in biodegradable paper bags or unbagged, to the com-post site on Robinson Street, open seven days a week for your convenience. City Ordinance prohibits depositing leaves or other yard waste in the street.

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,

NORTHERN MICHI-GAN

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





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News MUSHROOM **FESTIVAL**

FROM PG. 1A

Saturday nights, Pete Kehoe will perform at Cafe Sante in Boyne City and 1000 Watt Prophets Duo will play there on Saturday. Forty Acres Tavern at Boyne Mountain Resort will feature Jeff Bihlman on Friday and The Shifties on Saturday. Stiggs Brewery in Boyne City will host Something Great Friday night and Joe Wright will play at the Whi Ski Inn in Boyne Falls on Saturday.

For more information about Boyne City's 58th Annual Morel Mushroom Festival this weekend, go to: bcmorelfestival.com/events

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 17

3 p.m. Carnival Rides by Schmidt Amusements open Veterans Park 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Craft Beer

Block Party/downtown Boyne City

FRIDAY, MAY 18

1-6 p.m. Craft Show, Veterans Park 1-6 p.m. Michigan Out-

door Recreational Experi-

ences and Living (M.O.R.E.L.) Outdoor Show/Sunset Park at the corner of Lake and Water Streets in downtown Boyne City

3 p.m. Carnival Rides by Schmidt Amusements Open/Veterans Park 4 p.m. Morel

Seminar/Veterans Park 5 p.m. Guided Morel Mushroom Hunt/Festival Tent

5-10 p.m. Open Mic Competition/Festival Tent 5:30 p.m.and 8 p.m. (2 seatings) MorelFest Wine and Dine/Beach House Restaurant

7 p.m.-Midnight- Live Music at restaurants and bars in Boyne City/Boyne Falls

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Breakfast at VFW Post 3675, 1108 Boyne Ave 8 a.m. "Run for their

Lives" Humane Society 5K Run/Sunset Park registration

8 a.m. Competitive Mushroom Hunt/buses leave from 1315 Boyne Ave. (former Carter's store)

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Craft Show/Veterans Park

10 a.m.-6 p.m. M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show/Sunset Park 11 a.m. Carnival Rides by

Noon-3 p.m.-Taste of 4 p.m. The Great Morel

Giveaway

5 p.m.-10 p.m. Open Mic Competition/Festival Tent 7 p.m.-Midnight-Live Music at restaurants and bars in Boyne City/Boyne

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Falls

11 a.m. Fitness for Life event in Veterans Park 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Craft

Show/Veterans Park 11 a.m.-6 p.m. M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show/Sunset Park

Noon-Carnival Rides by Schmidt Amusements **Open/Veterans Park**

VANDALISM

FROM PG. 1A

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

later determined that the particular brand of spray paint was available only at Wal-Mart.

Police were able to get security surveillance video from Petoskey's Wal-Mart in which they watched a group of three individuals purchasing that specific brand of spray paint on March 23. They were unable to identify those individuals, however, working with staff at the Public Schools of Petoskey, they were able to identify two of the people in the video. When questioned, those two individuals named Wilder and Gregory as the ones involved in the incident. Wilder and Gregory were also later identified in further video footage from the same Wal-Mart in the aisle selecting paint.

Then on April 24, police were notified by staff at Charlevoix Cheboygan Emmet Central dispatch that they received a report from Gregory's father that his son had confessed to the hockey rink spray-painting and the teen later admitted the same during a police interview. Wilder also told police about participating in the vandalism during a separate police interview.

The vandalism at the Winter Sports Park raised the ire of the community, sparking three area businesses to come forward and offer a \$1,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

Wilder and Gregory are set to be arraigned on May 24 in Emmet County.

AMERICORPS

FROM PG. 3A

in local schools, we have been busy planning this annual regional service project, known as the Russ Mawby Signature Service Project," Mellon said. "We hope to get a large turnout to help beautify East Jordan before the busy summer season begins."

Over the past several years, Northern Michigan AmeriCorps members have joined together for Signature Service Projects in Gaylord, Grayling, and the Pigeon River State Forest. These annual projects are in addition to the members' year-long commitment of 1,700 hours of service in their communities. Other regional projects are taking place across the state on the weekend of May 19. driven by Michigan Ameri-Corps members' passion for service, Mellon said.

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\$10 Admission includes: Enhanced Food, Cash Bar, DJ, Drawings and **Networking with our Sponsors**



opportunity to dig into one of Northern Michigan's most picturesque communities, and see some of its most beautiful and important assets up close. It is a point of pride for AmeriCorps to partner in our communities, through efforts like the regional service project and in our schools," Mellon added. "It has been a highlight of my career to be involved in AmeriCorps."

For information about the Enhance East Jordan, contact Mellon at (231) 547-9947 or email mellona@charemisd.org

